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## RTCA and CLT MEETING NOTES

**DATE:** 08/13/24

**WHERE:** Video conference

**TIME BEGUN:** 10:02 a.m.

**PURPOSE:** Discuss site visit and move forward on pitch deck items

**PRESENT:** K. Pace, R. Eddy Harvey, S. Eliha, D. Story, J. Cadieux

### DISCUSSION:

#### Follow-up:

- KP checked on needed image quality. DS please check to see if the drone being used has the capacity for RAW images.
- DS/JC: Have reviewed the Mural board and feel comfortable with it.

#### 07/31/24 Site Visit:

- RTCA team members now have a clear understanding of the breadth and depth of the problem we face and the pressing need for the pathway project.
- DS invited RTCA members whenever possible to take a walk or roll on the existing Safety Path to get a user-view of the problem as well.
- DS: Others seem to fail to see the purpose and importance of having active transportation infrastructure.
- SE: Have we walked the project area with an engineer?
- DS/JC: Yes, various times.

#### Action Items:

- We may need to include on next agenda and item for the concern that DOT is not given maintenance dollars for pathways once they are built. Partnerships are sought for maintenance but that requires grant writing or other funding sourcing.
- Going forward:
- We want a cultural shift for transportation corridors to include active transportation infrastructure.
- Can Cooper Landing's pathway project be an example for other small communities where Alaskan grit and character, along with good partnerships, are brought to bear and produce an infrastructure that meets all of the varied needs of a community?

#### Media Needed:

- DS has enlisted staff members and has been collecting shots of users of the Safety Path.

- We may already have some of the images that we would need.
- We may be able to stage the ones that we do not have to needed quality.
- See list of items below from K. Pace.

Walkable Cooper Landing Shot list:

- Cars whizzing by (preferably recorded from a roadside pullout)
- People walking on road shoulder while RV or other large vehicle goes by in lane beside them
- Backroads racking up bikes to bypass Cooper Landing because it's too dangerous
- Photo of Hank Lucas or photo of article about him
- Newspaper clip of Mona Painter/community support for this project since the 70s
- Map showing the route through ROWs, private property, pinch points, narrow bridges
- Photos /videos of dangerous activities/locations (Drone or other)
- Photos of active transportation
- Pictures of fishermen on bikes or walking
- Pictures of wildlife co-existing safely in a road corridor
- Pictures of people walking/biking with groceries post office
- Picture of people biking alongside RVs driving
- Pictures of K'Beq site
- Pictures of arc sites
- Challenge Alaska/ Adaptive Transportation photos and examples

“Feet came first.”

- DS: Told the story of George Nelson who previously owned the lodge on Skilak Lake with Hank Lucas. Geo. fell through the ice on the lake, self-rescued, and still walked to Moose Pass. If we are rugged Alaskans, as folks like George were, then do we really need a truck to get ourselves around in?
- JC: Related the story of the minister from Kenai who wanted to reach Cooper Landing and the epic journey with the Native Alaskans who guided him to Cooper Landing later in the winter/spring season than the natives advised.
- Acknowledge that not all have feet as an option. Perhaps involved groups such as Challenge Alaska in demonstrating the inadequate state of the current Safety Path.
- KP: Use examples in the scroll of the story board with pop-ups to demonstrate efforts and people that came before and lead to present day, e.g. G. Nelson, M. Painter and her efforts in the 70s, etc. Demonstrate how Alaskans are good at facing challenges but be very clear what challenges exist along our route. Make it clear just how complicated the problem is but also that there are solutions (perhaps images of those) and we can get 'er done. Show the living, breathing corridor problems and possible solutions.
- “Can you picture it? We can!”
- GIS specialist coming on board Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Along with orientation an attempt will be made to have her come to Cooper Landing and meet DS/JC and see the project area.
- DS: Will collect what images he has and place them in the Google Drive that he readied earlier.

**TASKS ASSIGNED:**

DS:

Will collect what images he has and place them in the Google Drive that he readied earlier.

Check with V Beltrami if the drone being used to capture images has RAW capability.

Send out invitation for Zoom meeting before Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>.

KP:

Create proposed agenda for next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

September 17, 2024 10:00-11:00, CLT Host via Zoom

**TIME ENDED:** 10:55 a.m.