

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)
COMPASS ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL – 700 N.E. 2nd Street, Meridian, ID 83642
Called for 3:00 P.M., February 24, 2021

In attendance:

Justin Lucas	A.C.H.D. Deputy Director, Planning & Project Management
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Wm. F. “Bill” Gigray	Citizen and FACTS President
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Trevor Kesner	City of Boise Parks
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Braden Cervetti	COMPASS, Assistant Planner
Rachel Haukkala	COMPASS, Associate Planner
Paul Mann	Caldwell City Pathways and Bike Routes Committee
Robert Minch	City of Eagle Parks, Pathways & Recreation Commission
Don Stockton	Eagle Citizen and Trails Advocate
Karen Danley	F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director
Bill Mullane	Representative Garden City
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works
Gary Segers	Citizen Garden City and Trails Advocate
Mark Wasdahl	Idaho Transportation Dept. District 3
Kim Warren	City of Meridian Pathways Project Manager
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Cody Swander	City of Nampa Parks
Jace Hellman	City of Kuna Planning & Zoning Director
Jennifer Salmonsén	Star City Council

1. Call to order and Introductions Wm. F. “Bill” Gigray, President
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS eighth ZOOM meeting at 3:03 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda (call for additions or edits) Wm. F. “Bill” Gigray, President
It was moved by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Paul Mann to approve the Agenda. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary’s Report Sharon Hubler
 - i. Minutes of January 27, 2021
It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Paul Mann that the Minutes of January 27, 2021, be approved as read. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer’s Report Phil Peterson
 - i. Bank Statement-Balance is \$ 6,555.36. Donations of \$244.20 have come in since 1/5/21 and have transferred to bank.
It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Gary Payne that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.
 - c. President’s Report Wm. F. “Bill” Gigray
 - i. Michael S. Talbott, principal, Vida Properties, LP
He responded and will meet with Bill at his office to go over where F.A.C.T.S. is with the bridge project and to get brought up to speed. Vida is about ready to break ground. Along with a nine-story hotel east side of Veteran’s Parkway. Phase I has two other components, the first of which will be an apartment building.
 - ii. Schedule presentation before Middleton City Council and coordinate with Star and Caldwell – nothing further currently

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- iii. Senate Bill 1020 – sponsored by Idaho Water Users Association readdresses recreational immunity statute where no fees are charged as found in Idaho Code §36-1605 from tort claims. It also broadens the definition of land ownership to possessory right by license, easement and would pertain to canal companies or districts. It has passed the Senate and is on its way to the House. SB 1108, proposed by Sen. Jim Rice R-Caldwell, is intended to reduce property taxes. It's an engrossed bill. It has been criticized by local governments because it limits them to recognizing 75% of new construction in their property tax budgets each year and 75% of annexation (except for a fire protection district, which was included in a recent amendment), rather than 100% of both. It may foreclose annexations for a time period because of the uncertainty it poses.
- d. Vice President's Report Gary Payne
 - i. 52nd Street, Garden City Bridge – Gary spoke with Robert (Bob) Taunton, consultant with The River Club (former Plantation Golf Course.) Taunton commented that the extra holes will rearrange and reconfigure the golf course. They would like to support 52nd Street Bridge. Gary would like to invite them to a future meeting. Gary and committee met with J-U-B Monday, January 22nd. A strong partnership is needed with city of Garden City because the funding and grants often are attached to member agencies such as Communities in Motion, Transportation Alternatives Program upwards of \$500k through COMPASS and Recreational Trails Program, \$150 to \$200k through Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation. The engineering and specifications proposal through J-U-B is an estimated \$23k. Don Stockton would recommend getting Section 404 permit. Kim Warren has pretty good contacts with COMPASS and TAP. Rachel agreed that since Garden City is a member agency of COMPASS it is possible to go through The **Project Development** Program, which was created to assist **COMPASS** member agencies in securing transportation funding. The **Project Development** Program transforms member agency needs into well-defined **projects** with **cost estimates**, purpose and need statements, environmental scans, and public involvement plans to ensure readiness for funding applications. Another feature of the 52nd Street Bridge is that EXPO area is greatly enhanced by having this bridge. Don Stockton said it reduces one-half mile transit on public roads to one-eighth mile with a bridge from 52nd Street to Plantation Island.
- 4. Special Presentation Rachel Haukkala

COMPASS High Capacity Transit Survey

Rachel is an Associate Planner and has been working on the Rails with Trails and Transit Planning for 20 years into the future. COMPASS is planning for all modes as they update the Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 Plan to extend to the year 2050. In 2022 the plan will go to the COMPASS Board of Directors for approval. The population forecast for Ada/Canyon Counties is 1.075,000 people by 2050. Definition of High capacity transit means “faster than a local bus, carries more people and improved services and facilities.” Connection(s) mentioned are Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian and Boise and modes of Commuter Rail, Light Rail and Bus Rapid Transit being discussed. Added to these connections are of course regional bikeways and pathways. Rails with Trails Workgroup will meet in March. COMPASS High Capacity Transit Survey closes 2/27/21.
- 5. Agency and not for profit reports (in the order in which called upon by President Gigray)
A.C.H.D. Justin Lucas

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No significant report today; however, in process of Integrated 5-year Work Plan, which is available online.

