

06/22/11

Transportation Subcommittee Minutes

Second Meeting

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Anne Callison, Jack Haddox, Lindsey Love, Ralph Mossman, Tim Adams, Allen Monroe

County Staff: Angie Rutherford

Consultant Team: Darryl Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

The minutes from the previous meeting (meeting #1, 6/8/11) were reviewed and two minor corrections were voted on and accepted. Ralph Mossman motioned and Anne Callison seconded.

Angie Rutherford summarized our agenda for the evening and laid out our tasks. Copies of the agenda were distributed and will be included in our information at our next meeting.

1. All of the responses to Activity #1 were tallied and categorized by the County.
2. The "top 10" items in each category (Values, Issues, Opportunities) were identified and printed on large sheets. The items were identified based upon prevalence and significance. The County did have to interpret some items subjectively, i.e. what is the significance of "trails" as a Value.
3. Each Subcommittee's task was to verify that the items identified were accurate and appropriate.

Angie verified that this new Comprehensive Plan is being started from scratch. There is draft of a framework for this plan and our Subcommittee will be updated as it is generated and refined.

Darryl Johnson noted that the Core Committee had identified the Transportation subcommittee to take charge of "Communications Corridors", which include areas approved for cell towers, etc. We unanimously agreed that "Communications Corridors" should fall to a different subcommittee, that it is not closely connected with transportation. A representative will report this decision to the Core Committee.

Several people acknowledged that the Transportation Subcommittee needs to be educated and updated on current plans and policies within Teton County in order to make viable recommendations. We also need to have a sense of costs and constraints that are associated with such recommendations.

There is a question whether the subcommittee will be making recommendations or dealing with issues regarding school transportation. This was brought up but not ironed out during this discussion.

The Subcommittee re-organized and re-worded many of the items on the Values, Issues, and Opportunities lists as many were redundant and unspecific. We then placed dots on the sheets

according to priorities we felt were most appropriate for the Community. The final items included, in order of most (top) to least (bottom) dots:

Values	Issues	Opportunities
Well-connected infrastructure	Lack of funding	Develop Air/Bike/Drive/ Pedestrian transportation options
Well-maintained infrastructure	Poor infrastructure maintenance	Develop more bike paths
Air/Bike/Drive/Pedestrian transportation options	Lack of Air/Bike/Drive/ Pedestrian transportation options	Improve roads
Trails	Inadequate Air/Bike/Drive/ pedestrian safety measures	Develop/improve transit options for commutes/outdoor activities
Conveniency of Air/Bike/Drive/ Pedestrian transportation options	Lack of appropriate public transit	Increase funding

Next, we discussed the top five Opportunities and specific means by which they might be achieved:

1. Develop Air/Bike/Drive/Pedestrian transportation options
 - a. Develop a continuous trail from Victor to Tetonia, including arterial connections to activity and population centers.
 - b. Improve snowmobile connectivity to nearby towns.
 - c. Design streets and roads according to principles of "Complete Streets" as appropriate and according to rest of Comprehensive Plan. Consider all modes of viable transportation at each location.
2. Develop more bike paths
 - a. Incorporate a bike path loop along Yellowstone loop.
3. Improve Roads
 - a. Ensure parking for RVs/tour buses.
 - b. Design roads based on Average Daily Travel as appropriate and according to rest of Comprehensive Plan.
 - c. Develop a bypass for trucks and through vehicles.
 - d. Create alternate means for getting in/out of valley
 - e. Design streets and roads according to principles of "Complete Streets" as appropriate and according to rest of Comprehensive Plan. Consider all modes of viable transportation at each location.

- f. Improve County/Community communication with respect to road maintenance and snow removal
- 4. Develop/improve transit options for commutes/outdoor activities
 - a. Improve transit to/from Grand Targhee and Jackson, i.e. regular bus system
 - b. Develop appropriate transit to/from Rexburg and Idaho Falls, i.e. shuttle
- 5. Increase Funding
 - a. Improve utilization of STIP funds
 - i. Improve budgetary coordination with State of Wyoming to include use of state revenue sharing
 - ii. Improve utilization of PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) by state and by county

Then, with a bit of time left for discussion, we listed constraints:

- 1. Lack of funding sources (applies to items 1-5 above)
- 2. Lack of clear vision and plan (applies to items 1-5 above)
- 3. Lack of available rights-of-way, easements, and property
- 4. Lack of elected official, staff, or lobbyist presence in Boise and in Jackson
- 5. Climate
- 6. Lack of local jobs/density
- 7. Physical constraints such as existing infrastructure
- 8. Lack of cooperation with/from State Agencies
- 9. Abundance of public (Forest Service) and sensitive lands
- 10. Air quality in winter months

Action Items:

- 1. Tim will verify via email that our next meeting will be on July 11th. Time to follow.
- 2. There is no activity or survey for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.