



Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 10, 2024

Presenter: Brian Schilling

Submitting Dept: Public Works - Pathways

Subject: Consideration of Naming the Wilson to Stilson Pathway in Recognition of Tim Young

Statement / Purpose: Consideration of designating the name of the pathway along the south side of Wyoming Highway 22 between Stilson Ranch and Wilson, Wyoming as “Tim’s Trail” in recognition of Tim Young.

Background / Description (Pros & Cons): The construction of the pathway along the south side of Highway 22 between Stilson Ranch and Wilson, Wyoming, commonly referred to as the “Wilson to Stilson Pathway” will soon be completed. A group of local citizens has submitted a request to name the pathway in recognition of Tim Young for his longtime leadership in developing the Jackson Hole Community Pathways system and for his outstanding contributions to the safety and quality of life for residents and visitors of Teton County. While Teton County does not have an official naming policy for pathways, it does have a naming policy for parks, which provides a suitable template for pathways as well. Relevant sections of the park naming policy are as follows:

Procedure:

1. A name for a specific park or facility may be submitted by any Teton County resident, Park and Recreation Board member, community groups, or elected officials.

Criteria and guidelines for consideration:

2. Parks or facilities may be named for an individual from the community who has made outstanding contributions or has provided exceptional service to Teton County / Jackson Parks and Recreation Department. These contributions could be toward the acquisition and/or development of the park or facility (typically not less than 50 percent of the value of the property or improvements), or years of exceptional service that significantly improved the leisure opportunities for the residents of Teton County.

As described in the supporting documentation attached to this staff report, Tim Young has made outstanding contributions in the form of many years of service and advocacy in support of pathways in Teton County. His efforts have significantly improved the recreational and active transportation opportunities for the residents of Teton County. The proposal to name the pathway in recognition of Mr. Young is consistent with the criteria outlined in the Parks naming policy.

Stakeholder Analysis & Involvement: The Pathways Task Force, which consists of community members chosen by the elected boards to represent community interests on pathway issues and serve an advisory role to the elected boards, has approved the proposed naming nomination – see attached.

Local stakeholders expressing support to name the pathway “Tim’s Trail” include Friends of Pathways, the Wilson Advocacy Group, and more than 175 community members who signed a petition in favor of the proposal.

Fiscal Impact: Teton County will design, purchase, and install signs at either end of the pathway identifying the trail name. The total cost is estimated at \$200.

Staff Impact: Pathways staff has spent approximately 8 hours on communications, staff reports, Task Force coordination, and general project coordination. An additional 3 hours of time is anticipated for the Pathways Coordinator. Legal staff has been involved in staff report and resolution review. Parks and Rec staff will need 1-2 hours to install signs.

Legal Review: Gingery

Staff Input / Recommendation: Based on Mr. Young’s record of service and leadership in envisioning and developing the Jackson Hole Community Pathways system and his contributions to the community that have



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significantly improved recreational and active transportation opportunities for Teton County residents and visitors, staff recommends approval.

Attachments:

1. Teton County Resolution
2. Letter of nomination from Gary Kofinas, Jim Verdone, and Bill Field
3. Letter of recommendation from Pathways Taskforce
4. Letters of support from Friends of Pathways and the Wilson Advocacy Group

Suggested Motion: I move to officially designate the pathway along the south side of Wyoming Highway 22 between Stilson Ranch and Wilson, Wyoming as "Tim's Trail" in recognition of Tim Young.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TETON COUNTY

RESOLUTION #_____

Resolution Designating the Pathway along Wyoming Highway 22 between Stilson Ranch and Wilson Wyoming as “Tim’s Trail” in recognition of Tim Young.

Whereas, Tim Young has been a resident of Teton County since 1975; and

Whereas, Tim has demonstrated exceptional skill as a world-class cycling adventurer and ambassador, and was one of three riders that cycled around the globe on the seven-year “Too Tyred Tour”; and

Whereas, in the early 1980’s, Tim developed a vision for a system of non-motorized pathways for safe bicycling and walking in the Town of Jackson and Teton County; and

Whereas, in the early 1990’s, Tim advocated for the creation of a citizen’s Pathways Taskforce to plan pathways for Teton County, served as its chairperson, and authored the award-winning 1992 Pathways in Jackson Hole Conceptual Plan; and

Whereas, Tim served as the first Teton County Pathways Director from 1992 to 2002 and oversaw the development of the first 20 miles of pathways in Teton County and the Town of Jackson; and

Whereas, in 1994, Tim was a founder of the local non-profit advocacy organization Friends of Pathways, served on its board, and later served as Executive Director from 2006-2011; and

