

MEETING NOTES

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

August 21, 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
Todd Seaman, City of Clive
Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines
Jeff Wiggins, 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
Ryan Weimold, Story County Conservation
Carl Saxon, DART

Jeremy Lewis, Bike Collective
Jeff Cook, Friends of CVT
Andrea Boulton, INHF
Lisa Hein, INHF
Jeff Davidson, Keep IA Beautiful
Coty Thompson, USACE
Rob Haaland, Bolton&Menk
David Fliehler, Shive Hattery
Mindy Moore, Snyder and Associates
Rich Voelker, Snyder and Associates
Emilee Richardson, Collective
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 July 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
- 5. REPORT: Funding Opportunities**
Staff reported on Iowa DOT communications on Federal and State Recreational Trails funding programs.
- 6. DISCUSSION: IA Bicycle and Pedestrian Long Range Plan Comments**
Staff presented on the draft plan and shared observations and comments on the plan, complete streets policy, and implementation.

The statewide trail system would change from current Level 1, etc. to a new either local or statewide trail designation. This may affect grant applications and justifications in the future.

Does not recognize need to clarify bicycle rules for Iowa Code on trails, sidewalks and crosswalks. Add to MPO comments.

Comments are due to the Iowa DOT by September 4, 2018.
- 7. REPORT: Flood Response and Recovery**
Staff led a discussion on flood response and recovery findings following summer flood events. Communities shared some experiences, including Polk County having declared Federal Disaster for the rain event in regards to public assistance. Future discussion can collate best practices and needs gaps.
- 8. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee**

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9. Project Updates

- DART added new crosstown route from E 42nd to Merle Hay Mall.
- Story County pursuing funding for HOINT and working on master planning. Mile of concrete trail finished for Tedesco project in Ames with next phase starting in the fall.
- Pleasant Hill is adopting an ADA transition plan and a corridor improvement strategy for University Ave.
- Johnston finishing walkability study and its being well-received. Council has passed a sidewalk program of \$500k /year for improvements. Merle Hay Trail will break ground shortly. Starting designs of Pioneer Parkway.
- City of Winterset awarded renovations of Jurgensen Bridge with eventual trail connection.
- West Des Moines will have temporary trail closures on Jordan Creek for patching. These should reopen within a week.
- Ankeny finalizing HTT extension with Snyder with construction expected next spring.
- INHF working with groups to reinvigorate the trails summit, which is scheduled for October 12th in Panora with two paths (Have a Trail and Want a Trail).
- Des Moines has projects that will effect trails near Market District and Mullets. There will be trail detours for up to a year. The Kriedenier Trail will be detoured for up to a year as well. MoveDSM is up for adoption in September at Council. Cherry Street will be striped for bike lanes next spring. University Ave. will have a 4-3 conversion from 48th to 63rd on the west side with a sidepath added along the golf course. There will also be improvements to University near Drake, which will include traffic calming, on-street parking, and bike lanes.
- USACE doing trail maintenance north of visitor's center. Also in conversations with IDNR about Neal Smith maintenance.
- The Bicycle Collective has two board positions open. The Collective has also adopted a new strategic plan and mission. This will be presented at a future Roundtable.
- Polk County will complete Ackelson Trail in late September. The Great Western Trail will have a permanent realignment for a section based on easements with MidAmerican.
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10. Future Agenda Items

September agenda items may include trail gaps, advisory bike lanes, Iowa DOT maintenance requirements, and the Bicycle Collective's strategic plan.

11. **Next Roundtable Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

12. **Adjournment: 1:11 PM**