



Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable

12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Burnham Room, MPO Office

420 Watson Powell, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA

MINUTES

Roundtable Attendees Present

Chair, Vern Willey II, City of Altoona

Scott Atzen, City of Altoona

Todd Seaman, City of Clive

Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines

Chris Widmer, City of Pleasant Hill

Adam Fendrick, Polk County Conservation

Loren Lown, Citizen Advisor

Carl Saxon, DART

Mike Armstrong, Des Moines

Street Collective

Andrea Boulton, Iowa Natural Heritage
Foundation

Lisa Hein, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

Jeff Davidson, Keep Iowa Beautiful - Jasper
County

Butch Niebuhr, Bolton & Menk

Rob Haaland, Bolton & Menk

David Fleihler, Shive-Hattery Architecture &
Engineering

Jenifer Bates, Shive-Hattery Architecture &
Engineering

Mindy Moore, Snyder and Associates

Clifford A Leonard, Citizen

Roundtable Staff Present

Sreyoshi Chakraborty, Senior Planner

1. **Call To Order – 12:00 PM**
2. **Introductions**
3. **VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
4. **VOTE: Approval of March 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
5. **REPORT: Roundtable Task Prioritization**

The Roundtable members had developed a list of tasks to focus on based on short, medium and long term priorities. It is time to review and update the list based on current projects and priorities that the Roundtable wishes to focus on. A smaller subcommittee might be formed to work with MPO staff on reprioritizing this list. It will likely occur concurrently with the next agenda item.

6. DISCUSSION: Connect Plan Update

MPO Staff shared with the Roundtable the status of the Connect Plan. This Plan was developed in 2009 with an extensive list of action items/benchmarks to be accomplished within the horizon of 2020. There was discussion on what the next steps ought to be in terms of updating this Plan. The Roundtable requested that MPO Staff do a detailed review of the Plan to see what was and/or was not accomplished and share the findings with the group. Based on these findings, the next steps could be to either conduct a simple update to action steps or do a larger regional update to the Plan to incorporate it into the MPOs LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan). A smaller subcommittee would need to be formed to work with Staff on the update.

7. Bike Month Activities (May 2019)

Mike Armstrong from the Street Collective reported on the upcoming activities planned for the month of May to celebrate Bike Month. To find out more about each of the events planned, visit the Street Collective's website or Facebook page. Participating vendors also have printed information on Bike Month activities.

8. Legislative Update

MPO Staff has been following a few bills related to bikes, trails and transportation. No new updates on bills. Bills targeting trail funding in the future can come up. There was discussion on the importance of communicating with the legislators this year about trails, their importance, impact and costs so they are aware of facts.

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

- Staff asked to research on the 'Bicycle' section within the Driver's License Manual
- E scooter launch in Cedar Rapids has been delayed slightly. Bikeshare is moving forward as planned in May.

10. Project Updates

- Flood repairs ongoing
- SW 1st Street Bridge will be closed for a year for structural repair. A park and pedestrian facility is planned on it.
- Des Moines River Trail is being named to 'Carl Voss Trail'.
- Cedar Ridge Distillery is launching a vodka and donating a portion of their sales towards trails. One dollar from the sale of every liter bottle of the vodka will be donated to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation in support of new trail development and maintenance in Iowa.

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- Grand Opening of the Easter Lake Park and Mark C. Ackelson Trail is scheduled for June 23, 1-5 PM.
- Phase II of Merle Hay Trail in Johnston is in the works. It will extend from NW 62nd Ave to Merle Hay Road.
- Ride DART for free during the month of May if you ride your bike.

11. Future Agenda Items

- DOT Long Range Plan/Complete Streets Policy
- Water Trails Update
- Contact MPO staff for other items of interest

12. Next Roundtable Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019

13. Adjournment