MEETING NOTES

DES MOINES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
CENTRAL IOWA BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN ROUNDTABLE

March 21, 2017 **MPO Office, Burnham Room**
12:00 PM. **Des Moines, Iowa**

Roundtable Attendees Present:

Vern Willey II, City of Altoona
Tony Filippini, Ames Area MPO
Nick Lenox, Ankeny
Mark Arentsen, City of Bondurant
Jeff Thielen, City of Clive
Brian Willham, City of Des Moines
Jenny Richmond, City of Des Moines
Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines
Madeline Sturms, City of Pleasant Hill
Kevin James, City of Urbandale
Marco Alvarez, City of West Des Moines
Jeremy Lewis, Bike Collective
Carl Voss, Bike Collective
Jeff Davidson, Keep Iowa Beautiful
Loren Lown, Polk CCB
Adam Fendrick, Polk CCB
David Fliehler, Shive Hattery
Mindy Moore, Snyder and Assoc.
Ryan Weimold, Story CCB
Butch Niebuhr, Bolton and Menk
Jared Morford, CITA
Jeff Cook, Friends of CVT
Clifford Leonard, Citizen

Roundtable Staff Present:
Mike Armstrong, Associate Transportation Planner

1. **Call to Order**
   The March 21, 2017 Roundtable meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. **Introduction**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Approval of the Roundtable's February 21, 2017 Meeting Notes**
5. **PRESENTATION: FHWA Small Town and Rural Networks**
   Staff presented on new FHWA concerning Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks. The guidance covers many innovative solutions for walking and biking while providing case studies and images from communities under 100,000 people. The full document can be found on the MPO website at dmampo.org/complete-streets

6. **PRESENTATION: 2017 Trail Report**
   Staff presented a draft of the 2017 Trail Report that will go before the MPO committees throughout April. Data is still coming in to the MPO, so the report will continue to be updated until the end of April. The report covers all 2016 counter data with a separate section for the manual counts done by City of Des Moines. The full report can be found at dmampo.org/reports.

7. **DISCUSSION: Data Bike**
   Staff reported on a new initiative, the MPO Data Bike. The Data Bike is a cargo electric bicycle that will be able to collect trail pavement roughness data. The Bike will also take 360* images of the trails that will be uploaded to Google Street View and geo-referenced trail condition photos that will be searchable. The MPO's goal is to provide a more complete understanding of current trail conditions and provide greater data for our member governments and partners. For more information on the project contact Marcus Coenen at mcoenen@dmampo.org.

8. **INFORMATION: Bike and Ride Data**
9. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**

10. Project Updates

- Clive will replace parts of their trails from 114th to 100th in the coming months
- West Des Moines is pursuing water trails development to the tune of $32 million parks improvements along the Raccoon River, which may include 27 mile trail loop, single track, and a pedestrian bridge over the river. The City is also working on option E2 for the Veteran's Parkway project, which is not expected to impact the Great Western Trail corridor.
- Des Moines is finalizing the Connect Downtown study, planning protected bike lanes along E. Grand, and has passed their budget with funding for a transportation planner position. Des Moines Parks and Rec has hired a new planner, Colby Fangman.
- Ankeny completed their High Trestle Trail extension feasibility study
- Pleasant Hill contracted with Alta to study University Ave.
- Polk County Conservation is working on the next phase of the Ackelson trail
- Story County Conservation is working on the prairie rail trail extension and planning to pave the Heart of Iowa Trail section
- Carl Voss shared that SF444 has cleared the Senate, which deals with impaired and distracted driving. HF513, the change lanes to pass bill, has been amended to require reflective clothing for bicyclists.
- Bondurant is finishing the Gay Lea Wilson trail segments to Highway 65 next month.
- Jasper County Conservation is working on phase 1 of the Monroe to Altoona trail.

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Next Roundtable Meeting Date

The next meeting will 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the MPO office.

13. Adjournment

The March 21, 2017 Roundtable meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.