

**Why were you eager to participate in these interviews?**

As a leader in the community based coalition for the Puyallup Watershed Initiative, I work on active transportation projects and have an interest in projects that work in our community. As well, I used to manage the CTR program for the City of Tacoma and felt that I have a unique perspective to offer WSDOT going forward.

**What are the main transportation challenges in your community?**

The primary challenge I see is safety for people who walk to bike, namely Safe Routes to School. In Tacoma, one child is hit by a car every 8 days, primarily concentrated in communities of color and/or low income communities. This is startling and unacceptable. I see this as the most challenging transportation issue in our community.

**What would make transportation work better in the next zero to six years?**

I would like to see additional state investment in active transportation infrastructure. The existing CTR program is solely focused on commute trips. It is time to open it up and look at other trips that often have more flexibility. It's time to focus on a more holistic approach and fund more innovative projects. It's time to open up funding to more opportunities to community based programs that are engaged in the work. Moving away from prized based rewards, which attract a small subset of people and trips, to a broader approach focused on neighborhoods. A higher engagement in community events like painted crosswalks; neighborhood based programs encouraging hands-on improvement projects for all trips and to make moving in the community safer.

**Of those ideas, what one single thing would be your first task/step?**

Higher priority and investment in Safe Routes to School programs focused on encouraging programs like walking school buses. Also following tactical urbanism models that Downtown on the Go is currently working on in the downtown area.

**What question(s) are we not asking? (Is there an elephant in the room?)**

I would like to see WSDOT be more involved in these neighborhood/community projects and offer more funding mechanisms for their successful completion. I support GTEC's and find that local communities know their transportation issues best and can make decisions to address and prioritize them. I'm interested in hearing WSDOT's goals for the project going forward and support the outreach and community engagement thus far. Thank you for keeping me in the loop.