



# Scenic Bikeways

Program Update

April 10, 2024

Lisa Anderson &  
Bry Osmonson



# Supporting Agency Priorities

## **2021-2031 Strategic Plan goals:**

- Customer experience
- Quality of life
- Diversity, equity and inclusion

## **Legislative Direction**

- “...establish a scenic bikeways program for the...promotion of bicycle routes of notable scenic, recreational, cultural, or historic value.”
- “...review the proposed [route] in consultation with the department of transportation”
- “...give priority to [routes] that will add variety to the statewide scenic bikeway system”



# Commission Update on Program Development

- Refresh on RCW and program's creation
- Update on Phase 1
- Draft route nomination process





# Scenic Bikeways

“...a bike route with notable scenic, recreational, cultural, or historic value which may be comprised of bicycle paths, multiple-use trails, highways, or trail facilities managed by the commission”

– RCW 79A.05.800

## Additional key points:

- Public may nominate
- WSDOT and local government roles
- Route evaluation criteria
- Local economic development



# Project Phases

## Phase 1: Develop the Program

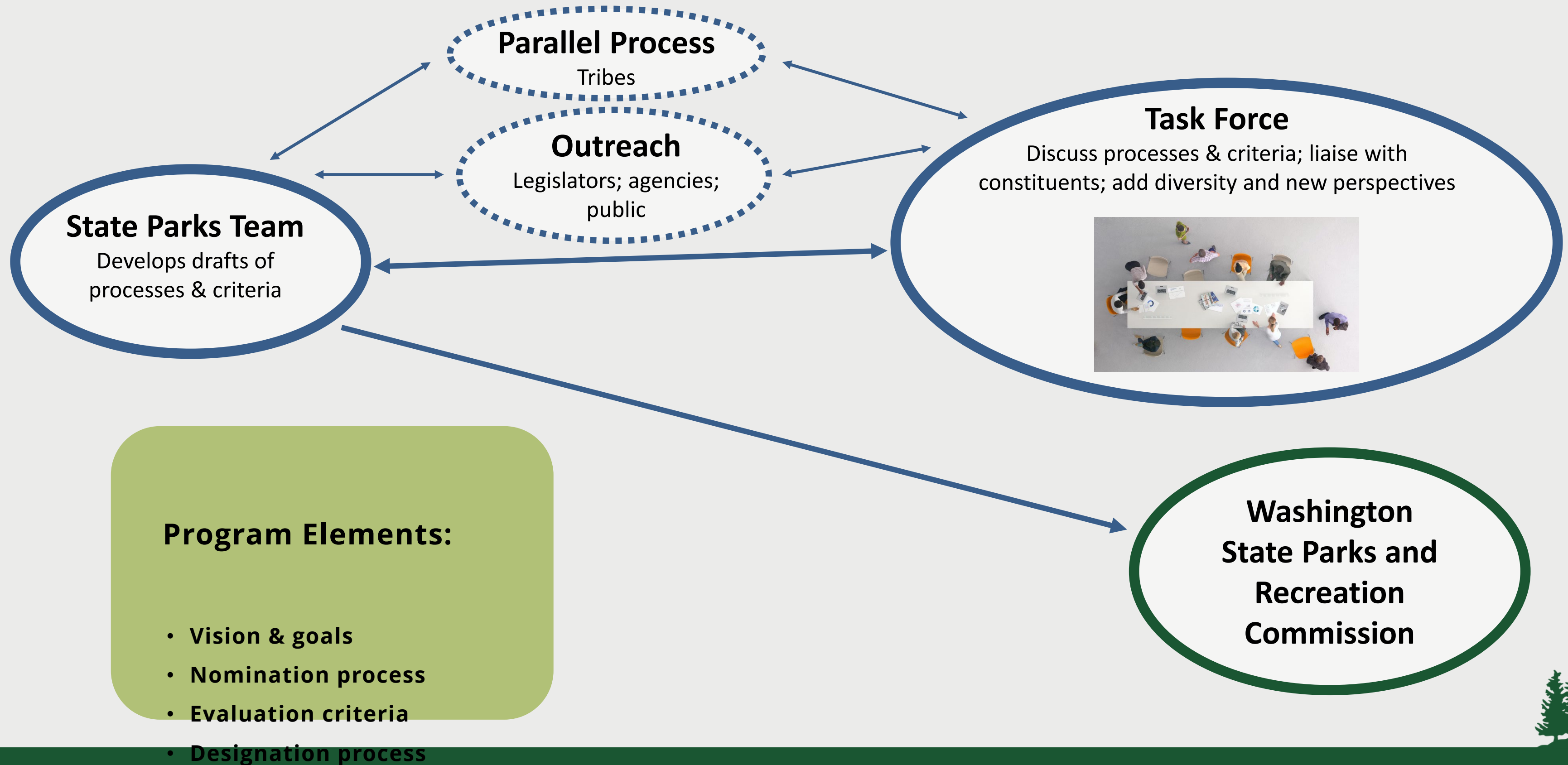
- Vision & goals
- Nomination process & requirements
- Evaluation criteria
- Designation process

