

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

10:00 a.m. – ECWRPC Offices, Menasha, WI

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Committee Members Present

Kurt Eggebrecht.....City of Appleton, Health Department
 Bill Lecker City of Appleton, Parks and Recreation Department
 Jim MichelsonCity of Oshkosh, Pedestrian & Bicycling Advisory Committee
 Tom FlickVillage of Little Chute, Parks and Recreation Department
 Mike Kading Town of Menasha, Parks and Recreation Department
 Tom Walsh..... Fox Cities Greenways
 Emily Dieringer Winnebago County Health Department, re:THINK
 Matt HaladaWisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region

Staff Members Present

Melissa Kraemer BadtkeECWRPC
 Mike PatzaECWRPC
 Dave KressECWRPC
 Tyler DeBruinECWRPC

1. Introductions, Statement of compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84 regarding Open Meetings

Ms. Kraemer Badtke began introductions and stated that the meeting was in compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84 regarding Open Meetings.

Mr. Eggebrecht mentioned that the “Weight of the Fox Valley” Kickoff Event will be held on Thursday, June 5th in Neenah and encouraged Committee members to attend. Mr. Lecker provided an update on several bicycle/pedestrian related projects in the City of Appleton – the bike lanes project on E. Fremont Street is moving forward; a multi-use trail will be installed in the Apple Hill Subdivision; and a “bike corral” was placed on E. College Avenue near Harmony Café. Mr. Flick explained that bike lanes will be installed on Riverside Drive in Little Chute, but bike route signs and sharrows will be used on E. Lincoln Avenue to accommodate on-street parking and special events at nearby parks.

2. Review and Action on the Summary of Proceedings from March 26, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Kading to approve the March 26, 2014 summary of proceedings. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network and Recommendations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke summarized recent mapping changes that were made. Most notably, bicycle facilities and pedestrian facilities were separated into two maps to provide more clarity on the existing, planned, and recommended facilities. Mr. Kress explained that with previous maps, it was difficult to tell whether a bicycle facility, pedestrian facility, or both were needed. Committee members reviewed map printouts for each municipality and provided potential revisions/additions.

4. Discussion on the Feedback from Committee Meetings

Ms. Kraemer Badtke provided a recap of recent local committee meetings, where ECWRPC staff presented information on the draft plan for feedback. A document summarizing input

received at each meeting was provided to the Steering Committee. Mr. Halada asked how the questions listed in the document were handled and suggested that the response/follow-up should be noted as well. Ms. Dieringer asked if there was a common thread among the feedback provided at each meeting. Mr. Kress stated that many of the groups were interested in details regarding implementation and funding. Mr. Patza explained that several committees questioned whether specific facility types were being recommended. Mr. Kading stated that the plan needs to emphasize that funding bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be incorporated in every project from the outset, rather than being considered a standalone or afterthought. Mr. Michelson pointed out that limited right-of-way is a challenge when attempting to add facilities to established areas of a community. Mr. Walsh suggested focusing the conversation on how best to utilize public space when discussing the tradeoffs inherent in street design projects. Mr. Flick proposed working with the Convention & Visitors Bureaus to advertise the plan and its recommended facilities, which could serve as a tourist draw.

5. Review and Discussion Regarding the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that staff is working on wrapping up other draft chapters of the plan. She will share this information with the Steering Committee as things move forward.

6. Discussion on Implementation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Ms. Kraemer Badtke led a discussion on potential plan implementation recommendations and recorded Committee input on a flip chart. Several ideas discussed include: modifying the MPO funding process to promote inclusion of bicycle/pedestrian facilities in all projects; having ECWRPC play a facilitation role in implementing plan recommendations; marketing bicycle/pedestrian projects through education and consistent messaging; engaging additional partners (YMCA, Goodwill, corporations, etc.); and identifying specific tasks and responsibilities for upcoming calendar years.

7. Discussion on Public Information Meetings

Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that dates for the public information meetings have not yet been determined, but June and/or July may be possible. Further details will be provided to Committee members as they are finalized.

8. Update on Ongoing/Upcoming Bicycle and Pedestrian Events and Programs

Ms. Kraemer Badtke mentioned that, in partnership with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, the "Bike to the Ballpark" Event will be held on Sunday, July 13th at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute.

9. Next Meeting Date

Ms. Kraemer Badtke will send Committee members a link to a Doodle schedule. This will be used to determine availability and select a date to meet in June or July.

10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ms. Dieringer and seconded by Mr. Walsh to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.