MEETING NOTES

**des Moines area metropolitan planning organization (MPO)**

**Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian ROUNDTABLE**

# **May 15, 2018 MPO Office, Burnham Room**

# **12:00 PM. Des Moines, Iowa**

**Roundtable Attendees Present:**

**Chair** Vern Willey, City of Altoona

Scott Atzen, City of Altoona

Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines

Chris Widmer, City of Pleasant Hill

Dan Lane, City of Polk City

Marco Alvarez, City of West Des Moines

Zac Bales-Henry, City of Windsor Heights

Adam Fendrick, Polk County Conservation

Ryan Wiemold, Story County Conservation

Jeremy Lewis, Bike Collective

Carl Voss, Bike Collective

Jeff Cook, Friends of CVT

Andrea Boulton, INHF

Jeff Davidson, Keep IA Beautiful

John Peterson, Citizen

Butch Niebuhr, Bolton&Menk

Rob Haaland, Bolton&Menk

David Fliehler, Shive Hattery

Jenifer Bates, Shive Hattery

Lauren Matysik, Bike Collective

Pat Shehan, Story County Conservation

Clifford Leonard, Citizen

**Roundtable Staff Present:**

Mike Armstrong, Senior Transportation Planner

1. **Call To Order:** 12:03 PM
2. **Introductions**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
4. **REPORT: Legislative Update**

Staff and Roundtable members shared updates from this year’s legislative session. The Bike Safety Bill did not make it through the process and is unlikely to be revived this year. State Recreational Trails funding has been set at $1 million, though it has not yet been signed by the Governor.

Carl Voss shared possibility that local options sales tax could be passed without contiguous jurisdictions. Could be passed as soon as March 2019.

1. **REPORT: Data Bike Results**

Staff shared the draft report for the Iowa Data Bike and sought feedback on the content and presentation to make it as relevant and useful as possible for local communities and advocates.

1. **REPORT: Better Block Next Steps**

Staff updated the Roundtable on the proof-of-concept process for a regional better block-type program. Potential partners, funding, strategies, and implementation tools were discussed with an eye towards a formal proposal to MPO committees in the future.

1. **Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**
2. **Project Updates**
* Urbandale is finishing Waterford, which will have trail and parks components.
* DART is running their bike month program where you can ride for free if you bring your bike.
* DSM volunteer counts happening this week.
* Johnston is ordering construction for the Merle Hay trail down to 62nd. They are also working on a walkability study to identify deficiencies and set the city up to improve walkability.
* Polk City continues work on trails in new developments this summer.
* Mitchellville finalizing their trail plan.
* Jasper County finalizing design and financing Red Rock Prairie Trail.
* Work in progress for Clive Greenbelt Trail. Completion estimated for July, weather permitting.
* Windsor Heights passed the first phase of the University Ave redesign with a multi-use trail on the south side. The Mayor may veto the decision, however.
* Polk County Conservation finishing east side of Easter Lake trail in the next few weeks. Pedestrian bridge on the west likely to be completed by August to finish the loop.
* Story County Conservation finishing streambank restoration and trail development by the research park. Heart of Iowa Nature Trail undergoing design engineering by Huxley.
* Friends of CVT rehabbing small bridge near Mingo and organizing several events such as the Pedal Jamboree for August.
* Bondurant received TAP funding for the US 65 underpass.
1. **Future Agenda Items**

June agenda items may include report on the LRTP process, community health needs assessment outcomes, counter program restructuring, and the Iowa Bike/Ped Plan.

1. **Next Roundtable Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018**
2. **Adjournment:** 1:01 PM