Whereas, Tim founded the statewide bicycle, pedestrian, and trail advocacy organization Wyoming Pathways and served as its director from 2012-2022; and

Whereas, Tim has been a highly influential figure in bicycle-pedestrian advocacy at the national level, founding the Thunderhead Alliance, conducting extensive lobbying and fundraising efforts, and serving on the League of American Bicyclists board of directors; and

Whereas, Tim spearheaded the development of safe streets, pathways, and trails in Teton County and across Wyoming, and this infrastructure safeguards children and adults alike as they commute and recreate with minimal carbon footprints; and

Whereas, Tim was instrumental in the creation of a pathway system in Grand Teton National Park, lobbying the federal government and procuring funding to plan and construct the system that currently includes over 15 miles of pathways extending to Jenny Lake; and

Whereas, Tim has had a significant impact on Teton County, the state of Wyoming, and the Yellowstone Ecosystem in creating a human-powered transportation system that addresses issues of public health, community sustainability, and traffic congestion; and

Whereas, Tim’s vision for a pathway system in Teton County and his unyielding dedication to implementing the Jackson Hole Community Pathways system has produced immeasurable benefits in improving safety and the quality of life for the people of Teton County

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Teton County Board of County Commissioners that the pathway along the south side of Wyoming Highway 22 between Stilson Ranch and Wilson, Wyoming, shall be named “Tim’s Trail” in recognition of Tim Young for his contributions to the residents of Teton County and the Jackson Hole Community Pathways system.

Adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

**TETON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Luther Propst, Chairman
Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Maureen E. Murphy, County Clerk

To: Teton Wyoming Board of County Commissioners
From: Gary Kofinas, Jim Verdone, Bill Field of Wilson, Wyoming
Regarding: Naming Tim's Trail
Date: June 4, 2024

Dear Teton County Board of County Commissioners,

The three of us have known Tim Young since the mid-1970s and through the years have witnessed his unwavering commitment to human-powered travel and to creating an alternative transportation system in our community. It is fair to say that without Tim's vision and hard work, we wouldn't have today's world-class pathway system. More recently Tim founded and led "Wyoming Pathways", which has extended his efforts to other communities of Wyoming, and as a result, broadened his positive impact.

In late May we posted the petition below to solicit cyclists' support for honoring Tim Young by the naming of the new Stilson-to-Wilson Pathway "Tim's Trail". Without advertising and in a short period, the petition has generated 185 signatures, with 175 signers being residents of Teton County, WY.

Let us formally celebrate Tim's achievements! We encourage the TCBC to acknowledge Tim Young's leadership and contribution to Teton County, WY by approving the submitted resolution for renaming the new Stilson-to-Wilson pathway.

Sincerely,

Gary Kofinas, Jim Verdone, and Bill Field

We, the undersigned, strongly support the naming of the new Stilson-to-Wilson pathway "Tim's Trail", in recognition for Tim Young's tireless efforts and strong leadership launching and developing the Pathway System of Teton County and in other communities of Wyoming.

	Name	City	State
1	Gary Kofinas	Wilson	WY
2	Bill Field	Wilson	WY
3	Jeffrey Kloppenburg	Wilson	WY
4	Liz Storer	New York	NY
5	Kevin Burke	Jackson	WY
6	Ned Jannotta	Jackson	WY
7	Sean O'Malley	Jackson	WY
8	Christine Mychajliw	Wilson	WY
9	Jim Coleman	Jackson	WY

10	Michael Piker	Jackson	WY
11	Roger Smith	Jackson	WY
12	Richard Pampe	Jackson	WY
13	Nancy Carson	Wilson	WY
14	Angus Thuermer Jr	Jackson	WY
15	Andrew Huta	Jackson	WY
16	Curt Haws	Jackson	WY
17	Brian Prax	Jackson	WY
18	constance kemmerer	Jackson	WY
19	Robert Watsabaugh	Jackson	WY
20	Wendell Brown	Park City	UT
21	Ellen Fales	Wilson	WY
22	Jeannette Snow	Los Angeles	CA
23	Yosef McCarter	Wausau	WI
24	Brandie Mandigo	Muldrow	OK
25	Georgie Stanley	Jackson	WY
26	Rob Mahoney	Jackson	WY
27	Keith Benefiel	Jackson	WY
28	Lauren Rogerson	Copley	OH
29	Paul Levenson	Cambridge	MA
30	Jim Mitchell	Jackson	WY
31	Frank Lane	Jackson	WY
32	Amy McCarthy	Victor	ID
33	Michel Glouchevitch	Pacific Palisades	CA
34	Frank Brummer	Jackson	WY
35	Nancy Leon	Wilson	WY
36	Nancy Taylor	Wilson	WY
37	Martin Loeffler	Teton Village	WY
38	Kirk Speckhals	Jackson	WY
39	Jim Verdone	Wilson	WY
40	Charlie Thomson	Jackson	WY
41	Alana Preziosi	Swedesboro	NJ
42	David Landes	Paris	WY
43	John Walker	Wilson	WY
44	Russell Bingham	Phoenix	AZ
45	Bob Gordon	Jackson	WY
46	Charlie Thomas	Wilson	WY
47	Donna Suffoletto	North Kingstown	RI
48	Marylee White	Jackson	WY
49	Susie Temple	Wilson	WY
50	Bill Hogle	Moab	UT
51	Len Carlman	Wilson	WY
52	Otto Graves	Wilson	WY
53	Save Entertainment	Mount Prospect	IL

