

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 6 PM

GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street

Meeting Notes

Richard O'Connor
Nelson Rosit
Duane Letexier

Alex
Kim Greendahl, City of GF
Carter Hunter, GF Engineering Dept

I. Bikeway items

- A. 2025 Transportation Alternative application for proposed shared-use path at South Washington Street from the South End Drainway to 46th Ave S:** The City of GF is applying for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program for a proposed shared use for the abovementioned area. The path would be located on the east side of South Washington Street. The TA Program is a financial split of 80% federal dollars and 20% local match. The federal dollars do not pay for engineering costs. The path would be 10' wide, and the project's total cost is estimated at \$690,000. The path will provide the surrounding neighborhoods with a good connection to nearby schools, retail, and fitness options. The group agreed to send a letter of support for the project.

II. Greenway Items

- A. Snowmobile route extension request status:** A working group has been formed and has met once. Rainy weather last week kept them from touring the Greenway to find a potential route, but the plan is to get out sometime this week and look at options. The working group will propose a potential route for the GF City Council to consider. A date has not been determined for presenting that proposal forward. GF City Code states that the Council has the final approval for any route within city limits.

III. Citizen Comments and Other

- A. MPO update:** Tyler started with the MPO a few weeks ago. He was previously with the GF County Public Health during the pandemic. He's been attending conferences and getting acclimated to the MPO roster of projects and hopes to dig in soon. Some projects he will be working on are Safe Streets for All, the Grand Valley Project, and improving public comment and outreach efforts. The bridge study project is taking comments until Friday, October 13.
- B. Interpretive panels in Greenway:** The panels throughout the Greenway will be updated over the next several years. The original panels are over 20 years old and have faded. New panels would focus more on telling an engaging story and interacting with the surrounding area.
- C. Request for areas to meditate:** Alex is interested in providing faith and spiritual meditation areas along the riverbank. These would be spaces where people of different

faiths could mediate closer to the river. Potential sites could have stone paths like the labyrinth located in downtown GF. This project would clear out ten areas along the river and provide benches so groups could host classes. Kim provided her contact information to Alex to discuss the details of this idea.

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

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: 10 AM Tuesday, November 21, 2023, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Supporting documents: Map of proposed shared-use path at South Washington Street from the South End Drainway to 46th Ave S

