

FOUNDATION FOR ADA/CANYON TRAIL SYSTEMS INC. (F.A.C.T.S.)  
COMPASS ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL – 700 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian, ID 83642  
Called for 3:00 P.M., May 26, 2021

In attendance:

Meg McCarthy	ACHD Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Mark Eubank	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Trevor Kesner	City of Boise Parks Planning Administrator
Gary Payne	Citizen and FACTS Vice President
Gary Segers	Citizen and ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee Vice Chair
Sharon Hubler	Citizen and FACTS Secretary
Bob Hay	Boise Citizen and Trails Advocate
Chelsea Wilson	Caldwell City Communications Specialist
Robert Minch	City of Eagle Parks, Pathways & Recreation Commission
Steve Noyes	City of Eagle Trails and Pathways Superintendent
Liisa Itkonen	COMPASS
Rachel Haukkala	COMPASS
Karen Danley	F.A.C.T.S. Equestrian Director
Wm. "Bill" Mullane	City of Garden City Representative
Colin Schmidt	City of Garden City Public Works Director
Phil Peterson	Nampa Citizen and FACTS Treasurer
Jennifer Salmonsens	City of Star City Council
Guests:	Tom Laws – Planning & Program Supervisor (ACHD)

1. Call to order and Introductions Gary Payne, Vice president  
Visual roll call and welcome to FACTS 11th ZOOM meeting.
  2. Approve Agenda (call for additions or edits) Gary Payne Vice president  
*It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Karen Danley to approve the Agenda as proposed. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*
  3. Administrative Action Items and Officer Reports
    - a. Secretary's Report Sharon Hubler
      - i. Minutes of April 28, 2021- Acting President asked for changes  
*It was moved by Phil Peterson, seconded by Bob Hay to approve the minutes as written. No one dissented remotely. Motion carried.*
    - b. Treasurer's Report Phil Peterson
      - i. Report on Bank Account – Quiet month with no transactions. Balance is \$ 6,558.36 out of which the purchase of a canopy tent has been approved for ~\$110.
- Introduction- Tom Laws who was so helpful to FACTS before his joining ACHD close to four years ago introduced Meg McCarthy the first-ever Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator for ACHD. She moved from Logan UT.
- c. President's Report Gary Payne
    - i. Report on presentation before Middleton City Council 5/19/21. Karen Danley joined Gary in seeking representation to FACTS, one city councilor having volunteered. Mayor Steven Rule will let us know who the representative will be. Gary Segers had prepared a Power Point presentation, which made for a good basis of conversation.
    - ii. The Idaho Press article 5/14/21, Sunday's edition, gave a good summary on the roles of COMPASS, citizens and FACTS.
    - iii. Upcoming meeting with Susan Buxton, Director, Idaho Dept. of Parks and Recreation re: Eagle Island State Park bike/ped entry is scheduled for 6/16/21.
  - d. Vice President's Report Gary Payne
    - i. PayPal Donation button <http://factsidaho.org/donate-2/> is there to donate.

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- ii. River Crossing/52<sup>nd</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge – At April meeting FACTS agreed to go ahead with requesting a grant to COMPASS submitted by Garden City 5/4/21. It is possible that 7.5% of \$25,000 would be a required matching fund or \$1,875. Lisa Bachman and Jessica Kruger, J-U-B Engineers, Inc. agreed to submit it on behalf of Garden City. To a larger degree Bill Mullane’s relationship with Mayor Evans and Jenah Thornborrow was instrumental in getting the grant submitted. Grant reviewal is up to July and final decision, August by COMPASS. There were great support letters including Ada County Parks & Waterways. Judy Peavey-Derr, Don Stockton and Gary Payne met at the proposed location of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge. Question on how long does the bridge have to go in keeping away from Ordinary High-Water Mark on Plantation Island?

