



Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable

12:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 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

Molly Rupert, City of Bondurant

Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines

Jeff Wiggins, City of Des Moines

Chris Widmer, City of Pleasant Hill

Kevin James, City of Urbandale

Adam Fendrick, Polk County Conservation

Loren Lown, Citizen Advisor

Carl Saxon, DART

Mike Armstrong, Street

Collective

Jeremy Lewis, Street Collective

Andrea Boulton, Iowa Natural

Heritage Foundation

Jeff Davidson, Keep Iowa Beautiful - Jasper
County

Eric Holt, Shive-Hattery Architecture &
Engineering

Jenifer Bates, Shive-Hattery Architecture &
Engineering

Clifford A Leonard, Citizen

Pat Shehan, Story County Conservation Board

Roundtable Staff Present

Sreyoshi Chakraborty, Senior Planner

Zhi Chen, Associate Planner

Aspen Pfanz, Intern

- 1. Call To Order – 12:00 PM**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
- 4. VOTE: Approval of May 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
- 5. VOTE: Model Bicycle Ordinance**

The Model Bicycle Ordinance has been developed by the Street Collective to provide guidance to communities in making their streets safer for all users. The model ordinance was reviewed extensively by the Roundtable members as well as other safety stakeholders in the community. The updated ordinance was unanimously approved by the Roundtable with a recommendation to include additional

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clarification on the use of Des Moines City Code as a starting point to develop this model. The model ordinance now moves to the MPO Committees for review and approval.

6. DISCUSSION: Central Iowa Trails Map Update

Shive Hattery is updating the Central Iowa Trails Map with extensive input from the Roundtable. Additional input was requested again, before the map is finalized. There was further discussion on the topic regarding a regional clearinghouse for this map. The need to update all info hub maps at the same time to ensure consistency and accuracy was brought up; however, installation costs will be an issue. Follow up with MPO/Shive Hattery/City of Des Moines will be needed to continue discussions.

7. REPORT: Connect Plan Update

MPO staff 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.

8. REPORT: Regional Trail Map Anniversary

The Greater Des Moines Regional Trails Map completed its ten year anniversary. The map is published annually by the Street Collective and has evolved over the years to become increasingly user friendly for bicyclists. The MPO reported on the progress and accomplishments that have occurred since the first publication of this map in 2010.

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

- The Trail ROW Zoning Subcommittee requested for examples of trail ordinances. Might contact Rails to Trail Conservancy for examples from around the country

10. Project Updates

- Easter Lake Grand Opening is scheduled on June 23, noon
- Annual Altoona Tune-Up Bike Ride scheduled for July 13. Stay tuned for additional information from Vern.
- EScooter enquiries keep coming. Need to start discussion on the development of a regional model ordinance for e scooters potentially.
- City of Des Moines - Franklin Ave Public Meeting scheduled on June 26, Cherry St bike lanes and Euclid Ave road diet projects on track, sidewalk gap on Fleur Drive to be added, City's recently updated Complete Streets Policy recognized amongst top three in the county by Smart Growth America.
- Story County – Praeri Rail Trail up in Zearing to start in August, started on HOINT trail east from Huxley, TEDESCO Environmental Learning Corridor to open next week in Ames
- INHF – Land has been secured to continue RRVT west to Coon Rapids, Ackleson Fellow position is being offered to help further advocacy issues around trails, INHF is celebrating is 40th anniversary, Iowa Trail Ale was released in coordination with National Trails Day, part of the proceeds go to benefit Iowa trails.

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- Polk County Conservation – Design in the works for Trestle to Trestle trail, on task to do bid letting early November this year, started on a 1 mile extension of CVT trail, expect completion later this summer
- Des Moines Parks & Recreation – Gray’s Lake trail overlay expected to be completed by June 28th. The park is closed until then. Gay Lea Wilson flood damage repair at Hubbell Ave is expected to be started June 24. The contractor anticipates the work to take 4-6 weeks. Birdland Park project delayed due to floods, phase 2 of Carl Voss trail clearing and grubbing to start soon, Des Moines Engineering will be doing levy upgrades, stay tuned to get communications from them, John Pat Dorian Trail will get completely replaced by it, reconstruction of levy trails, prelim approval from Corp of Engineers needed to proceed.

11. Future Agenda Items

TBD

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

13. Adjournment