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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
**FROM:** STEVE JANISZEWSKI, PARK OPERATIONS MANAGER  
**CC:**  
**SUBJECT:** SIGNAGE AT TAYLOR DOCK  
**DATE:** JANUARY 10, 2024

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Over the last few years, we have received multiple complaints regarding bicycles and e-bikes speeding on the Taylor Dock during busy times of the day. Bicycle and pedestrian conflicts are not uncommon for our trail system.

In June 2021, we revised our Bellingham Municipal Code to define a speed limit of 15 MPH for all motor vehicles, bikes, electric bikes, and motorized skateboards/scooters on roads, parking lots and along our trail system. In 2023, park staff installed trail courtesy with speed limit signs throughout our trail system. Although this has helped in some areas, we still have problem areas.



In response to growing concerns over pedestrian safety at the stone bridge in Whatcom Falls Park, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the designation of a “Bike Walk Zone” in February 2022. New signs were installed at both ends of the bridge. At that time, the Board also discussed bicycle speed issues on Taylor Dock and made a recommendation to post additional “Bicycles Yield to Pedestrians” signs. Results have been mixed and we are still receiving letters, emails, and phone calls from concerned citizens.



Park staff have evaluated options for improved signage. We recommend designating the entire length of Taylor Dock as a “bike walk zone” during peak use. Using data from trail counters, we have determined that the busiest period for this walkway/trail is from 11AM – 6PM.

