

Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

April 17, 2019

NW Wing, 2nd Floor

1. OVERVIEW

15 MIN.

- Purpose of the meeting
- Brief discussion of the Agenda
- Introductions: Name and Who do you represent

Milly Ortiz opened the meeting describing the purpose of the meeting, discussed the Agenda and members introduced themselves.

2. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

15 MIN.

- Committee's Composition
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Meetings schedule/frequency?
- Appointment of Chairperson?
- Term Limits?

Committee's Composition

Milly Ortiz highlighted changes in the committee composition with the addition of the Association of American Retired Persons (AARP), Community Planner with expertise in Complete Streets, and representatives from different bureaus of the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT).

- Mark Wyatt recommended adding a representative from the trucking community (Adrian Dickey, Dickey Transport, or someone from Jacobson)
- Kevin Blanshan suggested adding transit representation from provider (CyRide)
 - Mark Wyatt also suggested possible rural/paratransit rep, but Zach James and Kevin Blanshan already represent regional transit.
- Zach James suggested adding the Iowa League of Cities.
- Kevin Blanshan suggested adding the Iowa Chamber/Tourism.
- Lisa Hein suggested adding a representative from the Iowa Workforce Development.
- Mark Wyatt recommended to reach out to Iowa Department of Natural Resources again.
- Kevin Blanshan recommended Codie Leseman as his replacement.
- Mark suggested involving Cara Hamann with the University of Iowa.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Committee discussed the following roles and responsibilities:

- Provide education and advice to the Iowa DOT
- Making recommendations on policies and procedures,
- Assisting in updating design guidance,
- Providing educational opportunities to stakeholders,
- Establishing new measures to track success,
- Preparing periodic reports

Meetings schedule/frequency

Vern Willey recommended quarterly meetings.

- After discussion further discussion it was suggested to meet twice per year.

Chairperson:

- Mark Wyatt asked about benefits of chair position.
- Kevin: let's revisit

Terms:

- Mark Wyatt suggested that perhaps terms (allowing reappointment) instead of term limits would be appropriate.
- Garrett Pedersen shared the Freight Advisory Council's policy of miss three consecutive meetings and your off.

3. IOWA'S BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN (PLAN)

20 MIN.

Brief walk-thru of the Plan's Chapters. (Please bring your copy of the Plan. Additional copies will be available)

- The Committee had discussions regarding trails vision and grant scoring.
- Kevin Blanshan asked about importance of statewide vision.
 - Emphasis on connectivity, will also consider regional/local plans.
- Some questions on how the rural project needs tests.
- Mark Wyatt suggested that committee could work on a catalog of recognized bike routes.
- Discussion on National Household Travel Survey add-on data from DM and Waterloo.

4. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

15 MIN.

Discussion of the Plan's short, middle and long-term implementation actions.

5. IMPLEMENTATION STEPS TO DATE

30 MIN.

- Discussions with Office of Design
- Discussions with Office of Bridges and Structures
- FRT/SRT Grant Scoring
- Right of Way Permit
- Crash analysis
- CS Pilot Project – IA 48
- Workshops

Discussions with Office of Design

Milly Ortiz and Garrett Pedersen noted that Design Manual changes that are in the works.

Discussions with Office of Bridges and Structures

Kimball Olson provided update regarding the Bridges and Structures Manual:

- No exceptions to Plan recommendations; will be incorporated fully
- Kimball noted that tech guide recommendations will be incorporated into a “commentary section” in manual
- Some discussion of design needing to allow for emergency vehicle access

Vern Willey asked how this relates to growing communities; noted that Needs Test #3 would relate.

FRT/SRT Grant scoring

- Discussions regarding connectivity; need to leave room for connectivity between amenities, not just connections between existing facilities.
 - Zach James noted SE Iowa doesn’t have many existing trails)
- Discussions regarding seeking more information related operations/maintenance strategies:
 - Kevin Blanshan noted that this would be challenging for some local jurisdictions.
 - The Committee generally agreed that this would be valuable, but need to provide some guidance on what would be useful information.
 - Sarah Walz noted the MPO of Johnson County scoring, different level of maintenance expected for different types of routes- commuter vs. recreational
 - Mark Wyatt noted concern with Iowa DOT funding Iowa DNR “trail care crews” – should be state appropriation to DNR.
 - Lisa Hein asked about streamlining and aligning the application question.
 - Re: timing of application cycles – creates challenges in terms of needing to know if you need to apply for a subsequent program (can we adjust one or the other to provide time for notification).
 - Might lead to fewer applications to evaluate.
 - Circulate proposed changes through this committee.

Crash analysis

Sam Sturtz highlighted the conceptual crash analysis methodology: traditional and systemic approach

- Systemic approach looks at risk factors tied to the crashes that have happened
 - Mark Wyatt suggested also looking at how age relates to this; Sam agreed this could impact type of countermeasure.

IA48 example

- Some discussion by Committee.

BREAK

15 MIN.

Discussions of workshop(s) format and content.

- Targeted stakeholders
- Format and agenda
- Training content
- Committee volunteers to review content

Workshop development

- Kevin Blanshan encouraged us not to forget the pedestrian aspect.
- Kevin Blanshan highlighted concerns with Code (Chapter 150?) restriction that prevents Iowa DOT from participating in constructing new sidewalk
 - Mark noted that DOT pursuing some code changes would be beneficial
- Vern Willey, Joe Cory, Sarah Taylor-Watts, and Hector Torres-Cacho volunteered to be involved in the workshop development.