

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

Committee Members Present

Kurt Eggebrecht..... City of Appleton, Health Department
 Benjamin Krumenauer.....City of Oshkosh, Community Development Department
 Tom FlickVillage of Little Chute, Parks and Recreation Department
 Kevin Vonck..... Town of Grand Chute
 Mike Kading..... Town of Menasha, Parks and Recreation Department
 Rob Gusky..... Fox Cities Cycling Association
 Emily Dieringer Winnebago County Health Department, re:TH!NK
 Matt Halada..... Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region
 Derek Weyer Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region

Staff Members Present

Melissa Kraemer BadtkeECWRPC
 Mike Patza.....ECWRPC
 Dave KressECWRPC

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 December 3, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Kading and seconded by Mr. Halada to approve the December 3, 2013 summary of proceedings. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Review and Discussion Regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Sheets

Mr. Patza provided an overview on the draft bicycle and pedestrian facility sheets, which were distributed as a handout. Each sheet includes a description and lists typical benefits, considerations, and applications for various bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. Mr. Kress reminded the Committee that the facility sheets will be incorporated in the final plan to be used as a resource for infrastructure recommendations. Mr. Krumenauer mentioned that the rapid flash beacons at the intersection of Jackson Street and W. Murdock Avenue (Oshkosh) could be used as a local example for Facility Sheet 9.1 – Pedestrian Signals. Mr. Halada pointed out that two of the example photos on Facility Sheet 12.1 – Curb Ramps should be replaced, since one is missing the truncated domes and the other enters the street at a 45-degree angle. Mr. Gusky suggested replacing the photo of the “wheel bender” bike rack shown on Facility Sheet 11.1 – Bicycle Parking.

4. Discussion on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network and Recommendations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke described and displayed two maps. The first was an updated version of the “backbone network” map, which was developed and refined by the Steering Committee at previous meetings. It identifies high-priority corridors and other significant connections

throughout the region. The second map includes existing facilities, planned facilities (in an adopted document), and facilities recommended by the Steering Committee. After some review and discussion, the group proposed several additions/revisions to the maps. Mr. Vonck suggested that population density be used to prioritize different segments of the overall network.

5. Discussion on Non-Infrastructure Recommendations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke asked the Committee to take part in an exercise focused on developing and prioritizing non-infrastructure recommendations. After a brief explanation on the process, Committee members visited each of the five stations – engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation – to individually write in and identify their high-priority recommendations. ECWRPC staff will compile the exercise results and share them with the Committee at a future meeting.

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

Ms. Kraemer Badtke made mention of several upcoming training opportunities, including “Teaching Safe Bicycling” and “Designing for Pedestrian Safety.” She also pointed out that Bike to School Day will be held on May 7th and Bike to Work Week will be held May 12-16th. Mr. Gusky mentioned that the 2014 Fox Valley Bike Challenge will run from May 1st to September 30th. Mr. Eggebrecht provided the group with a brief update on the Weight of the Fox Valley initiative.

7. Discussion on Community Workshop

Ms. Kraemer Badtke described a potential timeline for soliciting feedback on the draft *Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan*. As proposed, input would be provided through sharing draft chapters with the Steering Committee electronically, coordinating a “community workshop” for elected officials and staff from each municipality, and hosting several public information meetings. She explained that this approach could allow for approval of the plan at ECWRPC’s Quarterly Commission meeting in July 2014. Mr. Halada suggested including a cushion in the timeline and perhaps targeting an October approval, in case there is a delay during the review process. Mr. Eggebrecht and Mr. Flick stated that presenting the draft plan to municipal boards and committees may be more effective than hoping folks attend a “community workshop.” Mr. Krumenauer pointed out that the appropriate group to present to may vary in each community. ECWRPC staff will create a list/calendar of the likely draft plan presentations.

8. 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 March.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Kading and seconded by Mr. Halada to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.