**4. Presentation on Rails with Trails**

**Rachel Haukkala**

35-mile multi-modal venture with Nampa, Meridian and Boise Depot Greenbelt as stops. There are 140,000 Treasure Valley residents within one mile. Presently, a consultant has identified a typical section, crossing type selection, alignment, cost estimates and template. Working on interactive map with work group. The cost estimate is \$45,449,289 in Capital Funding with right-of-way costs to be determined. Funding sources may have opportunity segments outside the Union Pacific r-o-w, which might bring the total costs down. For now, prioritize opportunity segments, connections to bike/ped infrastructure, obtain local buy-in, study proximity to bus routes including safe routes to schools, alternative routes, access to destinations, land use and density. Long-range regional transportation outlooks are iterated in Communities in Motion 2050 Plan. Regionally there may be renewal of Amtrak Pioneer Route on the Boise cut-off. Envisioning higher frequencies and more stops not correlating just with rush hours. Paul Mann and Gary Payne represent FACTS on the Rails with Trails working group.

**5. Continuing Discussion Ideas and Updates Dutch Cycling Seminar 2022 Mark Eubanks**

Talked to Newt? Going on paternal leave for a month. Noting that advisory people and agency budgets have been turned in maybe delayed until 2023. Estimated round trip cost of \$ 2,596. Hotels in Rotterdam cheaper than Amsterdam. Pass along information for further discussion.

**6. Great interest in how various jurisdictions budget...share how they do the process determining Long Range planning for funding. (Deferred until June 23, 2021 meeting)**

**7. Agency and not for profit reports**

- ACHD – Tom Laws indicated an open comment period going on for “Livable streets”, pathway and sidewalk quality, no contact bike lane, raised above street level, multi-use pathways. Level of traffic stress score and quality of various segments being presented 6/23/21 to Board of Commissioners.
- Ada County Parks & Pathways – no report
- Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes – no report
- Canyon County – no report
- City of Boise – Trevor Kesner reported nothing major...three portions of greenbelt closed for rebuild. Boise Pathways Master Plan working group to present December 2021.
- City of Eagle – Steve Noyes is focusing resources on 1600+ acres of BLM land for which six meetings have been held so far. 150 persons showed up. Pathway agreements with Dry Creek Ditch Company. Use concrete as a surface rather than asphalt. 1.3 miles natural surface with a potential of 40 miles. In system right now 24 miles to manage and maintain. 12 miles of public trails in development right now. Eagle Island State Park Newman family involved in final version of easement agreement and seven exhibits perhaps signing after holiday after which take to

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Council for Mayor's signature. Eagle Police Dept. doing courtesy patrols modeling after Ridge to Rivers system. One officer five days a week request.

- City of Garden City – Bill Mullane, continual lots of development going on and a new section of greenbelt rebuilt in concrete.
- City of Star – Jennifer Salmonsén appreciates the report from Steve regarding police presence. Star is utilizing volunteers in golf carts with no enforcement power. She would appreciate guidelines for volunteers on greenbelt and Riverwalk while police department asks for patience developing protocols. Trevor mentioned that Jerry Pugh is the volunteer coordinator for city of Boise Parks & Recreation.
- City of Nampa – Phil Peterson said most recent meeting involved exchange of Stoddard Construction progressing nicely to Iowa Avenue and north to downtown by this fall. Each year on a seven- year cycle take on seven different maintenance areas. Bicycle/Ped Advisory Committee recommend and review with Engineering Department the process of chip sealing. There is a five-member Bike/Ped Advisory Committee.
- City of Star – nothing really new. Master Pathway Plan, walking canals, neighborhoods and streets mark-up on maps by end of year. Studying connection with city of Middleton.
- COMPASS – Liisa Itkonen stated participation plan update out for public now with the over-all plan seeking input by reaching new and other groups.
- FACTS Equestrian Director – Karen Danley has been working with Eagle on its BLM trails. Equestrian activities require adequate parking, organized and safe trails and representation. KIVI-TV put together four reports on equestrians in April (Wilson Creek) and Karen Steenhof was part of its feature. Karen has been in contact with Deanna Dupuy Boise Parks & Recreation Canals Planner.

8. Special Ad Hoc Committee Report

- a. Public Relations Committee – Mark Eubanks stated committee will be in contact sometime in July/August to get Information Booths such as was done in 2019.

9. Adjournment

*Karen Danley moved to adjourn. The meeting stood adjourned at 4:34 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler, Secretary