

MEETING NOTES

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

July 17, 2018
12:00 PM.

MPO Office, Burnham Room
Des Moines, Iowa

Roundtable Attendees Present:

Chair Vern Willey, City of Altoona
Scott Atzen, City of Altoona
Nick Lenox, City of Ankeny
Molly Rupert, City of Bondurant
Todd Seaman, City of Clive
Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines
Chris Widmer, City of Pleasant Hill
John Schmitz, City of Johnston
Dan Lane, City of Polk City
Kevin James, City of Urbandale
Marco Alvarez, City of West Des Moines
Adam Fendrick, Polk County Conservation

Parker Murphy, Catch DSM
Jeremy Lewis, Bike Collective
Jeff Cook, Friends of CVT
Lisa Hein, INHF
Jeff Davidson, Keep IA Beautiful
John Peterson, Citizen
Rob Haaland, Bolton&Menk
David Fliehler, Shive Hattery
Brian Wilham, Snyder and Associates
Mindy Moore, Snyder and Associates
Loren Lown, Citizen
Clifford Leonard, Citizen

Roundtable Staff Present:

Mike Armstrong, Senior Planner

1. **Call To Order:** 12:02 PM
2. **Introductions**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
4. **VOTE: Approval of May 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
5. **REPORT: LRTP Status**

Staff presented on the current status of the Long Range Transportation Plan process due for adoption in fall 2019. Project solicitation and commenting will begin this fall and projects will be brought through the Roundtable for review.

Roundtable requested review of the Environmental Justice areas, scoring criteria, and new performance measures.

6. **DISCUSSION: Regional Trail Gap Map**

Staff presented on subcommittee work last year on updating the trail gap map for the next LRTP. In 2017, the subcommittee identified 18 gaps on level 1 and 2 trails. This list will be updated this year and then refined by staff to be included in the LRTP and project scoring criteria.

7. **REPORT: Trail Counter Program Update**

Staff led a discussion on the trail counter program and how the MPO will transition to a more strategic program for counter usage. At this point, the MPO expects to send out an inventory form to all agencies to determine how many MPO and other counters are in use. The MPO will also likely recall all trail counters this winter to maintain counters and transition to new placements.

8. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**

9. **Project Updates**

- Polk County Conservation working on flood response on High Trestle Trail, especially with detour route. There may be buy-outs along Fourmile to create a greenbelt including closing some streets.

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- Ankeny working on 8' sidepaths within communities and moving forward with HTT extension through town.
- Johnston at the midpoint of their walkability study. Study should result in new trails, sidewalks, and crosswalks into the CIP. Bid letting has begun on the Merle Hay Trail with construction this fall.
- DART finishing major service changes that will impact most routes. New fareboxes are being installed on buses that will allow mobile payments and provide new data.
- West Des Moines looking at reconstruction of the Levee Trail. First phase of sharrow program installed this summer.
- Clive work on greenbelt continues with installing second lift.
- Urbandale working on fixing trail washouts especially below bridge at Douglas Ave.
- Dallas County Conservation working on RRVT connection with Perry.
- Pleasant Hill cleaning trails after flooding.
- Des Moines East Douglas to Hubbell still closed. Gay Lea Wilson will require reconstruction in the near future. Pump station projects this fall will affect trails for up to a year including area around Mullets and around MLK bridge.

10. Future Agenda Items

June agenda items may include flood response, project report outs, trail closure communications, and the Iowa DOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

11. Next Roundtable Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018

12. Adjournment: 1:11 PM