

Wyoming Bicycle and Pedestrian System Task Force

Agenda Tuesday, May 9, 2017 Webinar

Present: Warren Appel, Andy Greenman, Tim Young, Matt Carlson, Greg Venable, Domenic Bravo, Wendy Braund, Jeff Wiggins, Angela Emery

Absent: Patrick Collins, Jim Hellyer, Jack Koehler, John Rutter,

Called to order at 10:02 am by YOUNG

Review of Minutes

Motion by VENABLE, second by CALDWELL. Motion carried unanimously.

Report Preparation with Alta Planning

Report with Alta has been approved and is now out to the consultant in draft form. Agencies with relevant materials should forward those to provide to the consultant. Discussion was had on what information would be valuable, and how to avoid re-doing work that has already been done.

Tim Young will compile all baseline reference materials and relay them to the consultant to ensure consistency of communications. Carlson shared WyDOT's data includes maps and injury statistics. Greenman provided information on resources available through Main Street and the BRC program and will forward to the task force. Braund additionally provided information from the Department of Health on public health benefits. Bravo will provide information and recommendations from Outdoor Recreation Task Force and State Parks on infrastructure, utilization, etc. Wiggins will provide information on Cheyenne's Bike and Pedestrian Plan, and Emery will provide Casper's plan. Braund mentioned that the Community Health Assessments required by the IRS periodically may also contain useful information. Caldwell will circle among equine entities for additional materials on equestrian activities, and there may be additional information available from the bike industry.

Emery suggested the consultant may hold conference calls with individual subcommittees to address specific questions or concerns. The group generally agreed this would be a valuable step to further inform the work of the consultant. Young will coordinate these potentially as soon as this month, and will work toward a group call or even an in-person meeting with the consultant once an early draft is ready.

Subcommittee Reports

BRAVO indicated the Outdoor Recreation Task Force has had discussion on non-motorized user fees. These are preliminary only and have not been vetted. Proposed are fees for users on trails, opt-in programs for fee collections at driver's license renewal, among others. This task force may wish to review and lend comment those recommendations as they are promulgated.

Public Comment

Lee Ann Stevenson, campground owner/operator from Riverside, is concerned with getting the trans-America bicyclists off the interstate between Rawlins and Walcott junction. This would translate to significant impact for a small town, much like the continental divide hikers. Also, the master plan for Rawlins includes addition/extension of bicycle paths, self-repair stations and added signage.

Rep. Jamie Flitner announced her participation. Young thanked her for her participation.

User Fees

Young suggested that this group should strongly engage an active discussion about user fees, how those fees may affect the work of this task force, or potential alternate sources for fees to support trails and greenways. Opt-in fees on driver's licenses, special license plates, public/private partnerships, public/corporate sponsorships, and state/federal government funding streams are options to consider. The ORTF will be finalizing their recommendations on fees toward the end of this month, with the final report promulgated likely in late July; Bravo will provide a draft report to this group in advance to continue the conversation.

Next Steps

Gather info for Alta, through Young.

Prepare for subcommittee conference calls with consultant.

Consultant may be invited to join next regular task force meeting.

In-person meeting in Central Wyoming in August – follow-up by email.

Respectively submitted

Kim Porter/Warren Appel