

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 6 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Room A102

AGENDA

I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- A. Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Stephanie Halford
- B. League of Cities Bicycle Friendly Community application review & group exercise (see attached and bring your input) – Kim Greendahl

II. Greenway Items

- A. Request to extend snowmobile route south of DeMers Avenue in GF: Update
- B. Annual report

III. Other

- A. ND Parks and Recreation 12 Months – 12 Hikes Challenge

Next Meeting date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: 10 AM Tuesday, January 17, 2023, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Supporting documents: Draft Narratives for Bicycle Friendly Community application

The goal is to provide a well-connected shared-use path system that provides a reasonably uniform surface for walking, biking, and ADA accessibility throughout the year.

2023 Bicycle Friendly Community application narrative questions

G2. Briefly describe the most positive outcome of your community's support for bicycling.

G3. How is the local government specifically educating the community about how the benefits of biking align with the broader goals of the community? Word count: 0 / 250

G4. What are your community's greatest achievements in the last 12 months in the work to become more bicycle-friendly? Word count: 0 / 250

Printed brochure outlining city ordinances and education will be distributed. Electronic billboards and digital advertising about etiquette. All materials will lead to the [bikingtheforks](#) website for additional information.

The success of the bike share program has demonstrated the desire for alternative transportation/identified gaps/
Escooters have been added.

G5: What could be done differently in order to make bicycling safer, more enjoyable and/or more convenient in your community? Word count: 0 / 500

Education continues to play a key role in creating a safe and enjoyable biking experience for everyone. The growth of alternate transportation (ebikes, electric scooters, motorized bicycles, etc.) has emphasized the need to education the larger population about etiquette and safety. Rider education is well established in all the elementary schools but reaching adult riders has proven to be more challenging.

This gap in information is a common problem with riders, drivers, policy makers, and staff. Every year numerous complaints are logged concerning cyclists that do not practice good etiquette when passing, ignoring speed limits, and other infractions that hinder the shared-use path experience for others. The on-road experience is impacted by drivers who don't understand, or agree, with local ordinances for sharing the road. Policy makers and staff are slowly coming to realize the value of providing shared-use paths as a valuable form of transportation instead of a recreational "perk."

Understanding and compliance of local ordinances is important for both riders and drivers. Printed brochure outlining city ordinances and education will be distributed. Electronic billboards and digital advertising about etiquette. All materials will lead to the [bikingtheforks](#) website for additional information.

Connections between underserved areas and work, shop, and play destinations could be improved.

The need for a wayfinding sign system has emerged as a priority as the shared-use path system grows and the community continues to attract new residents and tourists.

G6. What are the greatest challenges or barriers your community faces in taking action toward the efforts described in your response to G5?

Putting the information where people will find it is the biggest challenge for providing education to adult riders and drivers.

New housing that does not want sidewalks.

Time. Money. Focus.

Ordinances?

G7. What specific bicycle-related improvements are planned in the next 12 months that directly affect your community?

How many miles have been added in past five years? What's expected in the next year and beyond?

G8. Optional: What other communities do you look to as peers or comparable role models for your community?

Fargo, Winnipeg,

Others?

Why?