

SIMPCO
MPO Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable

Notes

October 25, 2017

3:00 p.m.

1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

Members present

Angela	Drent	Siouxland District Health Department
Angel	Wallace	City of Sioux City
Bob	DeSmidt	Siouxland Trail Foundation
Dakin	Schultz	Iowa DOT
Dawn	Stansbury	Sioux City Community Schools
Jerry	Probst	Siouxland Cyclists
Jeff	Harcum	Sioux City Transit
Paul	Gaven	NE DOT
Ragen	Cote	Downtown Partners
Michelle	Bostinelos	SIMPCO
Jacob	Heil	SIMPCO
Emily	Coppock	SIMPCO
Nicole	Peterson	SIMPCO

- I. **Introductions** – Introducing Nicole Peterson, SIMPCO, as new committee facilitator for the MPO Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable.
- II. **Bike Share Program** – Ragen Cote, from Downtown Partners, organized a conference call with LimeBike. Ragen presented to the group that LimeBike suggested 200-300 for the metro area of Siouxland. No docking stations. No cost to community. Cost to ride the bike is \$1.00 for every 30 minutes. Company plans to look into Sioux City to be the new location for bike sharing. Group agreed this was a good plan for Sioux City as we have no bike sharing in the area and there is a need/want for the program. More updates to come.
- III. **Trail Counts (SIMPCO)** – Jacob Heil presented the data to the group from the counters placed at South Sioux City Vets Trail, Floyd River, Crystal Cover and Chautauqua Park. He noted counters were collecting data for the last 6 months (Mid-May to mid-Oct). This information will eventually be presented to their respected city councils for future trail funding and projects to show the need in the area for trails.
- IV. **Safe Routes to School Projects** – October was international walk to school day. Spalding and Irving schools participated in the walking school bus. Woodbury Central in Moville started a walk to school group every Wednesday morning. 78 kids participated.
- V. **Active Transportation Plan Update** – No update. Group shall collectively send letter to city council regarding installing bike lanes in the city.

- VI. **Trail Map Update** – Bob DeSmitt, Graham, and Gabriel currently working on update to Siouxland Trails Map online and printable version.
- VII. **Trail Updates** - Michelle Bostinelos updated the group on trails including:
 - a. Bridge connecting Floyd River Trail and Outerbelt Trail – project underway, completion in April
 - b. Sertoma Trail Loop – complete
 - c. Clark School – Link to Outer Drive. Recently approved by Council, bidding in process, construction will start this fall
 - d. Big Sioux Bend/ Louis and Clark Trail – Received Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permit, one property going to condemnation, likely start in spring
 - e. South Sioux City –
 - i. Atokad Drive Trail – Connects E. 39th Street trail to Atokad Park to the southwest. Trail bidding in February, construction in spring 2018.
 - ii. Connecting Schools Trail (CST) - Safe Routes to School project construction in 2019
 - iii. Freedom Park Trail - ½ mile asphalt this fall or spring
 - f. Transit Avenue/Cunningham Trail Bluff Road Bridge – Programmed funding for 2018. Connection of Transit Ave portion of the trail to Cunningham Drive Trail which goes through the old stockyards area, bridge over the Old Floyd Channel. Three options to City Council Sept 25th:
 - i. Replace the bridge on the current alignment
 - ii. Replace the bridge on an altered alignment that better connects with Bluff Road.
 - iii. Remove the bridge and complete a roadway connection to Stock Yards Place.
 - g. Chautauqua Park and Chris Larson Park Trail Link - Trail will be done along with that last phase of I-29 (Segment 2), programmed in 2019. With the I-29 reconstruction the pedestrian/bike gap will be filled. Floyd River Trail, Chautauqua Trail and Lewis and Clark Trail connections. Links Morningside neighborhood to the Riverfront.
- VIII. **Iowa DOT Update** – Dakin Schultz updated the group on I-29 and TAP program.
- IX. **Downtown Partners Update** – Sioux City collected nine proposals to prepare a downtown wayfinding signage program. Final decision awarded Corbin Design to design signage for downtown. Signs should be installed by early summer next year.
- X. **Blue Zone Update** – No update – remove from agenda
- XI. **Other Comments** –

- h. Bike Lanes – The group discussed bike lane advocacy and possible bike lane locations such as Stoney Creek to Downtown Conference Center. Discussed possible group letter of support to City.
 - i. Pedestrian Ethic – Group discussed crosswalk improvements such as brighter, wider paint and placement of stop signs behind the crosswalk. Gabriel working on safety study to present.
 - j. January will look into subcommittees for future projects involving bicycle-pedestrian roundtable members.
- XII. **Next Meeting** – January 24th 3:00 p.m.