

# Safe City Comments

## 2/9 Red Table

1. Almost hit twice in crosswalks on Winslow Way, so we have to do more: What about reflectors that flashes at crosswalks, or more signs? Why are people getting hit at crosswalks? Crosswalk in front of Blackbird is especially dangerous.
2. Motion-sensored flashing detectors when people start to cross
3. We live on a very dark island outside of Winslow. We have a lot of older drivers. Pedestrians need to take responsibility for being visible in the less urban parts. Same with bikers. When we repaint the fog lines, could it be more reflective paint- it is so dark!
4. Let's have the a public education campaign for drivers, bikers & walkers
5. Could the reflectors be solar powered?
6. The bikers and pedestrians have a responsibility to become visible
7. Could the City give away more reflective tools?
8. The pedestrians at the HS road with school kids blocks vehicle traffic for long periods at roundabout.
9. Vision Zero is an international effort to eliminate deaths on roads, NYC is working on slowing speeds on roads. Seattle is also looking at lowering speeds. Pedestrian death directly linked to driving speed.
10. Speed in town is 25 mph, and then other parts of the island where the speed drops from 40 to 25 mph. The winding country roads not safe for walkers and bikers, which we want to encourage because of health benefits.
11. Would love to see kids biking to school, and to see it encouraged. Life is precious, road safety is essential if you look at total deaths in a year.
12. People think island is unsafe for biking, can't even feel good going from Winslow to Lynwood.
13. Thinks that BI Ride is great, would like to see it on Sunday, but knows that ridership needs to be Promoted.
14. How do we promote older people getting out of cars and use other forms of transportation.
15. Bainbridge Island Ride not promoted enough, but has made a difference in getting people from

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Seattle to Bloedel.

Lots of people don't know about it.

16. Access buses don't run on Sunday, and standard buses stop at 8ish, so don't run late.
17. What about free bike parking in bike barn at ferry? Does it really end earlier?
18. We live in a sr. center place, and whenever there is a call there are often lots of vehicles that show up- kind of too many.
19. The fire dept. has a requirement to respond first for medical.
20. Appreciated the fire chief coming to grow community to do emergency preparedness and CPR.
21. What about multi- units showing up for emergencies
22. Luke Carpenter: the 911 operators have criteria based responses. Depends on whether you get EMTs and/or a paramedic. 8 people total respond for advanced cardiac arrest.  
Whether the fire truck comes depends on if "medic" staff is in the fire truck.
23. Different resources are located at each of the 3 fire stations, so dispatch depends on emergency
24. *BIFD does a lot of CPR training, information on website.*
25. No one responded to an "emergency" because no one was injured. But needed help when large tent turned over at big event.
26. All 911 calls go to central dispatch in Bremerton. For instance Poulsbo, Kingston or Suquamish emergency units & law enforcement is dispatched based on distance and availability.
27. How much would a portable defibrillator? The cost has come down. CPR class teaches how to use a portable defibrillator.
28. Portable devices may be in squad cars. BIFD CPR classes monthly.
29. Smartgov (permit tracking system) works great when it's up for concern about when someone has or has not gotten a permit.
30. See click fix worked great for pavement patches needs. Good for potholes.

### 2/9 Blue Table

1. Quick response time in general.

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2. With development review, would like to see concurrency requirement for bikes & pedestrians for access.
3. Support streetscapes - with vegetation and lighting
4. Support pedestrian and bike access to and from service centers - paths, connections,
5. Explore lighting - centers as well as Winslow
6. Support police indecent advisory commission
7. Need to upgrade police/fire facility
8. Development - Focus on human experience - connections between people.
9. Eyes on street - i.e. porches, etc.
10. Supports improvements to Air Quality - mitigate with developments
11. Need a more extensive environmental impact statement
12. Need more wood structures for new building - renewable resource
13. Rules and/or incentives that encourage better development i.e., build w/ wood or pedestrian access, etc., or solar.
14. Supports low impact development
15. Supports more bike paths or walking paths
16. Supports separated paths and/or trails
17. Need to talk about SR 305 - existing plan discourages 4-lanes - traffic backed-up.
18. Would like to see more transit routes.
19. Need more affordable housing.
20. If on commute trip reduction program - scooter available

### 2/9 Orange Table

1. Coordination between services needs improvement. 1. children, domestic violence, traffic, general crime prevention (drugs, etc.)
2. Putting things on the ballot independently (city, fire dept. police). Should be some coordination.
3. Should coordinate to increase the effectiveness of facilities and other structures.
4. Question: Is there an interlocal agreement between these organizations? Ann Blair stated she

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thought the city is the coordinator and has responsibility for emergency management. How does that seem to you, the community?

5. Concern that the City had allowed the Fire Dept. to put out a ballot issue that was ill informed.
6. Hope for something similar to 911. If there is an emergency like an earthquake on the island, what should the community know, what is the first thing they should know and where to go for information. She would like a PR program with some sort of central communication like 911.
7. When we had an emergency coordinator, one thing that was really good was key areas where they posted the latest updates. Put three or four of those around the island and advertise where those are so when an emergency happens people know where to go.
8. There was a neighborhood inventory under Ed Call that has been lost.
9. One thing that would be helpful would be to make the ham radio known among the community.
10. Notification to cell phones like Nixle program.
11. three governing bodies as tax districts,
12. Can we arrange to join them?
13. Feeling is it would never pass, but would like to see a consolidation of the taxing districts.
14. All districts become pitted against each other for the money when they all are combined.
15. City parks when there is a park district?
16. Mental health awareness, the City has done a good job of building awareness around this issue and would like to see that continue.
17. Ferry link: People coming to the island that are struggling and how do we become more aware and respond to that especially in emergency response.
18. We are challenged at getting seniors in and out of the senior center and there is concern that the access to Waterfront Park is becoming limited and they see the number of parking places shrinking as development occurs. The number of seniors needing service is increasing and we are losing accessibility.
19. Ability for all people using different types of transportation to get from point A to point B safely.
20. Lots of bicyclists with minimal visibility and bike lanes in some situations. Need to provide more safe bike lanes with greater service to them to encourage the alternate style of commuting.
21. Would like to see emphasized a SAFER lane for bikes, not just a wider shoulder. Would like to see the comp plan encourage separate bike lanes and paths for greater safety. It is 13x more

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deadly to ride a bike than drive a car in the U.S.

22. Neighborhood routes are curvy, not necessarily the commuting routes. Would like to see shoulders wider.
23. What about the idea of the network, bikes, walkers and bus. Wheelchair users talk about the obstructions to their use. Would be nice to keep the sidewalks safe for wheelchair users.
24. Priority on safe sidewalks in the downtown corridor.
25. Question about how data detailing how effective BI Rides has been.
26. Ann says response has been phenomenal.
27. Would like to see the shuttle size increased. Park and ride for seniors where there are spots for seniors to park and then get a ride to WFP.
28. Sarah asked if anyone had a question about emergency response with roads that are not punched through like Shepherd way with Grow community.
29. *BIFD and CITY has done a good job letting people know they have to have their homes marked with reflective signage.*
30. What are complete streets?
31. Complete streets means accommodating all user groups, i.e., bikes, walkers, cars, etc.
32. Fix current roads first before making complete. Feels we have a lot of equipment but do not see money spent on roads. Let's work on what we have first, using the tools and equipment we have first and get it done. While repairing the roads we have, we can make the streets complete at that time.
33. The island is changing and how do we plan for that. Do we have an island-wide transportation plan? Let's examine what is and isn't working well. What is the BIFD going to do, stay downtown, move to the outer reaches of island.
34. Sportsman Club and New Brooklyn traffic is a problem. HWY 305 and ancillary roads as people try to get north and south.
35. We need to fix 305 or the State needs to. At the casino is a bottleneck.
36. Why would you increase lanes on 305 when you have a two-lane bridge? Would rather see money spent on bike lanes.
37. Third lane for public transportation. How do you merge back into lane for the bridge?

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38. Bridge replacement within 20-25 years, it doesn't hurt to think ahead for the traffic flow.
39. Traffic will continue to grow on 305.
40. Parking downtown core is an issue for ferry and downtown. It feels like downtown parking are not even able to use some of the meeting room facilities because there is not anywhere to park.
41. Would like to see policies like any new buildings in downtown corridor needs to have underground parking.
42. The rowing club didn't have to meet any additional need for parking.
43. Very concerned about access to senior center as they get better at outreach to that community.
44. Building codes should address parking. Do they?
45. One of the ideas was that you didn't need as much parking because it is within walking distance, but half of the island has to drive to get there.
46. We are already gone over the growth curve, so we need a parking structure, but who pays for it? Businesses who benefit the most or the City?
47. Police station should not be downtown. It is foolish. Logic says it should not be down here.
48. Hunting as a public safety issue.

### 2/11 Yellow Table

1. Need to think about people who can't participate in government because they aren't born. Leaders should not just think narrowly or just about their current constituents, but also about the future.
2. 100 years from now, with current growth rate, don't think I would want to be here.
3. Sustainability and stewardship isn't just about now--it's planning for future generations.
4. Educational processes are part of governance.
5. Leadership is having long-range vision. Government should not just look at short-term benefits of development...what will this place look like 50-75

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years from now?

6. We spend too much money on things we've already done. Carrying forward knowledge is part of leadership. When we became a city, lots of studies and meetings when we became a city. Lots of expertise--what happened to all that knowledge.
7. We have to accept state mandates and plan for growth but we should think about opting out of GMA, it's not relevant to an island. Clear land boundaries make us different from other cities.
8. Need to think about growth pressures on the environment, water availability.
9. But how do we constrain growth? What does that look like?
10. Growth allocations are not set in stone. If we have a reason for contesting allocations.
11. we have adequate zoning for current growth allocations. But then what? The pressure will be to rezone.
12. What does it mean that "we have adequate water?" What do we mean about sustainability? How do we feel about spending down that bank of water that belongs as much to future generations as it does to us? Have we thought about effects if climate change and sea level rise?
13. How many more developments like the Grow Community can we take?
14. Are we going to continue to build things like Grow before we understand the impacts?
15. We want a clear understanding of how much water and then a clear marker if when "enough is enough"
16. Good governance is honoring BAS and not succumbing to development pressure. "Precautionary principle"
17. Science isn't exact. There are things we don't know. Do we err on the side of development or err on the side of caution. Leave some margin for errors in science,

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what we don't know.

18. Need to think about growth pressures on the environment, water availability.

19. Lack of distributed knowledge and communication

20. Quality and distribution of potable water

21. Don't just measure water at its highest point, measure what comes out of the end of the pipe.

22. Question: How do people feel they interact with the government? Do people feel heard? Is government accessible and responsive?

23. Question: How do people know when it's good governance?

24. Government is accessible. Planning Commissioners and Council are here tonight.

Problem is lack of citizen involvement. Good government has two parts--the elected officials and the community, in which citizens are actively engaged in their own government

25. Question: How can communication between government and citizens be increased and improved?

26. Good leaders don't listen to "yes men" or people who always have their ear.

27. Good leaders listen to the dissenting voice.

28. People who are satisfied don't come to meetings and speak out. It's the people who are dissatisfied who speak out.

29. To change government, you need to change the culture. There is a machine that wants to perpetuate the existing culture, it's about money and power.

30. Need to get the word out better so that more people come to these meetings.

31. Not everyone is on Facebook or social media.

32. Better outreach would bring people out who don't already have an issue, get them Engaged.

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33. We have little power groups on the island. Leadership is elected to represent The People, but who are The People. Non-profits have a direct line to their Councilperson(s), who then support special causes that maybe don't represent all the people.
34. Who represents the people who are just staying at home?
35. Good governance--after we come up with a great Comprehensive Plan, but the Plan is not codified adequately. We need to review development regulations to make sure they are achieving what we want.
36. We need to look at our development regulations and ask, "Are they precautionary? Are they looking forward 100 years?"
37. We need to be a proactive community, not a reactive community. Look ahead instead of waiting until there is a crisis.
38. Environmental review needs to look at things like air quality, and the impacts that development, including tree removal, have on air quality.
39. Need an outreach program that includes an educational, awareness component.
40. People will become more engaged if they understand the issues better.
41. Good governance comes with good input from the community, good information,
42. good science and good data. Need to know what the baseline is, and then have benchmarks for measuring success.
43. Parking is a big issue. Deals have been cut over time, and we're hurting from it now.
44. we need to support our elected officials and staff in their work,

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1. Great response time to an allergic reaction with teenager.

