

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, March 26, 2014

Committee Members Present

Bill Lecker City of Appleton, Parks and Recreation Department
 Jim Michelson City of Oshkosh, Pedestrian & Bicycling Advisory Committee
 Benjamin Krumenauer City of Oshkosh, Community Development Department
 Tom Flick Village of Little Chute, Parks and Recreation Department
 Kevin Vonck Town of Grand Chute
 Mike Kading Town of Menasha, Parks and Recreation Department
 Sal LaPuma Valley Transit
 Gwen Sargeant Appleton Bicycle Shop/Fox Cities Cycling Association
 Matt Halada Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region

Staff Members Present

Melissa Kraemer Badtke ECWRPC
 Mike Patza ECWRPC
 Dave Kress ECWRPC

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.

2. Review and Action on the Summary of Proceedings from February 12, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Kading and seconded by Mr. Flick to approve the February 12, 2014 summary of proceedings. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Review and Discussion Regarding Draft Chapters of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Ms. Kraemer Badtke provided an explanation on several draft chapters of the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, which were sent to Committee members prior to the meeting. The Committee reviewed and discussed the following draft chapters – Chapter 1: Plan Overview; Chapter 3: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Types; Chapter 4: Plan Development Process; and Chapter 5: Plan Vision, Goals, Strategies, and Actions. Mr. Michelson questioned whether the comparison between jobs created for bicycle/pedestrian projects and jobs created for highway projects (in Chapter 1) was an “apples-to-apples” evaluation. Mr. Kading mentioned that in some recent Town of Menasha projects, bicycle/pedestrian facilities accounted for approximately 10-12% of the total cost. Mr. Vonck pointed out that it is important to emphasize the value added that accompanies project costs. Mr. Lecker suggested adding “visitors” to the Regional Vision found in Chapter 5. Mr. Vonck recommended including some information on demographic and market shifts (older generation and mobility needs, younger generation and real estate preferences, etc.). Mr. Flick pointed out that other funding opportunities, such as the federal Recreational Trails Act and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, could be included in Chapter 7. Mr. Kading also suggested adding the Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau and Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to Chapter 7. Mr. Vonck stated that the plan should emphasize the importance of

integrating bicycle/pedestrian projects in local Capital Improvement Programs, as they are reliable and present less administrative challenges. Mr. Krumenauer mentioned that a common issue with implementation is the cost to taxpayers, such as costs assessed back to property-owners. Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that additional draft chapters are forthcoming, and she encouraged Committee members to send her additional feedback as things move forward.

4. Discussion on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network and Recommendations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke presented an updated bicycle/pedestrian crash data map and explained the changes from earlier versions. Mr. Michelson stated that it would be helpful to see the locations where fatalities have occurred. Mr. Halada suggested revising the map to display crash density, which would help distinguish between isolated and recurring crashes. Mr. Patza discussed data capabilities and limitations, and he explained that further analysis will be done.

5. Discussion on Performance Measures for Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Recommendations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke provided an example 4-page document as a handout. She explained that this template will be used in upcoming presentations to municipal boards/committees and tailored slightly for each community. The Committee reviewed and discussed this document, especially the second and third pages which cover current conditions data and performance measures. Mr. Kading mentioned that Fox Valley Bike Challenge data could potentially be used to demonstrate a change in miles ridden over time. Mr. Lecker explained that information on local facility usage would be beneficial. Mr. Vonck suggested calculating the percentage of streets with bicycle/pedestrian facilities and the percentage of the population within a 1/2 mile of a facility. Mr. Lecker recommended creating a visual of existing statistics and desired future statistics, which could assist with benchmarking. Mr. Flick stated that, if included, more detail should be provided on the county health rankings (is a low number good or bad, etc.).

6. Review and Discussion Regarding Upcoming Local Committee Meeting Schedule and Presentations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that staff members are in the process of refining the bicycle and pedestrian network map, which will be presented at upcoming municipal board/committee meetings. Mr. Kress pointed out that the purpose of these presentations is to give municipal elected/appointed officials and staff a chance to provide feedback on the draft plan and network map prior to the public meetings. Mr. Halada asked that Steering Committee members receive a copy of the municipal meeting schedule, once it is determined. He also suggested crafting an explanation memo and providing all materials to municipal boards/committees at least one week in advance.

7. Discussion on Public Information Meetings

Ms. Kraemer Badtke mentioned that the public information meetings will be impacted by the outcome of municipal board/committee meetings, so the timing remains to be determined.

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

Ms. Kraemer Badtke provided an overview on several upcoming events and encouraged Committee members to attend. These include "Teaching Safe Bicycling" (April 17th in Green

Bay), "Designing for Pedestrian Safety" (May 5-6th in Madison or May 7-8th in Wausau), and "Trails for Tomorrow" (May 15th in Neenah).

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 late May or June.

10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Halada and seconded by Mr. Kading to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.