



Transportation SC Meeting #1 - Minutes

MEETING #1 – 6/8/2011

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members:

Anne Callison, Jack Haddox, Lindsey Love, Ralph Mossman, Tim Adams

Public: John Bingham

County Staff: Angie Rutherford

Consultant team: Bruce Meighen, Jennifer Zung, Randy Blough, Rebecca Brofft, Darryl Johnson

Sub-Committee Members Absent: Allen Monroe

- Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- The Statement of Expectations for committee members was reviewed and all members in attendance signed and submitted the forms.
- Subcommittee leadership positions (chair, co-chair, and recorder) were described and the necessary qualities of individuals serving in these positions were discussed. Members were asked to nominate themselves or other members to serve in these positions.
- Motion and Vote
 - Ralph Mossman nominated Jack Haddox as chair. Jack declined chair position but was willing to serve as co-chair. Tim Adams nominated himself as chair. Lindsey nominated herself as recorder. No other nominations were made. Anne made a motion to vote in favor of all nominations, Ralph seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bruce reviewed the Comp Plan process, workbooks, and how information would be gathered and used.
- The schedule of the next meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be in approximately two weeks and the chair would be responsible for scheduling the next meeting.

Values, Issues, and Opportunities Exercise:

Subcommittee members were asked to write what they thought were important values, issues, and opportunities related to transportation on sheets of paper and post them on the boards. Committee members were asked to discuss their number one issue, value and/or opportunity briefly. The comments included:

Values

- Opportunity for choice among different modes (vs. single mode)
- Simplicity
- Integration of transportation with how we develop the community
- Rural lifestyle
- Community size and character
- Transportation system realistic for our community

Issues

- Currently all transportation choices don't work together or aren't available
- Lack of connectivity to amenities in community

- The more roads are constructed, the more single occupancy vehicles will fill them (“You build them, we’ll fill them”)
- Extra-wide sidewalks impede opportunities for bike lanes and other transportation facilities
- Large percentage of county residents will still need to drive and park in the community
- Funding constraints
- Building of commercial strips along Highway 33

Opportunities

- Community-wide comprehensive transportation plan
- Need a unified transportation network
- People are looking for transportation choices
- Comprehensive Plan provides opportunity to improve transportation system
- Aging population may have more use for van and taxi services and other transportation options
- Existing START service to Jackson could be expanded to other communities
- Need to better integrate land use and transportation

The full List of Values, Issues and Opportunities that were posted by the committee members include:

Values

- Wildlife ecosystem protection
- Little traffic noise
- No scheduled air service but great FBO
- Great air quality
- Small rural valley
- Having amenities close by -walk/bikable distances
- Safe, easy travel
- Ease of entry and exit from valley
- Mode of transport options i.e. car, bike or walk or alternative fuel options
- Well developed multi mode transportation system
- Access to open space
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- Easy to get to community and move around without a car
- Being able to use mass transit
- Connectivity of different transportation modes- walk to, bike to, bus to, train etc.
- Well maintained pedestrian infrastructure
- Options and Choice
- Alternative transportation modes

Issues

- No localized bus system
- Speeding cars on local and downtown streets
- Lack of safe ways to cross roads i.e. crosswalk, pedestrian lights
- Lack of funds to maintain what we have
- Lack of public transportation
- Road conditions
- Lack of state funding to rebuild Highway 33 Teton to Newdale
- Reliance on gas
- Learn to protect business from detrimental construction edicts by ITD re: this summer and Main St. in Driggs
- Lack of businesses in close proximity
- Teton Valley is one big rural resort with three towns. It is a misnomer to call Victor and Driggs "cities." Keep it rural or lose its charm/value
- County needs to hire a lobbyist to gain more funding from ITD
- Lack of conductivity of bike/ped trails
- Transportation routes changing the ecosystem
- Lack of alternative fuel options
- Funding/lack of ridership (?) for public transportation
- Lack of circumferential for trucks

- Lack of web cams on Highways 22, 44, 31, & 32
- Don't have the population for local service, don't want to live here if population reaches that point
- Trail system needs more promotion to bring in more visitors. "Tourism is the front door of development"
- Undefined system of local, collector and arterial transportation methods
- There are providers in area that want to provide services
- Vision for energy efficient transportation system
- Development of a coordinated system of multi-mode transportation
- Protect parking on Main Street in Victor, Driggs, Teton. Largest percent of residents will always need to drive and park
- Families want their children to get around their neighborhoods safely

Opportunities

- Develop in a way that provides amenities close to homes
- Businesses providing group transport/alternative transport
- Rails to trails
- Alternative fuel businesses
- Paths to trails
- Continue to build infrastructure and have a plan/funding to maintain existing infrastructure. Includes: roads, water, waste, communication
- More people are looking for ways to save money to get to and from work and retail areas
- Develop/protect walk-able areas which replace wildlife habitat less
- State and federal regulations that require better transportation connections and infrastructure in communities
- Stop retail spread outside town cores- Highway 33
- Shuttles to trails
- New urbanism has little application in the valley. We don't have the pop. To support local service
- Growing number of citizens that see value in pedestrian needs
- Improve road grading know how

Action Items:

- Tim will collaborate via email to all subcommittee members to schedule the next meeting which will occur in approximately two weeks (week of June 20th)
- All committee members will reach out to others in the community and collect "Values, Issues, and Opportunities" on the sheets provided. PDF's of the sheets are attached to these minutes. Sheets will be turned in to Angie at the County planning office.

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m.