

# Foundation for Ada/Canyon Trail Systems (F.A.C.T.S.)

Minutes of April 24, 2024

Meeting called for 3:00 PM

In attendance:

Officers: Bill Gigray, President, Sharon Hubler, Secretary

Directors: Paul Mann, Bob Hay, Mark Eubank, Gary Payne and John McAllister

Agency "ex officio": Meg McCarthy, ACHD; Alexa Roitman, COMPASS; Steve Noyes, city of Eagle Pathways (ret'd); Scott Koberg, Ada County Parks & Waterways; Colin Schmidt, city of Garden City Public Works Director; and, Kim Warren, city of Meridian Parks & Recreation Pathways Director

Call to Order

President Bill Gigray

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Approve Agenda – Move to Approve, Additions/Reorder

Mark Eubank and Meg McCarthy asked to be on the Agenda at the beginning.

*It was moved to approve the Agenda requests by Paul Mann, seconded by Gary Payne.*

MOTION CARRIED

Officers' Reports

1. Secretary's Report – Minutes of March 27, 2024 Secretary Sharon Hubler  
*It was moved to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2024 by Bill Gigray, seconded by Gary Payne.*

MOTION CARRIED

2. Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2024 Treasurer Phil Peterson  
The reputed balance as of 3/27 is \$ 9,248.25. *It was moved by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Mark Eubank to table the Treasurer's report until the next meeting.*

MOTION CARRIED

Public Relations/Outreach Committee – Mark Eubank will be gone in May and June. He plans on doing a booth at various times and locations in July and August. He would like to see as part of the long/range yearly platform recruiting younger trail users as FACTS needs new blood in their 20s and 30s.

ACHD-Meg McCarthy – Level of Traffic Stress LTS is part of assessing Livable Streets Performance Measures. Since 2021 it has been a useful performance measure. Like any tool, it has been useful in deploying the level of traffic stress and the perceived comfort and safety. As part of a planning award application to APA (American Planning Association) ACHD is seeking letters of support. LTS denotes the presence of bike/ped accommodations such as quantity of trees, which are calming and roadway characteristics. For instance, the West Bench Neighborhood Plan uses the components of providing predictable transportation planning that is suitable for all ages and abilities, safe and comfortable; this is part of scoping and aids ACHD staff in capital improvement projects and knowing what enhancements align with the above components. Asked by Bill how much LTS is used Meg replied that she uses it all the time. These inputs come from field analysis and tweaking to reach more predictable outcomes. For instance, having raised bike lanes is not a sufficient buffer. Bob Hay mentioned that the scrambles at Lincoln & University work great for pedestrians as it slows down the drivers.

*It was moved by Bob Hay, seconded by John McAllister to present the Letter of Support for approval at the May FACTS Business Meeting.*

MOTION CARRIED

Bill Gigray will need an addressee, due date and description of criteria for award in advance. FACTS is interested in having a presentation on how this really works.

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### 3. Vice President's Report

Bill Mullane

Bill is on jury duty and Bill G. will report what is afoot on the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Bike/Ped Bridge and lead the discussion. Bridge construction is so expensive that a land connection pathway is taking priority. Bill G. will handle the contact with the Idaho Dept. of Lands regarding the easement that was approved with a five-year timeframe. On the Ada County side Scott Koberg had no real updates, drawings 100% on the design develop and approved to receive June 8, 2024 submittals by contractors. In late August/early September contractor selection will occur Category B. The Remington piece having a greenbelt spur is 10 to 11 foot to enter the park site. Should Garden City accomplish a deal on locating through the wetlands being the exception Scott does not anticipate any change in the corridor design. As to timeframe it is aggressive: under contract by fall, under construction by end of 2024 and completion December 2026. Remington will have curbs and gutters and road widening. 340 acres belonging to Ada County, 40 of which are developed. There are a lot of agencies/facilities involved including Lady Bird Park, ParaMedics, University of Idaho Extension, Riverside RV, Marigold, Hawks Stadium and Parking Lot. Gary P. gave kudos to Scott complimenting Ada County on the great job to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, now completely open. The Three Rivers Extension bike path goes from the West Bridge to Garden City limits as part of the second phase. The FACTS bridge will be removed and replaced; the plaques have been removed honoring Don Stockton and Jerry Hastings. Gary P. said it was a suicidal turn getting onto the bridge and he greatly appreciates the safe alignment and better turn radius. Scott said there is a centerline stripe to referee traffic and of course traffic "crosswalks" for the beaver. Bill G. added, "leave it to Beaver." Steve was sure that the new bridge would have sufficient load and width capacity for maintenance vehicles and public safety. Scott said it will be a slightly longer bridge having a concrete deck like the previous bridge.

