

IOWA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022
9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
HYBRID MEETING

MEETING NOTES

MEETING LOGISTICS AND WELCOME

Mark Wyatt discussed the agenda and meeting logistics.
Garrett Pedersen took attendance.
Mark Wyatt chaired the meeting.

SUDAS COMPLETE STREETS AND TRAIL SPECIFICATIONS

An Iowa Highway Research Board project proposed updates to several sections to [SUDAS Complete Streets](#) and Trail Specs.

Aspen Pflanz, Des Moines Area MPO, summarized the proposed changes.

- Upcoming meetings for various jurisdictions in each DOT District.
- New guidance has more information on user profiles that relate to confidence level.
- Recommendation of use of “fuzzy” facility selection matrix.
- Emphasis on shoulder rumble striping, as opposed to strips.
- Considerations for use of 8’ trails, rather than always 10’/12’, to expand system under higher costs.
- Considerations for segmenting traffic/uses.
- Considerations for speed of e-bikes.
- Other topics were discussed; for a full summary of recommended changes, please contact Aspen.

Suggestions/questions/comments from the Committee:

- How [NACTO](#) was being incorporated?
- Impressions of District 1 meeting.
 - Initial meetings were treated as input sessions; no action until next round of meetings.
 - Some pushback on lane widths (i.e., recommended 10’ lane width), chapter 5 tables, etc.
 - Recommended changes get sent to SUDAS committee members in advance and sharing DMAMPO recommendations with all MPOs.
 - Proposed changes were discussed at the September 2023 MPO/RPA meeting.
- Conversation of 20’ wide paved trail crossings on gravel roads.
 - Possible county engineer pushback on this.
 - Additional costs make it more challenging to develop the trail network.

IOWA BICYCLE MAP 2023-2024

Milly Ortiz summarized map components and constraints; requested input in the development of future maps.

Suggestions/questions/comments from the Committee:

- Contact Iowa Tourism on possible changes.
- Survey bicycle users.
- Link map to maps that have been developed by other jurisdictions.
- Question regarding popularity of electronic vs printed maps.
- Use of QR codes instead of list of trails.
- Incorporation of single-track dirt trails and level-B dirt roads. (Icons)
- Showing all trails as line (no green box), reduce visual emphasis of Interstates and other roadways.

BIKE AND PED TRAIL COUNTS

- Deferred discussion to next meeting. Continued work with MPOs and RPAs.
- Trail counts was briefly conversed on a side discussion.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Performance Measures Report

Milly Ortiz addressed Iowa Bicycle and Pedestrian Long Range Plan performance measures.

Suggestions/questions/comments from the Committee:

Usage performance measure

- Mention of limitations of American Census Survey data.
 - Focuses is on journey to work, not other trip types
 - Explore adding trail with permit data, bikes on buses, and bike sales/tax data.

Safety performance measure

- Look at health injury data.
- Look at contributing factors to bike/ped crashes.
- Track crashes by severity.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE

Garrett Pedersen discussed the implementation recommendation to update the Plan in 5 to 10 years from adoption. The final Plan was presented to the Iowa Transportation Commission on December 8, 2018, and still offers a great direction. Staff recommendation is to start looking at a targeted refresh of various Plan content versus a full update.

Suggestions/questions/comments from the Committee:

- Agreed with idea of refresh of functional aspects of plan.
 - At 10 years could do full update.
- Like working paper concept used with original plan.
- Working group is a good idea.
 - Bring recommendations to full committee for review.
- Possibility of scheduling additional meetings with full BPAC.
- Acknowledged additional funding via IIJA and Invest Iowa
- Equity as a new issue.
- Good progress with the current Plan.
- Importance of refresh with increase in TAP funds
- Look at other power-driven mobility devices, micromobility devices, and personal delivery devices. Possible overlap and conflicts.

STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

Mark Wyatt shared the Iowa Bicycle Coalition’s legislative emphasis for 2022 session:

- Change lanes to pass bicyclists.
 - Introduced in previous legislative sessions.
- Hands free cell phones.
 - Feels hands free requirement should move forward; didn’t move last session due to miscommunication
- Standardize penalties in fatal bike crashes
 - Noted that standardized penalties would be a more palatable priority
- Possibility of adding crosswalk protections for bicyclists.
- The composition of the Iowa Legislature would be significantly different than last one. (Up to 75% turnover).
- IBC is recruiting members to speak with their legislators to support bicycle policies.

Suggestions/questions/comments from the Committee:

- Discussion about lowering speed limit in residential areas.
- Model bicycle ordinance updates at DMAMPO policy.

ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Iowa Trails Summit held October 5-6, 2022, in Webster City, was a success and well attended. <https://www.iowatrailssummit.com/about>

Consideration of moving the 2023 Iowa Bicycle Summit to early spring; could get more staff support then.

Request on update of Transportation Alternatives Program.