

KMTA/CLWCP Meeting October 16, 2018

Present: Lia Slemmons, Jessica Szelag, David Story, Janette Cadieux

Goals for the Day:

- **Update on UAA engineering study process**
- **KMTA share Strategic Sustainability Plan 2018-2023**
- **Signature event brainstorming**

KMTA Grants:

- KMTA is updating their procedures.
- Once grants are awarded, they will allow mid-period reimbursements, no more than once a month, but always with receipts.
- Desire is to make the grant reimbursement process as easy as it can be with federal funding

DOT Commitment on Bypass bike/ped elements:

- MP 45 westward at least as far as the Bypass/Town Rd interchange.
- Where will the western terminus of the new bike/ped path be?
- Where would the community choose to have the crossing from south side of the Town Rd to north side be?
- What safety features will be needed?
 - If the crossing is at the interchange of Bypass and Town Road what safety features will be needed? A light?
 - If the crossing is elsewhere on the town road?
- Would DOT improve safety problems on the existing Safety Path between the crossing and “town” just beyond MP 47 as the western terminus of this Bypass element?

Actions:

- CLWCP needs to do updates to groups such as Borough Assembly, KRSMA board, Planning Commission, etc.
- Is there a DOT Bypass timeline that we are facing to attempt mitigation efforts on behalf of the community?
- Are there capital costs or design issues/timing that will drive a request?

KMTA Strategic Plan:

- A final draft copy of the strategic sustainability plan synopsis was provided to CLWCP.
- Now that KMTA has their plan they will better be able to track and coordinate with groups such as CLWCP.
- The group is rejuvenated in their motivation now that their plan is mapped out.

Engineering Study Process:

- What can they do?

- What would CLWCP ask of them?
- Timeline: They are currently getting ideas and will come together in November. This semester they've learned how a consulting company works. At the end of the semester they write a contract with a group. The following semester they work on design of that chosen project.
- Each group of four students takes on a different project.
- These are seniors in the engineering program.
- The projects train them as engineers and are tied to civil engineering guidelines vs. design groups that work on community projects.
- It can offer a picture and design for what a project can look like and can foster conversation.
- There are class mentors from DOT, Design and Construction from State Parks, DNR.
- An engaging project can help them get deeper into the project.
- With the groups being seniors they could be using the project as part of their resume and others may not have too much time to commit due to exam studies.
- Q: What would be a few projects to target?
- A: Several items from the CLWCP Plan would seem likely.
 - The Resurrection Pass Trail to Quartz Creek connection to create access to the community and USFS lands and assets is a primary goal of the CLWCP.
 - The students can definitely publicize a project for us.
 - Knowing more about what the class can and cannot accomplish would be helpful.
 - The Cooper Creek bridge remains a good, discrete item to target.
 - It's a contained project that is very specific though it opens to related concerns that agencies are facing now in the Cooper Creek drainage.
 - It is a small bridge.
 - It is a basic infrastructure upgrade that needs to be made.
 - It is in a stretch of highway that has been avoided for upgrading.
 - There are levels of the project from:
 - Basic bridge
 - Anadromous water/fish passage concerns
 - Bike/Ped inclusion
 - Sloughing Bluff in the approach
 - Coordination of the broader multi-agency project on Cooper Creek.
 - Snug Harbor Path to Kenai River Bridge interchange would be another discrete task to target.
- Needed for meeting on Nov 7 (or will this date change?)
 - One-page proposal that outlines our project.
 - Could it be a private page on our website?
 - We can include photos and videos that we can make available to them.
 - Lia will try to provide David with a model proposal to work from.

Signature Event:

- Need ideas for specific event.
- Not enough time today to address this item.

Next meeting:

- December the week of the 17th. Tentatively the 18th or 19th weather permitting. Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Janette's house. Janette will provide light lunch.
- Jessica would like to meet with the CLWCP steering committee the next time we meet. That may be in December.
- Jessica may want to attend a CLCC meeting to introduce herself as well.