### 4. President's Report

Bill Gigray

Ax Yewer, Prosecuting Attorney's office for Ada County wrote to FACTS concerning the exemption of property taxes, which had been referred to his office. Easements for the 3.2 mile Three Cities Pathway with Suncor, Central Paving and Staker Parsons disclose that the trail itself is not necessarily on these easements. Bill will check on it.

### UPDATE GOALS/PROJECTS FOR 2024

Bill G. had provided his comments on each and every goal as listed on the Agenda for April 24 on April 17. Two takeaways were more board membership from the city of Nampa and, how valuable existing bridges over the Boise River are.

Goals/Projects for 2024 (con't)

Eagle Island State Park
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Include Fish Hatchery Road to Linder under ACHD

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jurisdiction with Robert Minch, Karen Danley leads

Strategic episodic waiting now housed with ACTIVE Transportation Committee, which

Rails with Trails COMPASS

meets 4/25 with Kim Warren, Alexa Roitman as leads; CWI, cities of Nampa and Meridian to be involved

52<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge Project

Bill Mullane, lead, as member of Garden City Parks & Waterways Committee, including Jenah Thornborrow and Colin Schmidt

COMPASS Chinden Blvd. Study (Garden City)

Reach out to Jenah, hold for now; she's working on a drainage design on Chinden.

FLAP Grant (Federal Lands Access Program) Hwy. 55 Underpass

27 miles around Lake Lowell. All good, takes time. City of Caldwell approved match funding on Underpass/Undercrossing.

Public Relations Committee Booth and Web site

Mark Eubank, Robert Minch, Paul Mann and Gary Payne as leads.

Silver Bridge in Caldwell over Boise River, old Hwy. 30

Historic and next to proposed new bridge utilizing piers from old Interurban Railroad. Paul Mann and Bill Gigray as leads.

Downtown Boise - Good implementation & assistance

Dane Hoskins, Boise Pathways Program Manager, CCDC (Capital City Development Corp) and ACHD Advisory Committee Meg McCarthy, leads

Kuna Projects and Connection to Meridian

Find a Board Member to take a lead of interest and time and connect with Kim Warren Meridian

Linder Road

Meg McCarthy as Lead into preliminary design 2024-2025 cost estimated at \$30m

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Budget Advocacy on Pathways

Usually done starting April

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Star Road Underpass

Kim Warren, lead; concept 2025-2026

Federal Infrastructure Funding

COMPASS as lead

Middleton Pathways

Matt Garner as lead

Canal Pathway Agreements  
(using Eagle model)

Irrigation Districts and copy of agreements held by Steve Noyes

ITD/Glenwood Corridor

Gary Segers, Gary Payne and Bob Hay as leads

HOA (Homeowners' Association)  
Management of Pathways

Matter of risk maintenance and public access. Association Director needs to have better descriptions on plat maps denoting trails for P&Z

AGENCY reports

- COMPASS – Alexa work plan for 2025. She has been attending Canals Connect Coalition Meetings
- City of Caldwell – Paul states workshop on new Master Plan being hosted by city of Caldwell Parks & Rec. Gravel pit permit application close to Curtis Park put forward by Canyon County was protested by the city.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Foundation for Ada/Canyon Trail Systems will be held Wednesday, May 22, at 3:00. Zoom coordinates will be emailed. Request to put on May Agenda Railroad Line between McCall and Horseshoe Bend/

*Adjournment – It was moved by Gary Payne, seconded by Paul Mann to adjourn the meeting. The meeting stood adjourned at 5:14 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary