



Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable

12:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Burnham Room, MPO Office
420 Watson Powell, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA

MINUTES

Roundtable Attendees Present

Vice Chair, Lisa Hein, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Nick Lenox, City of Ankeny
Molly Rupert, City of Bondurant
Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines
Jeff Wiggins, City of Des Moines
Marco Alvarez, City of West Des Moines
Adam Fendrick, Polk County Conservation
Loren Lown, Citizen Advisor

Ryan Weimold, Story County Conservation
Carl Saxon, DART
Jeff Cook, Friends of CVT
Andrea Boulton, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Rob Haaland, Bolton & Menk
Mindy Moore, Snyder and Associates
Clifford A Leonard, Citizen
Jim Miller, Dallas County Conservation Board

Roundtable Staff Present

Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director
Zach Young, Principal Planner
Sreyoshi Chakraborty, Senior Planner

1. **Call To Order – 12:00 PM**
2. **Introductions**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
4. **VOTE: Approval of December 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

No motion. December 18, 2018 meeting was cancelled.

5. **REPORT: STBG Applications**

Zach Young from the MPO provided an update on STBG applications. The link to the STBG projects page for public comments to be emailed to the RT (round table) members.

6. DISCUSSION:

a) City of Omaha's e-scooter pilot project, Ben Turner (Heartland Bike Share)

Benny Foltz from Heartland Bike Share provided a presentation on behalf of Ben Turner. A general overview of bikeshare, e-bikes and e-scooters was provided. A summary of the pros and cons of e-scooters and highlights from the North American Bike Share Conference in Portland was shared. A summary of the upcoming e-scooter pilot program at the City of Omaha was provided. Proposals from vendors were received last week. Pilot is beginning mid-March and running through November 2019. Key areas of concern for the City include maintaining and nurturing relationships with other agencies, non-profits etc. working on mobility issues in the community, sharing of space with bikes and pedestrians, 'scooter graveyard', etc. Sharing of data by the selected vendor was required through the RFP.

b) City of Cedar Rapids VeoRide Bike Share

MPO Staff provided an update. A hybrid e-bicycle and e-scooter program to launch in May 2019 through the company VeoRide. The bikes and scooters will be docked in designated bike racks and painted areas on the sidewalk. They can be released by paying \$1, after which there is a charge per minute. The City will require they be returned to the designated parking areas, however currently there is no penalty proposed for not complying. The scooters will be allowed in all bike facilities, except on the sidewalks in the core downtown areas. VeoRide will retain 2.5 FTE to manage and operate the program including outreach to the community.

7. Legislative Update

MPO Staff provided updates on a few transportation related bills. Of specific interest is HB 38 which lays out a regulatory framework for e-scooters. It allows them on all bicycle facilities like highways, bikeways and sidewalks. It also allows same responsibilities as bicycles. There were concerns regarding the use of terms such as 'bikeways' and 'sidewalks' without clarification of what that might include and where they might be allowed. Similar bills have been introduced in other states, for e.g. Nebraska. Will continue to monitor what happens. A couple other bills that the MPO is tracking involves prohibition of the DOT to recommend roundabouts and road diets on roads under their jurisdiction. HF 41 which prohibited the DOT from recommending road diets has failed.

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

- Trail Zoning Update. Issue of trail conflicts and urban developments encroaching into the buffer area adjacent to regional trails and destroying the tree canopy. Access across the trail and buffer along the trail need to be addressed. A separate subcommittee is working on this issue and will be coordinating with the Bike/Ped RT as discussions progress.
- An upcoming bill at the Legislature might affect future trail and open space funding

9. Project Updates

- Trestle to Trestle Trail repair underway, by east of Beaver Ave
- Gay Lea Wilson Trail, trail repair underway, by Hubbell Ave
- Contract awarded to Prairie City Trail project
- Rails to Trails Conservancy has announced the Great American Rail Trail connecting the District of Columbia to Washington State and spanning through twelve states across the country
- The bids for Highway 69 Underpass at Ankeny came in high, will be rebid
- APBP webinar series are being hosted at Snyder's Office. The schedule will be mailed out
- DART's bus shelter inside Windsor Heights' Walmart parking lot is complete

10. Future Agenda Items

Model Bicycle Ordinance Discussion – Street Collective

11. Next Roundtable Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019

12. Adjournment