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2. Describes 911 response to stroke-like episode. Called 911 from internet phone, which 911 can't see. The movement to get rid of the ambulance service to contract to Bremerton did not make sense. Fire department administration didn't pay attention to little details about gurneys fitting into ambulances from the other jurisdiction.
3. What happened to the size of our volunteer fire department? It is about half the size as it used to be, and demographic has changed. More training required , 12 weekends to be a volunteer. Follows national trend. All permanent fire fighters also are EMTs, extra training. lots of volunteers became permanent firefighters.
4. Olympic ambulance is contracted with Harrison. The Bremerton based ambulance company has an ambulance stationed on the Island.
5. When old roads change name, it is sometimes confusing for both 911 responders and the folks calling 911 - Manual Road was an example.
6. 15 years ago fire department put out house fire. Quick response
7. 911 propane emergency response on Christmas day, quick response.
8. What is not working for cyclists. Challenge to upgrade shoulders/ bike lanes from Wyatt to get to the ferry from the South end. Cycling community is huge! We should be leading the way in the region to build safe bike facilities.
9. Driver education necessary- sometimes people are passing unsafely. People are afraid to walk and bike, secondary impact of "opportunity cost"
10. What does Level of Service for pedestrians look like? Bikes are important.
11. Lighting may be required in some places to make people feel safe.
12. Need to have a cultural change, why are we racing around in our cars, when we are in this beautiful place.
13. The decisions shouldn't be made with the car in mind, we should try not to be car-centric. Why are so many parents driving one child to school. So much congestion to school.

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14. Kids moving (walking to bus, or school, bikers) is good for their health.
15. It is often the time on the bus that makes parents drive their kids to get to school.
16. People have made it a cultural norm that makes kids bring a huge bag, lots of activities.
17. It's an awkward conversation about kids and school transportation. Senior populations in some parts of the country use little electric carts. But they can go up to 30 mph. Can't forget about that population.
18. Can't compel people to change behavior, but can encourage it.
19. Works well with lower speeds with lots of enforcement. Good for carts.
20. ID the critical traffic areas and prioritize those issues, so as to prioritize projects. Like head of the bay.
21. The port Blakely development traffic would have been a huge impact (never happened).
22. The NMTP does have a trouble spots identified. It's a funding issue.
23. The non-motorized issue is probably ripe for a bond measure.
24. The Capital Facilities Element Level of Service only includes cars, need to include pedestrians and bikes.
25. The comprehensive plan needs to have the tools needed for non-motorized. Then apply concurrency requirements. For instance development down at Lynwood center should require new bike lanes along Lynwood center road.
26. Safe city also includes a safe environment, with clean air and water, without being exposed to toxins. How can the city help to create the safest environment.
27. The citizens have their own responsibility to help their families and communities in the case of an emergency.
28. City should manage their own property without the use of toxins.
29. Everything is connected. For instance housing created near Winslow will lessen

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peoples commute.

30. Affordable housing built as part of development, so that fewer people have to commute.

31. It used to be that people that worked here lived here because everything was affordable.

32. Every action has an impact in some way, no silver bullet.

33. Resisting change is futile, but shaping change is essential.

34. We live in this perfect bucolic place.

35. If people that work here can't live here, then the GHG will be used to get people off island.

36. Some places let development be limited by resources: e.g., Catalina Island is limited by water.

37. Liveaboards, accessory dwelling units and islander mobile home park provide affordable housing on Bainbridge Island. Leavenworth figured out what it wants to be, and then it passed ordinances to make it happen.