

FFI Built Environment Work Group
Meeting with Jim Hallihan and Tim Lane
Wednesday April 1, 2009

Attendees: Jim Hallihan, Ex. Director for Iowa Sports Foundation, Tim Lane – Fitness consultant – Iowa Department of Public Health, Lindsay Erdman, Rick Edwards, Judy Isaacson

Discussion Points/Suggestions/Ideas:

- SRTS – Can use application for other funds
- Iowa Jobs Funding – Transit funds
- Making the case for investment in increasing active transportation to schools –
Example: It costs \$60,000 to man 1 school bus
 - Rural schools – how could we reduce transportation costs
 - Expense and congestion (and other) information
 - Park & Walk
 - Data re behavior with recess
 - Time students spent on bus
 - What happens when we decrease collection points
- Joint Use Agreements for School Facilities
 - Example – Schools using “swipe cards” for public access
- Making connections with “Great Places”
- Campaign 2010 – Transportation Bill – Rails to Trails Organization
 - Our lens needs to be more “Network for Destinations and Transportation” vs. Recreational view
- Tim Lane – fyi - is a reviewer for Great Places, Vision Iowa
- ICN hours – Tim has some available if we’d like to use some
- Contact – Jeff Gurst – Economic Development – State Complete Streets, Bicycle Coalition
- Stimulus money – watch for announcements, etc.
 - Contact Legislators - request a staff person to track this on a daily basis
- Iowa Natural Heritage – contact for easements, etc.
- Contact – for school related projects – Baxter school principal
- Mark Fenton – excellent resource for walkable, bikeable community planning
- Encouraged regular communication with Des Moines
- Federal Money
 - Shovel ready – ijobs website
 - Federal \$ available for public buildings – adjunct to schools for activity
 - County trails – link regionally?

Notes by Ann Mansfield