



IOWA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Hybrid Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2026; 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Welcome and Introductions

John Peterson started the meeting with welcome and introductions.

State Legislative Session Updates

John Pedersen (AARP)

- Iowa APA and others are very interested in the new property tax bills, and the potential challenges parks and recreation projects will encounter when funding sources decline.

Mindy Moore (HDR/Iowa Bicycle Coalition) shared:

- April 8, 2026, Bike Day at the Capital was very successful.
- A bill was introduced to regulate electric bikes and scooters. [HSB 637 Assisted Mobility Devices](#). This bill would also prohibit bicycles from roads with posted speeds of more than 25 mph.
- They are working with partners across the state to get a best practices bill in the future (e-bikes vs e-scooters vs other).
- A bill was introduced to allow non-profits building water trails to not have to pay sales tax. There was also talk of trying to expand that to all trails.
- Bills passed related to State Urban Design and Specifications effective July 1, 2026. [Iowa Legislature - BillBook](#)
- Bill related to the maximum power output for Low-Speed Electric Bicycles and Pedestrian conveyances powered by an electric motor. [Iowa Legislature - BillBook](#)

E-bikes and E-scooters

Committee members discussed opportunities, concerns, and potential actions related to HSB 637 Assisted Mobility Devices. The Iowa DOT was approached about doing a statewide education campaign and will be working on a similar effort as the one for the All-terrain Vehicles. [Driving Your ATV or UTV/ORV on Iowa Public Roads | Department of Transportation](#)

Milly Ortiz asked what to include and which resources to consider. Suggestions/resources shared were:

- Resource needs to include code numbers, links, etc. to refer to with definitions, rules, etc.
- In addition to law enforcement, it would be helpful to get any e-bike/e-moto information out to bike shops and parks & recreation departments.
- [Illinois Senate Unanimously Passes Giannoulis E-Bike Bill](#)
- Public education is extremely important piece of this, maybe more than legislation.
- Ride Illinois discussion – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3vgTzXLi9Q>
- Discussion of multi-use trails speed limits.
- [Publications | Iowa City, IA](#)
- [Do Your Part: Ride Smart. | West Des Moines, IA](#)
- Aim for consistent language across the state.
- Important the statewide educational materials address the health/safety aspect. Standard helmets may not be appropriate for use with e-bikes due to the speeds at which e-bikes operate. Consider helmets rated specifically for e-bikes or motorcycle.

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- [As E-Bikes Proliferate, Regulations \(and Misunderstandings\) Abound](#)

John Peterson asked everyone to share thoughts in chat and via email.

Milly Ortiz will send out feedback we receive to group with meeting minutes

Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP)

Discussion of the SLRTP its relationship with the Bike/Ped Plan. Kyle shared an overview of the SLRTP, the previous and future public input efforts, and the timeline for the plan's completion.

A recommendation was shared related to prioritizing asset management for maintaining current trails and bike/ped infrastructure. It was mentioned that trail count programs are helpful for determining maintenance efforts.

Non-motorist Emphasis Area Crash Data Dashboard

Larry Grant provided information about the Iowa Crash Analysis Tool and how the data is collected. He also demonstrated how to use the tool and dashboards to visually show traffic related crashes. [Iowa Crash Analysis Tool \(ICAT\)](#)

Larry mentioned the amount of the Property Damage Only crashes costs would be change from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Future comparison analyses would need to take this change into account. [Iowa Legislature - BillBook](#)

Systems Planning Updates (Informational Item)

Trail Count Program

The Iowa DOT has identified 60 locations to place trail counters throughout the state. 2026 counters will be located at 4 locations (one on each quadrant) as a pilot project.

Bike Map Input and Update

Input was gathered on how to improve the Iowa Bicycle Map. Some of the main comments were:

- Distinguish major trail routes through communities
- AADT colors are not self-intuitive
- Revisit trail linework colors
- Green squares are confusing
- Trail names instead of trail numbers

Roundtable Announcements/Updates

Sara Taylor Watts shared interactions with a few local schools

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.