## Phase 2: Implement the Program

- Nomination process begins
- Route evaluations
- Scenic bikeway designations
- Sponsorship & maintenance



# Phase 1: Program Development



# Task Force



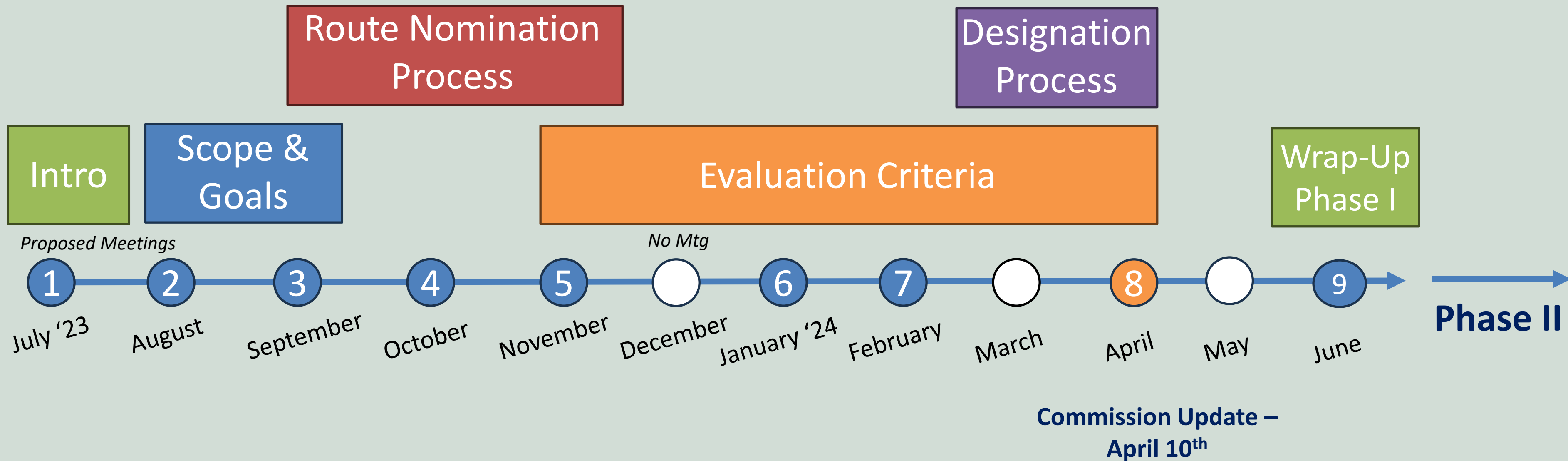
- Review and provide feedback on

processes & criteria

- Liaise with organizations



# Phase 1: Task Force Meeting Topics





# Routes with notable...

- Scenic
  - Cultural
  - Historic
  - Recreational
- ...values



# Pilot Process

Proponent nominates, screening



**Step 1: Route Nomination**

Review and evaluation processes



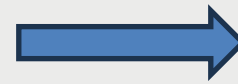
**Step 2: Presentation**

Implementation details and  
assessment



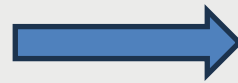
**Step 3: Implementation Plan**

State Parks & Recreation Commission



**Step 4: Designation**

Formalized route information,  
signage, etc.



