

Wyoming Bicycle and Pedestrian System Task Force

Minutes Tuesday, May 9, 2017 Webinar

Present: Alexia Harrist, Domenic Bravo , Matt Carlson, Peggy Caldwell, Angela Emery, Jim Hellyer, John Rutter, Andy Greenman, Tim Young, Greg Venable, Jeff Wiggins

Absent: Patrick Collins, Jack Koehler

Called to order at 9:05 am by YOUNG

Review of Minutes

Motion by RUTTER, second by BRAVO. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments on Alta Planning Chapter One

- Change priorities to prioritize on page 3, paragraph 2 line 6.
- Beginning of report – add proper recognition, legislative request – see legislation. List of task force members.
- Reference and pictures from as many communities as possible.
- Executive summary – what do we want to see from decision makers.
 - Legislation
 - Background
 - Taskforce
 - Then dive into report
- Beginning of each chapter list what we are going to ask for, end with this again. Summarize recommendations in bullets, easy to read at end. Ok to re-state in part 2. Make simple and easy for reader.
- Make sure each chapter lists benefits and opportunities – benefits more strongly and opportunities could be what “we” can do.
- Make sure safety gets the equal treatment of health benefits – these are two very different things. How can safety be added into each chapter. More prominent in the visuals.
- Add current trail usage – Casper, Cheyenne and Jackson have this data, anyone else?
- Identify areas that has usage, but is not designed for bikes. People ride these areas, but they are not safe and create conflict with cars/trucks.
- Make sure to highlight health benefits and economic development benefits.
- Add in the range of ways trails are being funded now – partnerships, grants, donations, in-kind labor, local funds, 1% funds, SPET, special use taxes, etc.. Reach out to WAM and WACCO to see if they have data.
- Data page 4 address funding – make meaningful so legislature wants to put resources into trails.
- Are there any county plans or public land plans we can tap for rural trails?
- Legislative suggestions – direct funds? Task Force Report should recommend legislation that would help local communities to do what they need/want.
- Report shows a lot of nice things, but doesn’t show conflicts and realities – maybe that can be addressed in safety?

- Pg. 12 – enhance local street network, can we highlight and reference communities that are doing this well, like Laramie, Lander, perhaps others?
- Concerns about making this too short or shorter. Need a balance between too long and getting the information needed.

TRW Committee – Aug. 29-30 in Lander

Tim will give an update on the timeline and the report – the working draft and how the task force is working on the report. Other committee members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Nonmotorized User Fees

Discussion was held on if this group would support the Nonmotorized User Fee initiative, which the draft proposed a \$5 fee be paid for all enrolled trails. Many felt like there wasn't enough information and they were not sure where their organization stands. Commitment was made from task force members to take this question back to their respective organization and get their feedback.

Public Comment

None

Next Steps

Tim will get back to Alta with the comments.

A working meeting will be set in September to go over the report before the final is due to the legislature on October 1.

Respectively submitted

Kim Porter