



**Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable**

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

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**MINUTES**

**Roundtable Attendees Present**

**Chair,** Vern Willey II, City of Altoona

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

Mindy Moore, Snyder and Associates

Clifford A Leonard, Citizen

Chris Widmer, City of Pleasant Hill

Dan Lane, City of Polk City

Mike Armstrong, Street Collective

Carl Voss, Street Collective

Jeff Davidson, Keep Iowa Beautiful - Jasper  
County

John Peterson, Citizen Advisor

Butch Niebuhr, Bolton & Menk

Scott Bents, Citizen Representative

Dan Johansen, Street Collective

Emilee Richardson, Street Collective

**Roundtable Staff Present**

Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director

Sreyoshi Chakraborty, Senior Planner

- 1. Call To Order – 12:00 PM**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
- 4. VOTE: Approval of February 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Approved

**5. REPORT: CIRTPA TAP Applications**

Sreyoshi Chakraborty from the MPO provided a brief presentation on the CIRTPA applications for this fiscal year. The five applications received include:

- Boone County (High Trestle to City of Boone Trail)
- Story County (Heart of Iowa Nature Trail)
- Warren County/City of Milo (SRTS/Multiuse Trail)
- City of Knoxville (Competine Trail Extension)
- Dallas County (RRVT Bridge Repair and Widening)

The applications were reviewed by a diverse scoring committee and their recommendation will be presented to the Joint CIRTPA Board for approval.

**6. DISCUSSION: Model Bicycle Ordinance**

The Street Collective is working on a bicycle ordinance template that can be adopted by interested communities. The original model ordinance was developed by the Iowa Bicycle Coalition. Street Collective has proposed some modifications to this ordinance and is receiving comments/edits from Roundtable members. The intent is to take the final updated model ordinance through the MPO and other committees for approval and make it available to communities as a resource. Idaho Stops were discussed and if this was the appropriate time to add it to the ordinance. Communities can choose to include it in their ordinance but the intent is to not water down the model ordinance. There is currently no discussion on ebikes and scooters as there is not enough information available. There was additional discussion on control of handlebars, pace of riding, where bikes are allowed on sidewalks, passing distance etc. Street Collective will be accepting comments through the end of March.

**7. Review/Update of Regional GIS Data**

The City of Des Moines is updating its regional trail GIS data. The intent is to update the content of the large Information Hub trail maps. If communities have updates and are interested in attending a digitization event, the City is willing to host it. Those interested should contact Colby Fangman from Des Moines Parks and Recreation.

**8. Legislative Update**

MPO Staff has been following a few bills related to bikes, trails and transportation. No new updates on HB 38, relating to e scooters. A couple other bills that the MPO is tracking involves prohibition of the DOT to recommend roundabouts (Senate Bill 1087) on roads under their jurisdiction. HF 41 which prohibited the DOT from recommending road diets has failed. HF 542, which prohibited counties from expanding parks, habitat areas and trails has failed. SB 1221 which also has an impact on conservation,

but narrower in scope has continued. Other bills similar in nature could come up in the future.

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

- Vern Willey provided an update regarding the current state of scooters and e bikes in Arizona. Scooters are everywhere on sidewalks. Several communities are encountering the issue of conflict within the shared sidewalk space between pedestrians and scooters.
- Environment Lobby Day is March 21. Stop by at the Iowa State Capitol or share with others.

**10. Project Updates**

- Racoon River Park Trail closed
- Trestle to Trestle bridge is closed, detour on Beaver Ave. Repairs are weather permitting. Also looking for funding to repair the bridge.
- Bill Riley Trail is closed. Gay Lea Wilson Trail is okay. Grays Lake area is under water.
- Red Rock Prairie Trail from Monroe to Prairie City under design
- Next APBP Webinar is 'Navigating Without Curb', March 20, 2:00 PM at Snyder Office
- A separate subcommittee is working on best practices for Trail Zoning
- Loans through Transportation and Infrastructure Innovation Act is an option for funding trail projects
- A few sewer projects ongoing in City of Des Moines including Birdland Drive. The final design for the bike trail will be determined soon. Des Moines River Trail Phase II to be built this year and major levee upgrades.
- Single Track trails in the works in West Des Moines. Planning and design this year with installation expected next year.
- Bike DSM! Map is being revised. Paper copies of the previous edition is available at Street Collective. Please provide edits and updates to Carl Voss.
- Gay Lea Wilson Trail from Scott Ave to Parkridge (Pleasant Hill) is out to bid

**11. Future Agenda Items**

TBD

**12. Next Roundtable Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**13. Adjournment**

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