

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – 6:00PM

701 Coworking Space, 33 S 3rd Street, Conference room, Grand Forks, ND

Meeting Notes

Stephanie Halford, chairperson
Christian Danielson, GF Engineering
Kim Greendahl, Greenway

Earl Haugen, MPO
Art Young
Jane Croeker

I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- a. **Bike Map 2020:** The map is now available for distribution.
- b. **Downtown Transportation Study:** The MPO is hosting an open house on Thursday, March 12, to gather input on a multi-modal plan for downtown GGF. Engineering firm KLJ will be developing the final plan. The focus of the open house is to get feedback on downtown transportation issues downtown? Are there opportunities to make it better? Attendees can also learn about how the existing and future traffic conditions are analyzed. Information about the project can be found at www.DTForksmobility.com.

II. Greenway Items

- a. **Trail camera content analysis:** A camera was installed at the 7th Avenue North entrance in GF in response to complaints about snowmobiles in the area. There were only three snowmobiles detected during the week the camera was in place. Most of the activity recorded was people walking, jogging, and skiing. The area is used throughout the day and night. Traffic slows down on colder days, but people are still using the facility.
- b. **Deer count and survey:** The Greenway Technical Committee is working with Jason Boulanger, a UND professor, and his student, Gunnar Patz, to develop an online survey about the deer population. The purpose of the study is to establish baseline data on deer population and activity.

III. Other

- a. **Pet waste in the Greenway:** Is there something that can be done about people not bagging up their pet's waste and bringing it to a garbage can? The area near DeMers Avenue is terrible. There are waste bag dispensers and trash cans throughout the Greenway, but some people aren't inclined to use them or bring their own bag. Kim will continue with social media campaigns to remind people of their pet ownership duties.

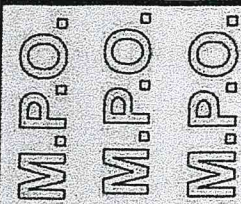
Next Meeting date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 6PM 701 Coworking Space, 33 S 3rd Street, Conference room, Grand Forks, ND **NOTE: WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway specialist

Attachments: MPO Staff report RE: Update on Downtown Transportation Study
Greenway camera report January 31 – February 7, 2020

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Update on Downtown Transportation Study

Matter of the Downtown Transportation Study.

Background:

DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Downtown Grand Forks and East Grand Forks traffic contains many different users vying for the same space. We need your thoughts on what you want your downtown transportation trip to be like: what are the issues you face when traveling downtown? What opportunities do you see to make it better? While giving us your thoughts, you will also have the opportunity to learn more about how the existing and future traffic conditions are analyzed.

WHEN?

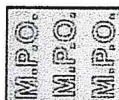
March 12, 2020
4:30 PM to 7 PM

WHERE?

Riverwalk Centre
211 DeMers Avenue
East Grand Forks, MN 56721

OPEN HOUSE CONDUCTED BY

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Representatives from the Grand Forks/ East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization (GF-EGF MPO) and KLJ will be on hand to answer your questions and discuss your concerns.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS or comments about this project must be mailed by March 31st, to Bethany Brandt; KLJ Public Engagement Coordinator; 728 East Beaton Drive; West Fargo, ND 58078 Email: Bethany.brandt-sargent@kljeng.com

Note "Downtown Transportation Study" in email subject heading.

More information on the study can be found at www.dtforksmobility.com.

Greenway Trail Camera Report

Camera location: wet side of the levee, at the entrance to 7th Avenue North.

Time frame: January 31 to February 7, 2020

Number of photos taken 553 (count after deleting the "blanks").

Most of the activity was walkers and runners, with a few cyclists sprinkled in. I lost track of dogs but feel comfortable saying that at least half of the photos has a dog in it. Probably 50/50 on leashes. Some dogs had leashes, but no one is holding the leash.

Motorized vehicles:

Three snowmobiles (1 single, then a group of 2) the weekend of February 1 & 2.

One ATV – ski grooming staff checking snow conditions.

One car

Various city maintenance and patrol vehicles. A patrol car goes through at least every other day.

Other observations:

The area is used throughout the day and night. Traffic slows down on colder days, but people are still using the facility.

One person was walking the trail at 1:47 AM in short sleeves and no jacket. Temps were close to zero. I've had no reports of bodies found in the area, so I am guessing that he made it to a safe place