

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

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Committee Members Present

Chris Strong City of Oshkosh/GO Transit
 Jim MichelsonCity of Oshkosh, Parks Board and Bike/Pedestrian Committee
 Sal LaPumaValley Transit
 Kevin Vonck..... Town of Grand Chute
 Tom Flick Village of Little Chute
 Gwen SargeantAppleton Bicycle Shop/Fox Cities Cycling Association
 Bill Lecker..... City of Appleton, Parks and Recreation Department
 Mike Kading..... Town of Menasha, Parks and Recreation Department
 Emily Dieringer Winnebago County Health Department, re:TH!NK
 Derek Weyer Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Northeast Region

Staff Members Present

Melissa Kraemer BadtkeECWRPC
 Eric Fowle.....ECWRPC
 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 July 17, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Kading and seconded by Mr. Lecker to approve the July 17, 2013 summary of proceedings. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding definition of On-Street Bicycle Facilities

Ms. Kraemer Badtke described several different types of on-street bicycle facilities, including bike lanes, wide paved shoulders, and sharrows. She explained that defining these in the plan may help determine where each is appropriate. Mr. Flick mentioned that this may be particularly useful for roadways that transition from an urban to suburban/rural cross section, such as those that cross USH 41 near Little Chute. Mr. Vonck felt that the goal is to get pavement space allotted for cyclists. In some cases, paved shoulders may be the starting point, and bike lanes could be added when possible. He also suggested including criteria for use, such as traffic counts and travel speed, in the facility definitions section. Mr. Kading and Mr. Lecker recommended establishing certain standards that must be met in order for existing facilities to be mapped, as this would help promote consistency across the region. Mr. Kress explained that the regional plan will complement existing facilities and those already included in local plans, and where gaps still exist, propose additional accommodations. Ms. Dieringer stated that the role of the plan is to connect the dots and enhance the overall network in the region.

4. Update on the bicycle and pedestrian mapping

Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that mapping for the plan continues to be updated and developed.

5. Update on the bicycle and pedestrian safety audit form and results

Mr. Patza and Mr. Kress described an example bicycle and pedestrian safety audit results sheet, which was provided as a handout. The same template will be used to summarize the results of each audit conducted during late summer / early fall. Mr. Kading stated that these will be helpful resources and suggested keeping the information up-to-date moving forward. Ms. Dieringer and Mr. Lecker thought that college students and/or municipal staff could assist with future updates. Mr. Fowle recommended incorporating crash data in each map. Mr. Strong discussed ways to utilize the audit results, such as presenting the sheets to local staff and elected/appointed officials. Mr. Michelson and Mr. Vonck emphasized the importance of promoting proposed improvements to county representatives, since they have jurisdiction over some major roadways.

6. Prioritization of Policy/Program Based Recommendations (Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation Recommendations)

Ms. Kraemer Badtke asked the Committee to push this item to the next meeting, so they could focus on infrastructure recommendations at this one. The group found this approach reasonable.

7. Discussion on infrastructure recommendations (Engineering Recommendations)

Ms. Kraemer Badtke asked the Committee to split into two groups to take part in an exercise focused developing infrastructure recommendations and the regional bicycle/pedestrian network. After a brief explanation on the process, each group identified 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 will compile the exercise results and share them with the Committee at a future meeting.

8. Update on ongoing/upcoming bicycle and pedestrian events and programs to highlight planning efforts

Ms. Kraemer Badtke mentioned that pre-scoping applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) will be made available through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation within the next few days.

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 December or January.

10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. LaPuma to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.