

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

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

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

1:30 p.m. – ECWRPC Offices, Menasha, WI

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Committee Members Present

Bill Lecker ..... City of Appleton, Parks and Recreation Department  
Chris Strong ..... City of Oshkosh/GO Transit  
Kevin Vonck..... Town of Grand Chute  
Mike Kading..... Town of Menasha, Parks and Recreation Department  
Rob Gusky ..... Fox Cities Cycling Association  
Gwen Sargeant ..... Appleton Bicycle Shop/Fox Cities Cycling Association  
Emily Dieringer ..... Winnebago County Health Department, re:TH!NK  
Matt Halada..... Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region

Staff Members Present

Melissa Kraemer Badtke .....ECWRPC  
Trish Nau .....ECWRPC  
Mike Patza.....ECWRPC  
Dave Kress .....ECWRPC  
Tyler DeBruin .....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 October 29, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Kading and seconded by Mr. Lecker to approve the October 29, 2013 summary of proceedings. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Sheets

Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that staff will begin creating the bicycle and pedestrian facility sheets soon and share them with the Committee at an upcoming meeting.

4. Update and Discussion on Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Audit Form and Results

Mr. Patza summarized the process for the bicycle/pedestrian safety audits, which were conducted in August and September 2013. Mr. Patza and Mr. Kress described an example audit results sheet, which was used as a template for documenting the findings at each location. Mr. Patza pointed out that the results from all 18 audits were now complete and encouraged Committee members to take along copies for their location(s) of interest. If needed, individual audit results sheets can be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Discussion on Infrastructure Recommendations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke summarized an exercise completed at the last meeting, where Committee members were asked to identify gaps in the network and high-priority corridors

by sketching over a map of existing facilities and those already included in local plans. ECWRPC staff mapped the results of the initial exercise and brought them back to the Committee. To help review and revise these maps, the Committee was asked to split into two groups to take part in a follow-up exercise. After a brief explanation on the process, each group worked to identify remaining gaps, remove or redraw connections to align with right-of-ways, and distinguish between the "backbone network" and local connections. ECWRPC staff will compile the follow-up exercise results and share them with the Committee at a future meeting. Eventually, this information will help shape the infrastructure recommendations and regional bicycle/pedestrian network to be included in the plan.

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

Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that there is a group meeting during the winter to coordinate the 2014 Fox Valley Bike Challenge, which is a program that promotes bicycling throughout the area. She also mentioned that the Fox Cities Greenways Annual Meeting will be held on January 30, 2014 at Pullman's in Appleton. Mr. Gusky stated that he was considering submitting a presentation proposal on the Fox Valley Bike Challenge for the upcoming National Bike Summit. Mr. Lecker shared an idea for future events – to hold "open streets" celebrations after street (re)construction is finished, but before motor vehicles are allowed access.

7. 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 January or February.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ms. Dieringer and seconded by Mr. Kading to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.