

KMTA/CLWCP Phone Conference Meeting February 21, 2019

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

Goals for the Day:

- Status of DOT planning for western terminus of pathway at eastern end of Bypass
- Update on UAA engineering study process
- 2019 Cooper Landing Trail Run
- Signature event Hope: Mine Shaft Grinder

DOT Bypass and walk/bike pathway:

- We have continuing need to walk/bike within Cooper Landing despite Bypass.
- DOT is presumably in the design phase of the Bypass project.
- DOT have not committed to how far west the separated pathway from MP 45 will go.
- DOT will need to address how to transition to Quartz Creek Rd.
- DOT should address the unsafe turning into Russian Gap Rd just beyond the eastern terminus of the Bypass project.
 - Kelly Summers, Project Manager and Engineer for MP 45-60 Project, has already addressed the neighborhood group via email and stated it is outside the project design area and DOT do not intend to address it.
 - David: The community needs to push on that. They seem to have made a mistake in the design originally and we should push them to correct it with the Bypass project.
 - NOTE: In subsequent emailing it has been learned that the Project Manager for the current phase of the Sterling Hwy MP 45-60 Project is Cynthia Ferguson.
- A similar safety concern to the above is left hand turning where the town road intersects the Bypass on either the east or west ends of the Bypass. The engineering appears insufficient.
- Will DOT address how to get the horses and others across the highway to the trails on the north side at the Quartz Creek interchange?
- Public Input: How is it obtained and processed?
 - Some folks haven't given their input perhaps because they didn't understand how or weren't able to attend meetings.
 - Ongoing input has not been sought by DOT and they haven't updated specifically how the public can have input to design details.
 - We should figure out how the community can have ongoing input to design phase.
 - We can ask for update on design phase now.
 - Should CLAPC request an update from DOT?
 - CLWCP can develop a bullet list of concerns for the community and share via Crier.

- Will DOT provide information and or a meeting? KMTA will be invited if a meeting occurs. Regardless, KMTA board may write a letter of support regarding the concerns.

UAA Engineering Project

- Lia met with UAA and got a written project proposal. David has an e-copy.
- They will develop a few ideas with pedestrian crossing on both sides of the bridge.
- Early March will be when the “best” idea will be chosen.
- There are two DOT advisors: One local and one in Juneau. The JNU advisor is a bridge specialist.
- UAA and DOT advisors are currently working on brainstorming.
- Next task: When they have a few designs to offer, we will provide input on what we would like to see.
- Mid-April a “final” design will be chosen.

2019 Cooper Landing Trail Run

- June 8th is date of the event, details on the CLWPC website
- KMTA presence is welcome at the event to share information about KMTA and KMTA interests in Cooper Landing and support for our pathway.
- New KMTA marketing manager, Karen (Freeman) Lewis, will be helping.
- The current size of the event is good for the number of volunteers that we have. No need to grow it at present.

Mine Shaft Grinder

- Wanting a bike event up Palmer Creek Rd.
- An application has been made to USFS.
 - USFS has been working with KMTA to find a way to say yes but there are limitations.
 - Primary concern is capacity, e.g. restrooms and number of public (75)
 - There is sensitive alpine that USFS do not want degraded
 - USFS will want to protect safety of the public with regards to mine shafts
 - Hope prefers Hershey Mine Trail event but USFS wants to suggest another.
- David: Stick to the road and do not impact other resources. Turn around point the only place for parking. Discourage parking elsewhere. The event can be up and back to Coeur D'Alene campground or shuttle people up and the event is down to the assets below.
- Local community wants to brush out an old mining trail for foot traffic as well.
- Event planned on Aug 17th

KMTA Grants:

- March 4th is current deadline for KMTA grant requests.
- Next one will be July/Aug for a Sep board meeting for grant requests.

Tasks Assigned

- Janette: Contact Bruce Wall, KPB regarding CLAPC request for information on DOT Bypass and perhaps having KPB presence or support.
- David and Janette: Bullet points of ideas/concerns from community for the Bypass design.
- Lia and Jessica: Will address support letter at board meeting April 5th. Ideally, they will have the bullet list either in hand or very soon after.
- Lia and Jessica: Working on Mine Shaft Grinder, Aug 17th is the projected date.

Next Meeting:

- Lia will contact David and Janette.
- No specific date in mind yet.
- Awaiting information when Janette reaches KPB regarding Bypass concerns and design phase.