

Wyoming Bicycle and Pedestrian System Task Force

Minutes Monday, August 8, 2016 Conference Call

In Attendance:

Matt Carlson, WYDOT

Patrick Collins, Bicycle Station

Angela Emery, Platte River Trails

Dr. Wendy Braund, WY Dept. Health

Jack Koehler, Friends of Pathways

John Rutter, Tourism

Jeff Wiggins, City of Cheyenne

Tim Young, Wyoming Pathways

Andy Greenman, WY Business Council

Domenic Bravo, WY State Parks

Greg Venable, Admiral Trucking

Kim Porter, Task Force Secretary

Absent: Dave Clarendon, Jim Hellyer

Tim Young welcomed the group and gave a brief background on the taskforce.

Each member introduced themselves including their interest and indicated their area of expertise for the task force.

Tim Young gave an overview of the legislation. The bill came about after a series of bicycle deaths in 2014 and had good support throughout the legislature. The legislation asks the task force to study bicycle, pedestrian and natural surface pathways. The task force is charged with developing a report to help local communities and state agencies and to define the opportunities and challenges. A preliminary report is due to the legislature (Travel, Recreation and Wildlife Committee) on October 1, 2016. A final report is due on October 1, 2017. The task force sunsets on July 1, 2018, allowing time to follow through with any bills that may come up as a result of the task force.

The group discussed the approach to developing the report. Tim Young will put together a sample/draft outline for the report. Once approved by the group, Kim Porter will start a Google Doc as a way for the group to view and make changes to the same document.

The proposed format is broken down into four areas:

1. Communities (Main Street, pathways, economic development)
2. Bicycle tourism (Using existing road systems)
3. Natural surface trails
4. Health and safety

Under each area, the sections of the legislation will be considered and if appropriated addressed:

- A. Health benefits to WY residents
- B. Economic development benefits
- C. Options for construction and maintenance

- D. Safety analysis
- E. How state agencies can assist in the development of local pathways
- F. Extent pathways should be available to ride horses
- G. Cost effective methods of construction
- H. Effective methods of construction of natural surface trails
- I. Other considerations from the task force

The proposed sub-headings are:

1. Existing conditions – what we have now
2. Challenges – concerns, needs
3. Benefits
4. Construction and assistance (available to them and us)
5. Future plans – opportunities to be taken advantage of

Other Key points:

- The task force will be divided into sub-committees to work on each area of the report.
- Consider how the state can coordinate with local communities.
- Don't reinvent the wheel – many reports are already out there with the information this task force needs. The task force can then fill in the blanks, brainstorm and give it Wyoming flavor.
- Individuals may contribute ideas to other sub-committees in the google doc.
- Other members cannot be added to the task force, but the task force is encouraged to seek expert advice from others.
- No money is tied to the legislation.
- Sub-committee members will be decided at the next conference call.
- The task force will meet via conference call in late August and in person work session in September.

TASK LIST

What	Who	Timeline
Provide the safety part of a pedestrian report WYDOT is working on to Kim, who will pass it on to the group.	Matt Carlson	
Draft a sample outline for the report	Tim Young	Week of 8/15
Provide a doodle poll for both the conference call and work session.	Kim Porter	8/10-16

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Porter