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**Subject** Tribal Trail Connector Stakeholder Meeting #2

**Project Name** Tribal Trail Connector EA

**Location** Teton County Commission Chambers  
Jackson, WY

**Date/Time** 17 June 2019 – 4:30 pm

**Participants** Frank Lane, Project Stakeholder  
Dave Schuler, Project Stakeholder  
Dave Schofield, Project Stakeholder  
Carrie Geraci, Project Stakeholder  
Scott Pierson, Project Stakeholder  
Mike Halpin (filling in for Ralph Haberfeld), Project Stakeholder  
Alex Muromcew, Project Stakeholder  
Kristen Waters, Teton County Public Information  
Jazmine Watson, Teton County Public Works  
Heather Overholser, Teton County Public Works  
Amy Ramage, Teton County Public Works  
Bob Hammond, WYDOT  
Nick Hines, WYDOT  
Jim Clarke, Jacobs  
Kristine MacKinnon, Jacobs

**Copies to** Ralph Haberfeld/Stakeholder  
Keith Compton/WYDOT  
Ted Wells/WYDOT

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**Meeting Purpose**

Notes	Action
<p>1 Update from staff on Public Scoping workshop and public comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deadline for Public Scoping comments been extended to June 24 from June 10</li> <li>• Received 39 comments at the Public Scoping Meeting, 12 additional comments received after the meeting.</li> <li>• Everyone will have access to anything Tribal Trail-related, including all meeting minutes, presentations, etc., through the website</li> <li>• Kristen Waters, Teton County Public Outreach Specialist, will work to attend future TTC meetings</li> </ul>	
<p>2 Stakeholder de-brief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some concerns that you feel we should know about? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Lisa stated that, “the project got designed without stakeholder input and the design team was already picked without involving the Stakeholders in the selection process. Priorities should depend on the stakeholder’s viewpoint on purpose and need.” She feels the stakeholder team should be able to have input on the design and project purpose and need.</li> <li>ii. A design firm more focused on pathways design should be more involved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Heather asked Lisa to email a list of qualifications the Pathways team would like to see in their design team.</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. Stakeholders should bring their ideas to the table to be implemented in the design</li> <li>iv. Heather explained that this is a unique project because the county must team with WYDOT due to the WYO. 22 intersection. The county took advantage of existing contracting mechanisms that WYDOT has in place to hire a consultant. The county staff was involved in the consultant selection process. The consultant needed to be selected first so that they could be involved in planning the project times and tasks, as well as provide guidelines on how a project of this nature should proceed, including the NEPA process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What questions/concerns have you heard about WYDOT’s involvement and the project in general? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Stakeholders noted they’ve heard comments from the public that include: “That it’s a done deal”, “Why now? Why today?” and “When people think of WYDOT, they think of a 4-lane highway and big projects”.</li> <li>ii. Alex stated his concern that the conclusion has already been reached by the county and WYDOT and they just brought in the stakeholders to do the justifications and to check off the NEPA box. He thought there would be more data and traffic forecasting. He thinks the \$7M budget from 2016 will be exceeded.</li> <li>iii. A few comments heard at the public meeting were about the traffic data and if the new traffic model includes the redesigned Y-intersection design. Heather clarified that the traffic model includes the current “Y” configuration.</li> <li>iv. Dave Schofield stated that he liked the idea of WYDOT being involved because they have the most experience with something like this and are forward thinking, which we need. “They know how to do this, so why don’t we let them guide us and show us examples of things that will work?”</li> <li>v. Heather explained that WYDOT must be involved because of the connection to WYO 22. But WYDOT will not have direct input into the design of the road, just the connection to WYO 22.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>3 Draft FAQs were passed around. Along with the concerns expressed today, the stakeholders were asked if other FAQs should be included before adding to the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because some of the concerns from stakeholders were addressed in the FAQs, Heather used the FAQs to address some items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The project is not a ‘done deal’. The project was identified in the Comprehensive Plan and the ITP, and the county is moving forward with the planning process. But County staff will provide recommendations to the County Commissioners, based on input from the process, stakeholders, public, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. The charter process provides for several checkpoints on the project, where the commissioners either will approve or deny staff's recommendations.</li> <li>iii. Tribal Trails has been in county plans for over 35 years is most recently addressed in the ITP. This project could have been built as platted with no public input. But knowing how controversial this project is, the county wanted the public input and guidance from stakeholders to inform their recommendations to the Commissioners.</li> <li>• If we are still in the Scoping phase, why did the commissioners just approve \$750k for this project for the next fiscal year (FY)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The contract with WYDOT is \$1.6M. \$750k is what the county anticipated as the cost for this portion of the project planning for FY2020 (if the commissioners continue to approve staff recommendations). The work anticipated for FY2020 includes project scoping, public and stakeholder, outreach, environmental analysis, bid documents and construction plans. It's preferred by the county to budget the anticipated full amount and possibly not spend it all if the project doesn't go any further.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How is this project funded? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. WYDOT would pay for the WYO 22 intersection and the county would cover the cost of the connector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) There is no definitive line at this moment for where the connection would be taken over by WYDOT.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• How will the comments from the large maps at the public meeting be implemented? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Those maps will be scanned and available on the website.</li> <li>ii. The project team will take the comments into consideration when designing alternatives.</li> <li>iii. Someone noted a bald eagle's nest and that is something staff will evaluate through the environmental study.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will the Boyles Hill-Tribal Trail intersection have to meet federal requirements? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. It must meet county standards, which are less stringent than standards for an interstate or US Highway.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>4 Concerns about the downstream and upstream effects of this project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff is required to look at the downstream and upstream effects of this project.</li> <li>• Are there plans to change South Park Loop Rd? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. People don't agree with the current traffic study and how it will impact SP Loop and want to see more information on this.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>5 Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather asked for any additional Purpose and Need suggestions or revisions to be emailed to her by July 1<sup>st</sup> so these can be discussed during the next stakeholder meeting. The Purpose and Need must be finalized in order to start reviewing design alternatives. The original Purpose and Need came from the project charter, which was approved by the County Commission.</li> <li>• Study Team will continue to add content and functionality to the project website.</li> </ul>	
<p>6 Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder feedback is welcomed at any time. If stakeholders prefer to meet one on one, the Study Team encourages that direct communication.</li> </ul>	