

Pedestrian-Bike Transportation solutions Working Group
10-27-08
5:15 pm
Sarvis Creek room, Historic Routt County courthouse

1. Introductions (5 minutes)

Joe Cashen, Marion Ayer, John Eastman, Teresa Lichtenfels, Sandy Gibson, Walter Magill, Sandy Evans Hall, Butch Boucher, Diane Mitsch Bush

2. Update on city CIP-budget for 2009 Janet and Walter(5 minutes)

There is no funding in 2009 for the Sidewalk Master Plan CIP so no new segments will be constructed EXCEPT: There is funding proposed for 2 ped/bike improvements: the Fish Creek Rd. underpass and 13th St. West Lincoln Park bridge. Also the City is looking to carry over funds from this year to construct the Mt. Werner underpass core trail extension to Central Park (design and CDOT approvals took longer than expected and thus construction will be next spring, if funding is approved for 09. Wildhorse is helping fund this.

Walter said there is still possibility to have some striping and we should push forward on this. There is a problem with the crossing of Lincoln Ave. where the pool is. Where the core trail comes out on Lincoln Ave. there needs to be signage and possible striping to direct bicycles and pedestrians to the Health and Rec. A crossing (under the road or over the hwy) were both considered but couldn't be done at this time. Janet will get back to us by the next meeting.

3. update and next steps for Safe routes to School Grant to be submitted December 1, 2008 Janet (15 minutes)

Janet is continuing to work with Ruth McBride to write the grant on behalf of the school district. This grant is due by Dec. 15 and she is trying to get this done by Dec.

1. The map was produced last month and includes the striping and routes that coincided with the bike friendly recommendations.

4. Update on ped-bike needs for Hwy 40-RCR 129 intersection area Butch (10 minutes)

City is working on the categorical exclusion plan for Hwy 40. This has a multi-modal component and Diane will get with Janet about the possibility of widening and striping the road. Laura Anderson is City engineer working on the study. 129 intersection is a big component of this study and feedback from the community will be happening early in the process. It will be very important to voice concerns at part of the scope. Downhill Drive will be involved as it gets people to the new Victory Hwy. Aviator has provided the fee in lieu for sidewalk and there are other sections completed of sidewalk but it's not all connected. Goal would be to have bicycle connection from Hwy 40 to the airport.

Butch brought up the speed limit sign in the area of 40 mph – maybe move the sign back toward the airport. John will talk to Janet to see if that sign can be moved.

Walter mentioned that the skate park is going to move forward, funding is in place to be built next year at Bear River Park. The trail connection under the James Brown bridge is in place for this.

5. next steps for our working group: our recommendations are due the first week I January, 2009 (20 minutes)

Our recommendations will be integrated into a full set of Transportation solutions Recommendations. Then there will be at least one public community open house in February. After we all look at the community input we will try to coordinate with V2030 and then we will bring forward any recommendations to the NWTTPR grassroots planning process.

We should devote most, if not all, of our November meeting to refining our mission statement (see draft below) and our strategies, policies, and recommended actions.

1st, rough Draft of our General mission as discussed at our August 25 meeting:

Create and maintain safe, convenient pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the City of Steamboat springs with connections to the Core Trail and connections to unincorporated Routt County. Such safe, convenient pedestrian and bicycle access would enable safe routes to school, to work, for play and for errands and shopping. Having safe, convenient alternatives would promote more use of non-motorized modes of transportation and improve both our quality of life and the visitor experience. It is one piece of a potential set of solutions for traffic congestion.

Everyone should come to the November meeting with their recommendations (two priorities). John will bring the sidewalk master plan to the next meeting and will send a link to Diane and Chamber to add to website. Diane will send out the list of routes for the bicycle friendly plan. Also, everyone look at the mission statement and come back with recommendations for revisions.

Vision is to identify the specific projects and then identify a funding mechanism that is appropriate. Recommendations will be taken to the public in February. There will also be an update to the Area Community Plan in 2009, which can incorporate these recommendations.

Next meeting – Monday, November 17 at 5:15