54	Crystal Wall	Indianapolis	IN
55	Steven Williams	Denver	CO
56	Karl Mullendore	Fort Rock	OR
57	Chris Leigh	Jackson	WY
		Steamboat	
58	Chantal Kane	Springs	CO
		Steamboat	
59	Joy Troxel	Springs	CO
60	Kris A Troxel	Angola	IN
61	Adam Kaluba	Burleson	TX
62	Camille Obering	Jackson	WY
63	Karla Lankford	Oak Creek	CO
64	roseann matsos	Taos	NM
65	Amanda Moyer	Jackson	WY
66	Marya Read	Erie	CO
67	Mary Nolan	Indianapolis	IN
68	mickey babcock	Jackson	WY
69	Leslie Lovejoy	Clark	CO
70	Emma Duffy	Allen	TX
71	Gerald Douville	Boise	ID
72	Pat Cleary	Midlothian	VA
73	David Saurman	Wilson	WY
74	Allison Cohane	Jackson	WY
75	Marc Hirschfield	Jackson	WY
76	Lea Fine	Wilson	WY
77	Jana Stearns	Wilson	WY
78	Bettie Pomeroy	Wilson	WY
79	Lynn Hitschler	Wayne	PA
80	Katherine Dowson	Wilson	WY
81	Sue Moody	Falmouth	ME
82	Carrie Geraci	Jackson	WY
83	Ellen Pokorny	Wilson	WY
84	Amy Bickley	Teton Village	WY
85	Keith sproule	Wilson	WY
86	Brian Schilling	Jackson	WY
87	Norman Duke	Jackson	WY
88	Reynolds Pomeroy	Jackson	WY
89	Anne Ferazzi	Austin	TX
90	Stephanie Sweet	Wilson	WY
91	Alexander Muromcew	Jackson	WY
92	Kathryn Smith	Wilson	WY
93	Nastassia Cruz	Wilson	WY
94	Joni Wilson	Bend	OR
95	Marilyn Santos	Methuen	MA

96	Charlie Otto	Albuquerque	NM
97	Brandon Spackman	Jackson	WY
98	Suzanne Kneeland	Jackson	WY
99	Tim Tasker	Wilson	WY
100	Laurie Brown	Wilson	WY
101	Rob Barber	Denver	CO
102	Walter Berling	Boise	ID
103	Julie Farkas Lowman	Asheville	NC
104	Michael Price	Hailey	ID
105	Ray Pawlikowski	Wilson	WY
106	carey ininns	Jackson	WY
		Steamboat	
107	Kathleen Crislip	Springs	CO
108	Craig Moffet	Modesto	IL
109	Rebecca Straw	St Petersburg,	FL
110	Mike Welch	Phoenix	AZ
111	Lisa Samford	Jackson	WY
		Steamboat	
112	Edward Crislip	Springs	CO
113	robin windsor	Severn	MD
114	Holly Pratt	Wilson	WY
115	Laurel A Wicks	Jackson	WY
116	Caroline Sheahan	Wilson	WY
117	Karen Skaggs	Jackson	WY
118	ROBERT ABLONDI	Wilson	WY
119	Wade McKoy	Jackson	WY
120	NO I-Ready	Dillsburg	PA
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128	Arlene Burns	Mosier	OR
129	Alex Walker	Wilson WY	WY
130	Melinda Lawford	Jackson	WY
131	Fredrick Stans	Ogden	UT
132	Jacob Medrano	Grand Prairie	TX
133	Pamela Gambuti	Valdosta	GA
134	Linda Merigliano	Driggs	ID
135	Steve Casino	Idaho Fall	ID
136	Lester Bruner	edina	MN
137	Alianna Ruiz	Stoughton	MA

