

## Joint Tama/Toledo Community Visioning Meeting December 8, 2021

**Attending:** Amy Doyle, Trudy Koch, Dorothy Zmolek, Jeff Shaw, Mark McFate, Denise Fletcher, Marty Wymore, Kendall Jordan, Kelly Scott, Joe Boll, Brian Sokol, Karen Mixdorf, Matt Beatty and Doug Ray

Marty suggested we chose as our first project, putting in sidewalk along Highway 63 from 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Tama to Casey's corner. This would be a joint project we could both get behind. That is also what both committees were thinking as well. This would include the intersection at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Highway 63.

He suggested a project that could cost about \$400,000 with Region 6 providing \$300,000 and the balance or 20% from the cities or raised locally. We would assume 100% of the engineering costs as well.

- The application is due the end of March and Marty agreed to write it for us.
- He suggested that Kelly Scott, the engineer from Snyder & Associates, provide a refined budget for the scope of the work in Phase I by the end of January. She believes that some of this work was done when the community was involved with the Safe Routes to School in 2009. She will locate the plan and send it to Kendall and the city clerks to distribute to the committee.
- Karen was willing to contact some of the property owners about acquisition of their property for sidewalks. A soft – feel them out conversation.
- One city would take the lead and need to have a resolution passed to proceed by the end of February saying that the 20% will be available.
- Before then the councils need to look at their ordinances concerning sidewalks and how the maintenance of them be enforced.
- The Visioning Committees would then present new ordinance language to the councils for their approval.
- Realistically construction wouldn't begin until the summer or fall of 2023.

Marty will have some information by April concerning the Federal Infrastructure Plan and how much may trickle down to local communities.

Some of us thought that in 2022 the Visioning Committee could start an educational campaign on how to walk safely in the streets. (wear a reflector vest, face traffic, light colored clothing, etc.) We want to have our main message be that our committee is concerned about everyone's safety as they travel on bike or foot in our community. Maybe we could apply for a grant from AARP to help pay for vests.

It is too early to put the plans out in front of the community.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Wieting. We have invited the Tama Visioning Committee to join us to keep the ideas flowing and the channels of communication open.

Plans are on Mark's new website [cv.tamatoledo.org](http://cv.tamatoledo.org). Check it out!