**Step 5: Implementation**



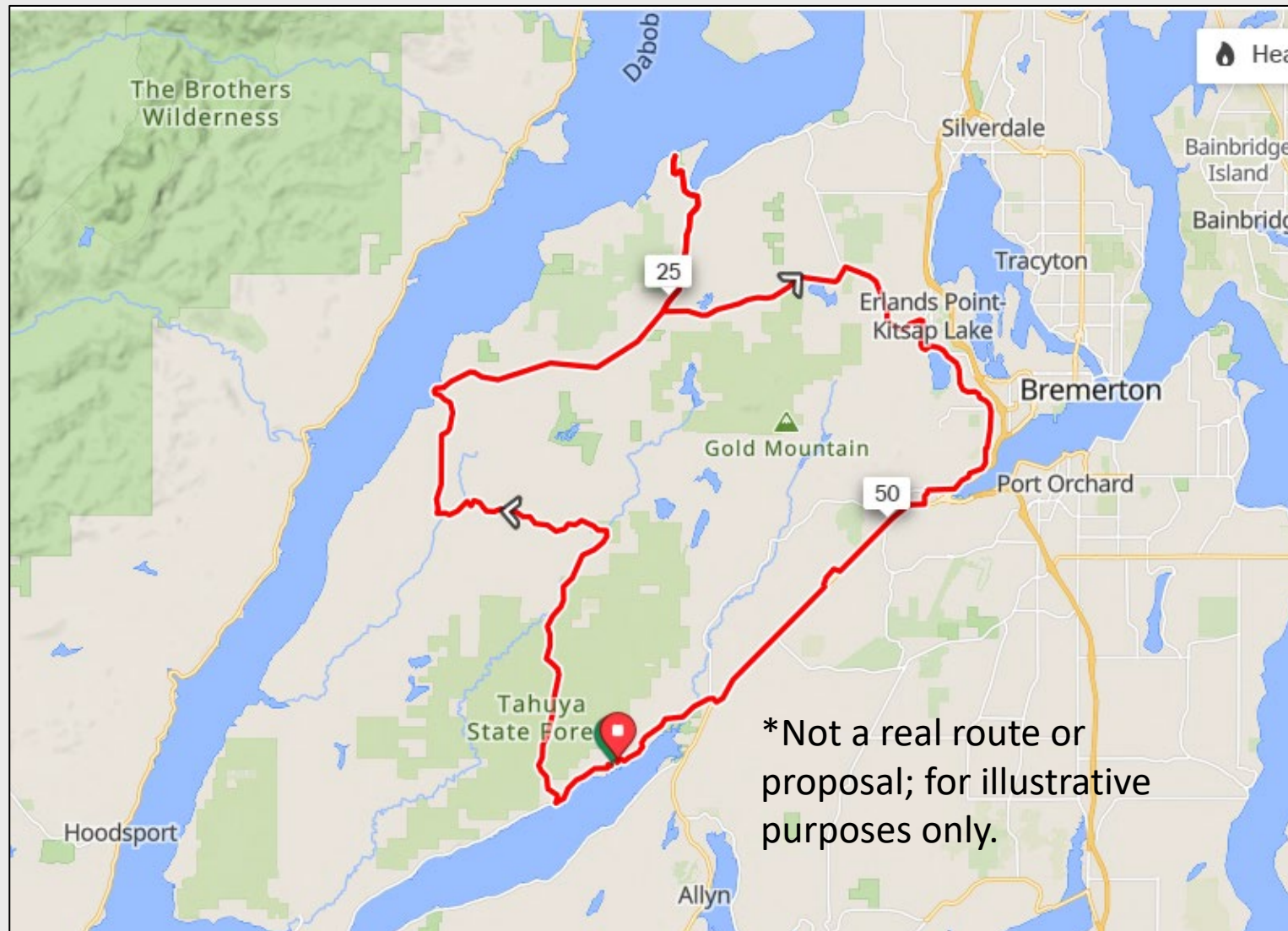
# Step 1: Route Nomination



Washington State Tourism Authority

- Proponent submits map, online questionnaire
- Parks provides feedback and assistance if needed
- Evaluation criteria: diversity, meets program goals

# Step 2: Presentations



- Parks works with land managers on project acknowledgment
- Proponent group shares context in a virtual presentation
- Evaluation Criteria: high-quality routes, experiences, amenities



# Step 3: Implementation Plan

- Site visits
- Parks leads the plan preparation with proponents' help
- Outreach plan, signage, maintenance, potential sponsors
- Evaluation: confirming feasibility, WSDOT, local land managers



# 4. Designation Process

- Complete:
  - Consent of land managers
  - Identification of funding
  - Outreach, public comment
- Recommendations to Commission
- Commission may request additional information or designate



# 5. Implementation

- Begin route implementation
- Periodic review of designated routes
- Review pilot nomination process and formalize



# What's Next?





# Thank you

We are happy to answer any questions