138	Mary Jean Tompkins	Seattle	WA
139	Jennifer Rollins	Wichita	KS
140	Debra Wuersch	Wilson	WY
141	Susan Sweet	Honolulu	HI
142	Mike Merigliano	Driggs	ID
143	Mike Cottingham	Jackson	WY
144	Wes Gardner	Jackson	WY
145	Jennie Gambrell	Mesa	AZ
146	Karl Kuhn	Windsor	CA
147	Taylor Anne	Royal Oak	MI
148	Nancy Carson	Wilson	WY
149	Mary Neal	Wilson	WY
150	Darrell Johnson	Stuart	FL
151	Reija Beatty	Jackson	WY
152	Guadalupe Rodriguez	Milwaukee	WI
153	Omar Reid	Marlborough	MA
154	August L	Louisville	KY
155	Chuck Harris	Jackson	WY
156	Jeffrey Scully	Jackson	WY
157	Andrew Floyd		
158	Sarah Stowe	Oklahoma City	OK
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160	Anna Holloway	Reston	VA
161	Peter Pilafian	Wilson	WY
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163	GLORIA MURPHY	FREMONT	CA
164	Carolyn Stasik	Arvada	CO
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166	Meytras	Jackson	WY
167	Richard Jones	Boulder	UT
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169	Bill Anderson	NYC	NY
170	Forrest McCarthy	Salt Lake City	UT
171	Hannah DiGangi	Rockaway	NJ
172	Brot Coburn	Jackson	WY
173	Cora Harpur	Oceanside	NY
174	Sean Quick	Chugiak	AK
175	Kasey Nappier	Columbus	OH
176	Marsha Anderson	Denver	CO
177	Wendy Yeslisa	Canyon Country	CA
178	Anthony Magi	New Port Richey	FL
179	Will Roscoe	Salt Lake City	UT
180	Carolyn Murray	Park City	UT

181	Adam Weisman	Wilson	WY
182	Dan Durkin	Jackson	WY
183	David Snizen	Wilson	WY
184	Brien Charles	Jackson	WY
185	Ben Walker	Wilson	WY



JACKSON HOLE COMMUNITY PATHWAYS PATHWAYS TASK FORCE

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June 4, 2024

Teton County Board of County Commissioners
PO Box 3594
Jackson, WY 83001

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

A group of local citizens has submitted a request to the Pathways Taskforce to designate the official name of the pathway that runs alongside Wyoming Highway 22 between Stilson Ranch and downtown Wilson as “Tim’s Trail” in recognition of Tim Young. We support this idea and are writing to formally recommend that your board approves the request.

Tim Young has been a tireless advocate for the development of pathways in Teton County for nearly forty years. It was his original vision in the late 1980’s that initiated the pathways movement in Jackson Hole, and his lifelong dedication to the cause is one of the primary reasons the system has grown to include more than 75 miles of pathways, bike lanes, and safe streets that comprise one of the preeminent active transportation networks in the country. Mr. Young’s list of contributions to the safety and well-being of the residents and visitors of Teton County is unparalleled.

In our review of this request, we learned that there is not an official naming policy for pathways in Teton County, but the Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation Department does have a policy for naming parks, so we used that as our guide. The Parks and Recreation policy notes that “parks may be named for an individual from the community who has made outstanding contributions or has provided exceptional service to Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation Department,” including “years of exceptional service that significantly improved the leisure opportunities for the residents of Teton County.” When viewed through the perspective of the pathways program, the proposal to name this pathway after Tim in consideration of his contributions to the Teton County Pathways program aligns perfectly with the naming criteria in the Parks policy.

The Pathways Taskforce wholeheartedly endorses designating the Wilson-Stilson pathway as “Tim’s Trail” and we hope you will support the nomination as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Lovett".

Pathways Task Force
Chairman
Joe Lovett

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June 3, 2024

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Sent via email to commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov

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Dear Teton County Commissioners,

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the proposal to designate the new Wilson to Stilson Pathway as "Tim's Trail" in honor of Tim Young.

There is possibly no one in the entire country that has had a more profound impact in making their community a better place to bicycle and walk than Tim Young. You can draw a direct line from the vision of pathways that Tim had for Jackson Hole back in 1990 to the current Jackson Hole Community Pathways system that is in place today and is so vital to our community. Without Tim's vision and advocacy, the Pathways program simply would never have taken off, and Jackson would not be the biking and walking-friendly place that it is.