City of Kuna

Jace Hellman

Master Pathway Plan matching up more complete core of Kuna. The Neighborhood Plan Initiative as part of A.C.H.D.'s program is helpful.

A.C.H.D. Bicycle Advisory Committee

Gary Segers, Vice Chair, District 3

Gary reaffirmed the significance of the A.C.H.D. Integrated 5-year Work Plan. He will get out the online link. Gary commented on House Bill 131. It amends Idaho Code §40-616 providing that a Highway District Commission out of public necessity with written documentation can increase the width of a sidewalk or side path to greater than eight (8) feet, the use of which is restricted to pedestrians, riders of bicycles and riders of electric-assisted bicycles.

City of Meridian

Kim Warren

She commented on the A.C.H.D. Neighborhood Program in South Meridian, which is focused on pedestrian connectivity. Kim is willing to do a future presentation for F.A.C.T.S. on available uses along canal right-of-ways. Some pathways will be gravel. Quite a trail hub on Ten Mile Road / Five-Mile Pathway with a great crossing at Ten Mile. Positioned between some Brighton and fill-in gaps between Black Cat Road and Five-Mile Creek to provide for five miles of contiguous paths with good pedestrian crossings. Meridian is exchanging GIS layers with Nampa.

F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director

Karen Danley

She appreciated the letter of support on the grant request for Eagle Island State Park Equestrian Skills Trail. The grant was received and will start April 24th.

City of Nampa

Phil Peterson

Nampa Impact Area all the way to Boise River making an important interlink.

City of Star

Jennifer Salmons

Nothing too significant. Meeting with Steve Noyes tonight and the Irrigation District to invigorate irrigation districts west into Canyon County to include that area as well. Star Sewer & Water north of Highway 44 is another nexus for trail development.

Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee

Paul Mann

Lots going on south of Boise River. There's an interlink with Caldwell from the Heron River pathway system going all the way from Pollard with a straight shot to Middleton Road. Work with Star on its Area of Impact and a new high school (Owyhee.) Meridian is strategic in the improvement going forward on Linder Road and Highway 16.

City of Boise Parks

Trevor Kesner

He mentioned that the Master Pathways Plan / Canal Pathways Plan is in the hands of Deanna Dupuy, Associate Comprehensive Planner being readied between 2/27 and 3/11. He is monitoring recreational immunity legislation as well, Senate Bill 1020. Two large sections of greenbelt will be rebuilt with significant interruptions between W. Parkcenter Bridge south side east to orange bridge; Natatorium to Kristen Armstrong Park and a degraded section on Wood Duck Island. Two sections will be rebuilt in concrete. There was a comment on "phyto remediation" but not sure where it belongs.

City of Garden City

Bill Mullane

Need a commitment on 59th Street Bridge similar to West Bridge as a conduit for grant funding.

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Bill Gigray indicated that Caldwell participated in a video conference on the NEPA Highway 55 Design Review with Jerome Mapp Planning Director who helped advocate for a tunnel under Highway 55 to access Lake Lowell.

City of Eagle

Robert Minch

Things going smoothly on EISP.

6. Special Ad Hoc Committee Report

i. Public Relations Committee “Heightened Visibility of F.A.C.T.S.”

Mark Eubank responded that the committee is waiting on getting back out into the public within the year.

ii. Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail

Laura Barbour

iii. Shoshone Street Bikeway

Gary Segers

Engineering flaws on A.D.A . compliance being worked on.

11th Street Project – CCDC is handling the contract, which calls for 2022 construction.

There will be a meeting on the project fairly soon.

iv. All the way to Snake River

Bill Gigray

Follow-up with city of Middleton, land is filling up. Cities are meshing together providing more opportunities to share information. How do you fund and budget for maintenance planning? The ever-popular wine tour in Canyon County has significant potential including entrepreneurial exposure to have bike tours included as well. Bill plans to follow-up with Golden Gate Highway District and see what they think.

7. Adjournment

It was moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Paul Mann to adjourn at 4:58 pm.

The meeting stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary