
**Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Skype meeting
April 13, 2020
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

AGENDA

1. MEETING LOGISTICS

Discussion on meeting logistics.

- Attendees:
 - Deb Arp, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
 - Krista Billhorn, Iowa DOT, District 2
 - Joe Cory, West Des Moines, Public Works
 - Shelby Ebel, Iowa DOT, Location and Environment Bureau
 - Cara Hamann, University of Iowa
 - Daniel Harness, Iowa DOT, Design Bureau
 - Lisa Hein, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
 - Zach James, SEIPC, Burlington
 - Tammie Krausman, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
 - Orest Lechnowsky, Iowa DOT, District 4
 - Codie Leseman, INRCOG, Waterloo/Cedar Falls
 - Craig Markley, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
 - Sarah Okerlund, Iowa DOT, Local Systems Bureau
 - Kimball Olson, Iowa DOT, Bridges and Structures Bureau
 - Milly Ortiz, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
 - John Peterson, AARP
 - Sam Shea, Iowa DOT, District 6
 - Sam Sturtz, Iowa DOT, Systems Planning Bureau
 - Sarah Taylor-Watts, Iowa Department of Public Health
 - Vern Willey, Altoona City Councilman
 - Mark Wyatt, Iowa Bicycle Coalition

2. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Presentation/Discussion: Systemic safety analysis, Sam Sturtz, Systems Planning Bureau
 - Discussion of systemic safety analysis methodology.
 - Questions were asked regarding severity of crashes, sidewalk inventory, and location of crashes.
 - Questions regarding a statewide sidewalk inventory were asked. Milly followed-up with Analytics Bureau regarding availability of sidewalk inventory.

- Cities send sidewalk information when they provide the Iowa DOT with newly built road information. The sidewalk information is not kept in a GIS format currently.

3. COMPLETE STREETS POLICY REPORTS

- Standing Report: Complete Streets Policy application/exceptions
 - Brief discussion of projects that have gone through the Complete Streets Policy cost exemption process.
 - Questions regarding paved shoulders and rumble strips.
 - Milly will follow up with Adventure Cycling's regarding their paved shoulder project.
https://www.adventurecycling.org/sites/default/assets/File/Travel_Initiatives/2020/Safety%20Pages/2020_Rumble%20Strip%20State%20Ranking_%20Final.pdf

4. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS/INPUT

- State Legislative Session review
 - Mark Wyatt discussed the status of the bills introduced into the Iowa Legislature. <https://iowabicyclecoalition.org/legislation/>
 - The Iowa Legislature would reconvene April 30, unless otherwise
- Critical issues from BPAC members
 - Discussion about trail counts and possible increases due to COVID-19.
 - i. Milly solicited MPOs and RPAs for trail count information. Several MPOs and RPAs would share data/information once obtained and formatted.
 - ii. Cara Hamman would be able to look at 3 permanent counters in Linn County.
 - iii. Rails to Trails trail counts and other COVID-19 information.
<https://www.railstotrails.org/COVID19/#trailcount>
 - iv. Google Mobility Report
Iowa https://www.gstatic.com/covid19/mobility/2020-03-29_US_Iowa_Mobility_Report_en.pdf
For other states, regions: <https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/>
- There was discussion about RAGBRAI and Iowa Ride status.
 - RAGBRAI XLVIII has been postponed to July 25-31, 2021.
<https://ragbrai.com/ragbrai-xlviii-update-to-covid-19/>
 - As of April 13, 2020, the Iowa Ride was still discussing how to proceed.
<https://iowasride.com/update-on-coronavirus-and-event-safety/>