



# Public Information Session & Open House

Public Meeting #2  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Teton Science Schools - Jackson  
North Education Building  
700 Coyote Canyon Road  
Jackson, Wyoming 83001

## Meeting Agenda

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Open House
5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Presentation and Q & A
6:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Open House

Thank you for attending our public information session and open house. We appreciate your involvement and interest in the study!



## Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- » Provide an update on the status of the Tribal Trail Connector study
- » Review project needs and proposed alternatives
- » Gather input on the proposed alternatives

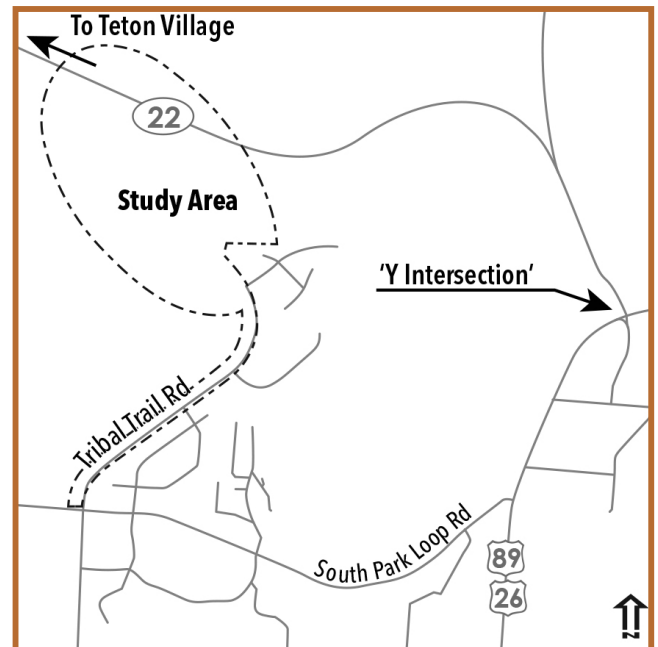
The meeting is being held as an open house with a presentation at 5:30 p.m. The presentation, maps and exhibits displayed at the public meeting will be available on [www.tribaltrailconnector.com](http://www.tribaltrailconnector.com) after the meeting.

## Project Information

The Tribal Trail Connector has been in Teton County planning documents for 37 years. It was first included in the 1982 Rural and Urban Design Assistance Team Study and most recently in the 2015 Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP).

The 2015 ITP identified the Tribal Trail Connector as one of the missing links in the County's roadway network. Adding these missing links to our roadway network will provide better travel redundancy, improve emergency response, and enhance multi-modal connections.

Tribal Trail Connector is being studied because it would provide a much needed secondary access route between the South Park neighborhoods and areas accessed by Wyoming Highway (WYO) 22, including Wilson, Teton Village, other West Bank neighborhoods, and eastern Idaho.



# TRIBAL TRAIL CONNECTOR STUDY

To guide the study process, Teton County Commissioners drafted a Project Charter in 2018 that called for the formation of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The charter also provided a draft purpose, needs and objectives for the project. A public meeting was held in May of 2019 to introduce the study and solicit feedback

## Project Purpose & Needs

Community needs that would be addressed by this project include:

Provide Travel Redundancy

Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Reduce Trips through the Y Intersection

Improve Emergency Response

Provide Multi-Modal Connections

## Alternatives

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee has met seven times, with recent meetings devoted to providing feedback on alternatives evaluation. Since the project started in 2018, 32 alternatives have been generated, 20 have been eliminated because they do not meet the purpose, needs and objectives of the project.

**Why now?** Incidents within the County and nationwide have highlighted the importance of having more than one way in and out of an area, or travel redundancy. The Tribal Trail Connector would provide a key connection between South Park and town neighborhoods on the east, and Teton Village, Wilson and other West Bank neighborhoods to the west. Today, the only practical route for these trips is through the “Y” intersection. A new connection would aid in emergency service response time and reliability. According to the Teton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the South Park area is considered at risk for wildland fires, landslides, and avalanche. A 2019 survey of 11 states, conducted by the Arizona Republic and USA Today, ranked Jackson 1347 of 1350 for evacuation, with only three communities ranking worse.

## Next Steps

The next step is to identify a Preferred Alternative. The project team, with stakeholder input and public comment, will prepare a recommendation and update the cost estimate for the Preferred Alternative and present that information to the Teton County Commissioners. The No Build Alternative will be fully evaluated in the EA. Your feedback is important in the decision making process.

## Environmental Process

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared as part of the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Alternatives will be evaluated along with a “No Build” alternative.

### INITIATE STUDY

- Collect data on existing conditions
- Document need for improvements
- Begin collecting environmental data
- Identify issues and concerns
- Develop preliminary purpose and need

### CONDUCT SCOPING

- Continue to collect environmental data
- Conduct outreach with public and agencies
- Continue identifying issues and concerns
- Refine Purpose and Need

### DEFINE AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES

- **WE ARE HERE**
- Continue to collect data on existing conditions
- Document need for improvements
- Continue collecting environmental data
- Continue identifying issues and concerns

### PREPARE EA

- Document alternatives considered
- Evaluate impacts of alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative
- Identify mitigation measures

### CIRCULATE EA FOR REVIEW

- Provide EA to public and agencies (30-day review)
- Receive comments

### PREPARE FINAL DECISION DOCUMENT

- Address public and agency comments
- Select alternative for implementation
- Commit to mitigation for impacts
- Document decision

Scan the QR code with your phone or tablet!



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