







Context – Why Look at Regional Planning?

- Greater Teton visitation is increasing
- The need for affordable housing is creating more regional traffic
- An opportunity for greater collaboration with the state transportation planning processes
- A large range of governments: NPS, USFS, two states, four counties, several growing cities, transit provider, etc.



Background

- Started with the Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP)
 Chapter 7
- Principle 7.3: "Coordinate Transportation Planning Regionally"
- RTPO designation would **not** bring additional resources –
 so what to do?

Chapter 7. Multimodal Transportation

Travel by walk, bike, carpool, or transit will be more convenient than travel by singleoccupancy vehicle.

What does this chapter address?

Principle 7.1 - Meet future transportation demand with walk, bike, carpool, transit, and micro-mobility infrastructure.

Principle 7.2 - Reduce greenhouse gasses from vehicles from 2012 levels

Principle 7.3 - Coordinate transportation planning regionally

Why is this chapter addressed?

A transportation system oriented toward single-occupancy automobiles is inconsistent with our Common Values of Ecosystem Stewardship, Growth Management, and Quality of Life. The community's transportation vision is to create a multimodal transportation system by enhancing the current automobile-oriented system to include a network of complete streets, transit, and pathways system accessible by residents and viistors of all ages and abilities. By pursuing this Vision, the community will ensure all users of the public right-of-way, including pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, trucks, and transit riders, can do so safely and efficiently.





Staff Developed Objectives to build collaboration



Project was to facilitate and explore the appetite for a greater regional transportation planning effort:



Identify, study, and provide recommendations for developing regional transportation plans in general accordance with state and federal regulations and policies;



Build regional partnerships with neighboring counties, WYDOT, relevant Federal agencies, and community stakeholders;



Develop a recommended outline of a JPA;



Identify the structure for partnerships with other entities, including their role in the decision-making process, and develop a recommended outline of necessary agreements with those entities;



Establish initial procedures to ensure general compliance with state and federal regulations and coordination across Town of Jackson and Teton County departments; and



Convene a Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) composed of organizations including but not limited to existing Joint Power Boards, resort districts and NGOs in task force discussions.







Project Approach

ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS AT THE START

- Key takeaways:
 - Hesitancy with another layer of government
 - Willing to participate but worried about time and potential funding "asks"

STRATEGIC AGENDAS AND KEY THEMES FOR TASK FORCE MEETINGS:

- Meeting #1: Identify the planning initiative and establish needs, opportunities, and draft priorities for the initiative
- Meeting #2:
 Desired functions of a regional transportation entity
- Meeting #3:
 Partnership Agreement Framework
- Meeting #4:
 Performance Measures and Framework
 Outline
- Meeting #5:
 Working agreement and looking ahead



Agencies Involved

FEDERAL LEVEL

- Bridger Teton National Forest
- Caribou-Targhee National
 Forest
- FHWA Central Federal Lands
- FHWA Idaho Division
- FHWA Western Federal
- FHWA Wyoming Division
- Grand Teton National Park
- Yellowstone National Park

STATE LEVEL

- Idaho Transportation
 Department, District 6
- WYDOT, District 3
- WYDOT, Planning

COUNTY LEVEL

- Lincoln County, WY
- Sublette County, WY
- Teton County, ID
- Teton County, WY

LOCAL LEVEL

- City of Driggs, ID
- City of Victor, ID
- Jackson Hole Airport
- Southern Teton Area Rapid
 Transit (START)
- Teton Village Association & Teton Village Association
 Improvement Service District
- Town of Alpine, WY
- Town of Jackson, WY
- Town of Pinedale, WY





FACILITATION PROCESS

Subject to change

ONE-ON-ONES

with members of the Regional Transportation Task Force

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE



MAY 5, 2023

MEETING

Purpose: Regional Transportation Goals

OUTCOMES:

- Reach a consent on the needs & opportunities
- Draft goals for a regional transportation entity

UPDATE

elected officials on the process



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

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JUNE 2, 2023

MEETIN

Purpose: Desired Functions of a Regional Transportation Entity

OUTCOMES:

- Decide what should stay local/regional
- Reach a consent on what the task force wants a regional transportation entity to do

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

JUNE 26, 2023

Purpose: Partnership Agreement Framework

OUTCOMES:

- Determine regional transportation needs
- A draft outline of JPA or partnership agreement

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



JUNE 26, 2023

MEETING

Purpose: Update and inform

INITIAL DRAFTAgreement outline



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE



SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

MEETING

Purpose: Performance Measures and Framework Outline

OUTCOMES:

- Draft performance measures
- Updated Geography and Goals
- Outline draft framework

REVISED DRAFT

Agreement & review by municipal and county attorneys



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

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OCTOBER 18, 2023

MEETING

Purpose: Long-Range Planning, Performance Measures, & Funding

OUTCOMES:

- Funding options
- Long-range plan & prioritization framework
- Revised agreement & an agreement to present to elected officials of each jurisdiction

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



NOVEMBER 2, 2023

MEETING

Purpose: Testing meeting formats

Working Agreement Framework







Ultimate Outcomes

- Formation of a non-formal, yet structured working group.
- Summary of Accomplishments:
 - Needs and opportunities
 - Draft regional needs in GIS
 - Support from FHWA to conduct a regional plan
 - Framework agreement









