



Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable

12:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Burnham Room, MPO Office

420 Watson Powell, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA

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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

Jeff Wiggins, City of Des Moines

Chris Widmer, City of Pleasant Hill

Marco Alvarez, City of West Des Moines

Adam Fendrick, Polk County Conservation

Loren Lown, Citizen Advisor

Ryan Weimold, Story County

Conservation

Carl Saxon, DART

Laura Smidt, Catch Des Moines

Mike Armstrong, Street

Collective

Jeremy Lewis, Street Collective

Carl Voss, Street Collective

Andrea Boulton, Iowa Natural

Heritage Foundation

Lisa Hein, Iowa Natural Heritage

Foundation

Jeff Davidson, Keep Iowa

Beautiful

Luke Bowers, Iowa Natural

Heritage Foundation

John Peterson, Citizen Advisor

Jenifer Bates, Shive-Hattery Architecture &

Engineering

Clifford A Leonard, Citizen

Mindy Moore, Snyder and Associates

Tony Filippini, DART

Roundtable Staff Present

Sreyoshi Chakraborty, Senior Planner

Aspen Pflanz, Intern

Tanvi Halde, Intern

- 1. Call To Order – 12:00 PM**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. VOTE: Approval of Agenda**

4. VOTE: Approval of July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

5. DISCUSSION: Model Bicycle Ordinance and Idaho Stop

Staff provided update on the Model Bicycle Ordinance, which has been introduced and presented to the various MPO Committees. Several questions and concerns have come up including education of the travelling public, consistency in ordinances across the region, and mostly the feasibility of adopting an Idaho Stop law. There was discussion by Roundtable members on enforcement and liability questions with respect to an Idaho Stop, question on how Stop signs at trails would be addressed and if a SUDAS regulation review is needed to look into it, other names used for the same such as ‘Stop as Yield’ or ‘Rolling Stop’. There is a need to work out the communication piece; a video demonstration might be useful. Iowa Bicycle Coalition Board has endorsed the ordinance. MPO will keep Roundtable updated as the ordinance moves forward for approval next month.

6. DISCUSSION: MPO Trail Counters

The MPO will be reaching out to member communities to collect the Infrared Trail Counters at the end of fall. The MPO has 32 counters loaned out to communities right now. The goal is to reassess the trail count program, round up the counters currently not collecting data and reallocate them to trails in communities that do want to collect trail count data next year. This will also help reassess demand and determine if we need additional counters in the future.

7. REPORT: CONNECT Plan Update

MPO staff had requested input from Roundtable members to determine CONNECT Plan action items that have either been completed, ongoing and/or not done. Roundtable members signed up to review action items under each of the seven categories to provide feedback to MPO staff. Staff analyzed the feedback received and went over a summary. Focus is needed on better implementation in the future. An annual report might be beneficial in addition to reaching out to groups that are responsible for implementation of action steps. An annual reporting mechanism or making it part of the LRTP were discussed. It was recommended that it become a standing agenda item to go over action items and continue discussing what is being done or what needs to be done. Reviewing each topic together makes most sense.

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

- E-Scooter discussions are ongoing. Iowa Commission of Blind should be part of the e-scooter discussions
- Recommendations for State Rec Trail Funding have been made

- The 2019 Iowa Trails Summit registration is now open

9. Project Updates

- CVT (Chichaqua Valley Trail) Extension to open in a couple weeks
- Catch Des Moines announced that the Des Moines area has been selected as a host city of 2020 Ironman Triathlon. The course will cover parts of Des Moines, West Des Moines and Polk County. It will also highlight waterways, parks, neighborhoods and other important fixtures in Downtown DSM for both athletes and spectators to enjoy. It will take place in June 2020.
- Phase 2 of Youngstown Trail along Parkridge Avenue should be ready soon
- Annual Bike Ped Documentation Project in Des Moines which conducts trail counts in the community will be underway in September (Please register), Gay Lea Wilson at Hubbell is complete, construction of University between 43rd and 63rd is ongoing, Trail along Waveland is ongoing
- Phase I of First Avenue Project in Altoona should be done within the month, will be installing hawk signals as part of this project
- West Des Moines to work on a contract for the Levee Trail Improvements, should be done by spring next year, a REAP grant was submitted for a pedestrian bridge over Raccoon river, it would be about a three year project
- Heart of Iowa Nature Trail is paved from Slater to Huxley, next phase will be paving from Huxley to Cambridge

10. Future Agenda Items

TBD

11. Next Roundtable Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019

12. Adjournment