

## Multi-Modal Transportation Assessment, facilitated by Kyle Babbitt

### Existing Resources/Efforts

The following existing resources and efforts – which might help inform the Multi-Modal Transportation Assessment - were identified during the three listening post sessions:

- Teton Freedom Riders – (mountain biker group) in Jackson; has partnered with USFS to create purpose built trails.
- Southern Valley Trail Initiative- ask Mayor Zach Smith or Jeremy Besbris, City of Victor.
- Teton Valley Trails and Pathways (TVTAP) group – Tim Adams.
- Friends of Pathways group–contact Jackson office.
- Backcountryride.com – contact Ben Morley in Jackson.
- Ashton/ Teton Trail –contact IDPR – East Region office- Idaho Falls.
- Henry's Fork Greenway trails – contact Patty Parkinson, City of St. Anthony.
- Rexburg/ Sugar City bike trail – contact City of Rexburg and Madison County.
- Island Park Trails group – contact Connie Funkhouser, IP Chamber; Liz Davies- USFS.
- Safe Routes to School – St. Anthony, Rexburg – ask City offices.
- National Rails-to-Trails program – Idaho Chapter? Jackson chapter?
- WYDOT – policies for Jackson and crossing over the hill.
- ITD - policies, rail regulations, multi-modal plans, and Recreational Trails program thru IDPR.
- SAFETEA –LU regulations and policies – Federal Program.
- USFS Travel Management Plans- Caribou-Targhee and Bridger-Teton Forests.
- High Country RC&D (Coordinate/ Facilitate; Connect People with resources and expenses) – Pam Herdrich – St. Anthony office.
- We Cars at BYU- I in Rexburg.
- Lila Gold – resource for BYUI contacts.
- CTAI – contact Jeff Osgood at Idaho Falls office.
- Health and Human Services Departments.
- Alan Crockett- Trail Mapping – GPS coordinates and maps in area. From Idaho Falls.
- Eastern Idaho Railway – office in Rigby – ask Natalie \_\_\_\_ for phone number.
- Yellowstone Teton Territory (YTT) and Rexburg Chamber- contact Donna Benfeld, Rexburg; Courtney Ferguson, Bear World.
- Island Park Chamber – ask Collette Rinehart.
- Madison County/Rexburg GIS Department – contact Craig \_\_\_\_.
- Fremont County GIS Department- ask Stephen Loosli.
- Madison County/ Rexburg – contact Virginia Pratt- Traffic Safety.
- Fremont County: Parks and Recreation Department - contact Tamra Cikiatoga and P and R Trails Committee – Darrell Renke;

- Teton Valley Chamber of Commerce – contact Lou Christiansen or Reid Rogers.
- GTNP trails system – contact Friends of Pathways for contacts.

### **Information Gaps**

The following information gaps were identified; they may need to be filled in order to conduct the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan:

- Current inventory of local transportation services - taxis? Buses? Zip cars? in more locations?
- Need more Linx outreach to the general public – providers, services, contact information, etc. – not a known name yet.
- Level of Demand for Public Transportation – RDC.
- Potential of Airline partnerships- specific routes or carriers- Allegiant, Skywest; Alaska;
- YNP/ GTNP- do they have a multi-modal plan?
- Regional Transportation- where, when, how.
- Inventory of existing trails and abandoned rail beds.
- Inventory of active and semi-active rail lines and spurs.
- Ticket purchase, stops, and stations.
- Potential locations for bus stops with covers – ideally near services, coffee, parking, etc.
- Kiosks with information on trails – educational, resources,
- Apps with info sites.
- Inventory of rail locations near business/service sites: Melaleuca, Artco, ITECH, University Place; IF Mall area,
- Inventory of potential rail stop locations on route from Ashton to Idaho Falls – St. Anthony? Rexburg? Rigby?
- Inventory of potential rail/bus transfer points for Depots and Park and Ride locations.
- More taxi services in Linx – Rollin Shuttle, new ones, to make connections to bus stops.
- Potential for Bike Share Program – ask Boise about theirs and results.
- Placemat Ads – still used? Make on vinyl?

### **Critical Areas of Focus**

The following critical areas should be incorporated into the design of the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan.

- Produce VISIBLE, cost effective results.
- Identify customers/riders – Who are they? Why do they want the service?
- Reach underserved/elderly/low income/ Hispanic populations.
- Services- include air, bus, shuttle- to recreational destinations and trailheads – connecting dots.
- Centralized parking lots/depots near train lines- for train, buses, and cars.
- Standardized passenger and infant/ child safety – seat belts; buckles for car seats; ADA wheelchair strap downs ,etc.

- Equipment storage on buses – strollers, car seats, bikes, wheelchairs, luggage.
- Contact with large employers – BYU-I; Melaleuca; Artco; Potato processing plants; Sunglo; Basic American Foods.
- Price Point for local trips.
- Unified ticket for regional travel.
- Regional pathways connectivity.
- Ridership Economic for Rail- Economically feasible, price point possible.
- Rail- incorporated historical usage of trails.
- Look at successful plans- any other rural? South America- "Collectivo". May mean smaller size units with more stops.
- Purpose built trails for user groups – bike lanes vs. hiking trails vs. mountain bike trails.
- Sand Dunes in St. Anthony users- connect to services or places while visiting.

### **Interested Publics/Underserved Populations and How to Reach Them**

Publics that should be invited to participate as this study proceeds include the following, along with suggestions of how to reach out to them:

- Agricultural community- Clint Atchley (Ashton); Jeff Raybould (St. Anthony and Rexburg); FMID; Farm Bureau; Extension offices.
- Moms/ Parents/ Guardians- Virginia Pratt- Traffic Safety (Madison County); PTO websites.
- College/BYU-I students – Kris Jacobson -BYU-I Housing Office; Lila Gold; BYU- I Scroll Newspaper; We Car Ads.
- HS/Elementary students/youth-
- Seniors – Senior Centers; telephone calls; AARP list;
- Assisted Living Centers- phone books.
- Senior Centers and Meals on Wheels recipients – EICAP. (Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership); local governments.
- Disabled/ Physically Challenged-
- Social Service users – TRPTA; Social Security Offices.
- Recreation Facility Owners (Bear World, others?) – Chambers; YTT.
- State Parks/ Federal Lands – IDPR; USFS; BLM partners.
- Chambers – google websites.
- School Boards and PTOs
- Minorities – respected community leader; Extension office; St. Anthony Catholic Church Priest; Latino Resource Center in Jackson.
- LDS members-
- Real Estate Offices/ Developers – Title Companies; P and Zs. County Permit Technicians.
- All – Grocery Receipt Ads; City/County websites; city/county bills and newsletters.
- Mountain Bikers - Freedom Riders group thru website of [www.tetonfreedomriders.org](http://www.tetonfreedomriders.org)

- Sand Dune users- Fremont County Parks Department and BLM.
- Pathway groups – newspaper articles; county/city offices and newsletters.
- YNP/ GTNP officials – YNP/ GTNP offices.