

MSB Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2022

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Kelsey Anderson, MSB Planner
- Patrick Cotter, RESPEC
- Elise Blocker, RESPEC
- Adam Bradway, MSB Planner
- Julius Adolfsson, ADOT&PF Statewide Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, Rural Transit Planner
- Joe Metzger, MSB Land Management
- Patricia Owens, Parks Rec, and Trails Advisory Board
- Mike Campfield, MSB Public Works

Informed the committee that the website has been reorganized and updated.

2. Review of Edits to the draft Recommendations Report

The Recommendations Report went through a general reorganization. Several topics were added that included general maintenance that includes summer maintenance, the addition of subdivision code for contractors to build sidewalks, and added four additional years of crash data. The cost column was removed but will be replaced once more information regarding project timelines is determined.

Comments:

- Fairview Loop has a project with DOT
- Responses to comments that were made to the report has not been clear.
- The report is meant to be a living document. Additional comments are welcome.

3. Discuss outreach ideas and events

Presented examples for infographic-style outreach materials. The project team is looking for ideas on what the public would be looking for in terms of material handouts. Outreach has begun according to the list within the Public Participation Plan.

Comments:

- It would be useful to compress relevant information from the infrastructure bill into a 1-pager.
- Eyes-catching statistics such as safety, costs, percentage of roadway fatalities, a map showing a map of existing and needed pathways, and perhaps bond package information would be useful to the public.
- Reaching out to the community councils is a good place to start.

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- The report appears to be lacking an obvious purpose and benefits to the plan. The “why” of the project needs more information.
- State parks need to be added to the core areas within the maps.
- Would like to see connections to the Mat-SU Greenbelt and the Hay Flats as well as who would be responsible for the pathway maintenance.

4. Discuss project scoring criteria

Provided Fairbanks as an example for project scoring criteria to help prioritize projects. There currently is no standardized scoring criteria for the Mat-Su Borough. When the MPO is created, it will likely have its own prioritization criteria. The Bike and Ped Plan would be a good place to start the criteria conversation. The Steering Committee will be doing the scoring as it is made up of broad stakeholders.

Comments:

- Standardized criteria would be good. FAST’s criteria are a good place to start and tweak them to suit the need.
- Committee would like to weigh in on creating the criteria.
- The criteria can be used to determine the project timeframe.

5. Steering Committee Comments

- Mat-Su ski club is starting up with 500 participants.
- The maps need to highlight popular pathways such as up to Hatcher’s Pass and Moose Range as there are not enough non-motorized pathways
- Moose Range plan is outside the core area, but it includes hiking and biking trails.
- Trails meeting is tonight.
- MSB Planning will be attending the Parks and Recreation meeting and the Transportation Advisory Board in November.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Next Scheduled Steering Committee Meeting – **TBD**, to be held via Microsoft TEAMS Meeting