Tim served as the first Teton County Pathways Director starting in 1992 and was the key driving force behind the visioning of the pathways network and the development of the first 20 miles of pathways in Teton County. He was one of the founders of Friends of Pathways in 1994 and served as its Executive Director from 2006-2011. He helped FOP form key partnerships with the US Forest Service to build and maintain backcountry trail systems and fostered long-term relationships with the Wyoming Congressional delegation to lobby for federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects—these relationships have been crucial in securing tens of millions of dollars for trail and pathway projects locally and across Wyoming.

Where Tim truly shines is in his advocacy work and his ability to work behind the scenes to get difficult projects in the ground. Without Tim, there certainly would not be a pathway in Grand Teton National Park that allows thousands of visitors each year to safely enjoy the beauty of the Park outside of their cars. There would not be a pathway along Flat Creek in the Town of Jackson that connects homes to schools and places of work so that residents of all ages and abilities can walk and ride safely through the community. In fact, it's possible there might not be any pathways in Jackson Hole. His contribution to this community cannot be overstated.

It is with great pleasure that I support the proposal to recognize Tim by naming the Wilson to Stilson pathway Tim's Trail. Tim is truly worthy of being recognized for his lifetime of dedication and work to support walking and biking in Jackson Hole. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Katherine Dowson

Katherine Dowson
Executive Director

Wilson Advocacy

June 5, 2024

Teton County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 3594
Jackson, WY 83001
Via: commissioners@tetoncountywy.gov

Subject: Wilson Advocacy Support for Tim's Trail

Dear Teton County Board of County Commissioners,

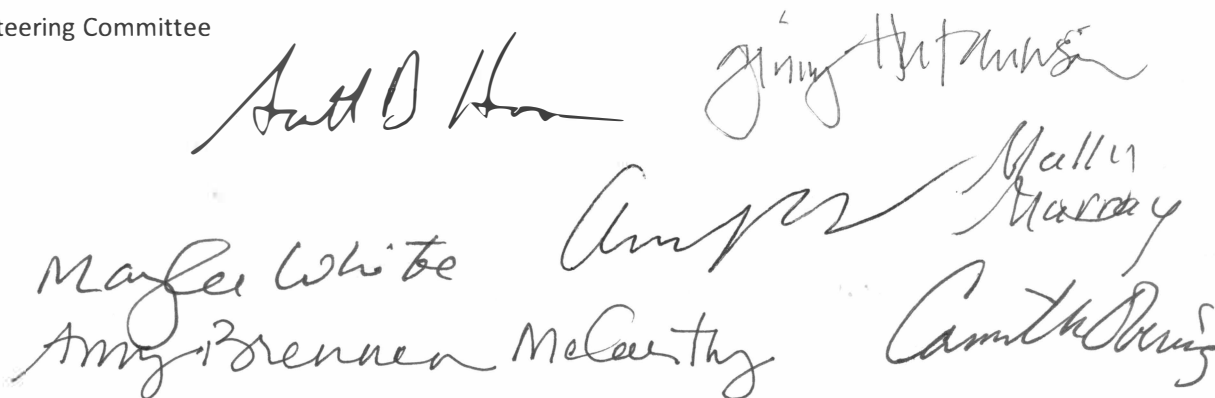
Wilson Advocacy wholeheartedly and enthusiastically supports the request put forward to you to name the new pathway from Wilson to Stilson, Tim's Trail. This gem of a pathway presented massive challenges and we can testify that it would not have been accomplished without Tim's expertise and determination. The rest of us are good cheerleaders, but Tim played a critical role in getting the job done.

This pathway links our neighborhoods to the rest of our community's beloved comprehensive pathway system also made possible in large part by Tim's leadership and passion. It is with great joy that we now ride and walk the pathway with our neighbors and friends and welcome visitors to our homes who didn't have to get in a car to come for a visit. This experience has been repeated over and over throughout our community and we are all grateful for Tim's work.

We know that Tim couldn't do it alone and also want to thank you, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners, and Jackson Hole Community Pathways for the continued vision and support of our greater pathway system and particularly the new pathway from Wilson to Stilson. Let's give credit where credit is due in this one special instance and recognize Tim's contribution by naming this short section of pathway, Tim's Trail.

Sincerely,

Wilson Advocacy Steering Committee
Ginny Hutchinson
Scott Horn
Molly Murray
Susie Temple
Marylee White
Bill Field



Handwritten signatures of the steering committee members: Scott Horn, Ginny Hutchinson, Marylee White, Amy Brenner, Molly Murray, and Camille Davis.

Wilson Advocacy: *Dedicated to maintaining a small-town, friendly atmosphere where people smile instead of frown.*