Meeting #2: Top Desired Functions of a regional entity

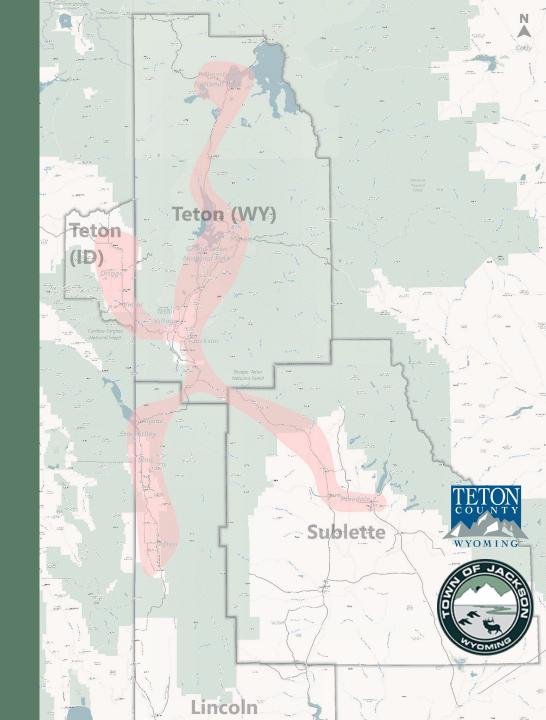
- 1. Regional needs/project list
- 2. Regional plan
- 3. Lead FLAP Coordination
- 4. Create and manage a Citizen's Advisory

 Committee
- 5. TDM Plan Development
- 6. Develop technical travel trends/data



Documented working agreement

- Four meetings in 2024 (one in-person, 3 virtual, 0 hybrid)
- No financial commitment requested in 2024
- Local governments identifying priority topic area(s) for local foci
- No signatures
- Citizen engagement evolving



Task Force Goals are documented in Working Agreement



Establishing regional transportation goals and priorities.



Creating efficient partnerships (people, expertise, data, and technical assistance) to support transportation planning and services.



Understanding the transportation funding landscape, leveraging existing resources, and strategically pursuing new sources.



Promoting sustainable access to natural, scenic, and recreation resources and supporting the local economy through regional transportation planning.

Greater Teton Regional Transportation Task Force WORKING AGREEMENT

October 18, 2023

1 Purpose:

The purpose of the Greater Teton Regional Transportation Task Force is to provide a formal, voluntary Cooperative structure for improved and sustained regional collaboration on transportation issues.

The Integrated Transportation Plan for Teton County recommended the formation of a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). To initiate that process, Teton County created a Task Force to explore the desire for such an organization along with its possible roles and functions. A series Force to explore the desire for such an organization along with its possible roles and functions. A set of Task Force meetings were held in 2023. The meetings were fruitful in that they determined that the desire to be a second of formality transportation planning because the lauel of formality. of lask Force meetings were held in 2023. The meetings were truttrul in that they determined that there is a desire to have a regional forum for transportation planning, however, the level of formality is currently uncertain due to a variety of factors such as the lack of a dedicated, supportive funding mechanism. There is consensus among the members that there is value in ongoing meetings. This framework is intended to provide agreed-upon guidance for the forum.

Members of the Task Force are from the Wyoming and Idaho Departments of Transportation, federal agencies (FHWA, USFS, NPS), and local governments. The intent is to focus on transpor opportunities for the region. Members are at the staff level. It is

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Suggested Tactical and Strategic Task Force Activities for 2024 and Beyond

Relationship between tactical (2024) activities and longer-term activities

During the meeting on October 18, 2023, we will discuss the appropriate entity/team to own an action item and assign a target deadline

TACTICAL TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES (staff or consultants in 2024)

Develop high-level synthesis of existing Local, State, and Federal plans

Validate GIS data of needs (June and September 2023 meetings)

Research funding options to fund planned elements (Charlotte Frei)

Identify
higher-priority
projects that
multiple jurisdictions
agree on

Appropriate parties coordinate on prioritized projects under separate MOUs or project charters as needed

(see section 5.2 of the Working Agreement)

STRATEGIC TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES

(2024 and beyond)

Continue meeting quarterly and tracking goals If/when a funding source becomes available, conduct a regional vision process resulting in a regional plan.





Objectives

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1	Identify, study, and provide recommendations for developing regional transportation plans in general accordance with state and federal regulations and policies;	√
2	Build regional partnerships with neighboring counties, WYDOT, relevant Federal agencies, and community stakeholders;	✓
3	Develop a recommended outline of a JPA;	×
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5	Establish initial procedures to ensure general compliance with state and federal regulations and coordination across Town of Jackson and Teton County departments; and	Became irrelevant at regional level
6	Convene a Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) composed of organizations including but not limited to existing Joint Power Boards, resort districts and NGOs in task force discussions.	✓

What's next?

- Continue to explore needs at local levels independently
- Coordinate and plan on issues of regional significance
 - April 2024 regional needs workshop + funding roundtable



Teachable Takeaways

- Diverse stakeholders, common goals go big and broad with participants (but not TOO big...)
- Forum to understand and prioritize transportation issues
- Agree on the needs then let the governance evolve
- Avoid competing with all the other task forces





