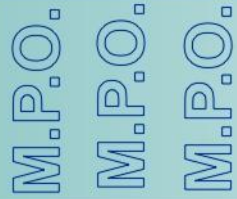


**Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM  
GF City Hall, 255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102**

## **Agenda**

- I. **Bikeway & pedestrian items**
  - A. **Project updates – David Kuhrenko**
  - B. **Input for candidate projects for Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding request – David Kuhrenko**
  - C. **MPO: Update on Bicycle & Pedestrian Activities: Minnesota Bicycle Plan (Update)– Jairo Viafara**
  
- II. **Greenway items**
  - A. **Vandalism concerns – Kim Greendahl**
  - B. **Greenway Takeover Festival**
  - C. **Freezeway project agenda – Nick Jenson**
  
- III. **Other**
  
- IV. **Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, October 10, 2017, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102**
  
- V. **Adjournment**
  
- VI. **Upcoming events and meetings**
  - **Greenway Technical Committee meeting:** 10:30AM on Tuesday, September 19 in the Blue Line Club meeting room of Icon Sports Center, 1060 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.
  - **Farmers Market:** Saturdays through end of September in GF Town Square.
  - **Get to Know Your Greenway:** Saturday, September 16 11AM – 2PM. Event starts at VFW Arena in EGF.
  - **Greenway Takeover Festival:** September 21 – 24 in downtown GF, near the boathouse.
  - **Wild Hog full and half marathons:** September 23
  - **High School Cross-country meet:** Saturday, October 30 in Lincoln Drive Park. Access to some park facilities may be limited.

Supporting documents: MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan –Update dated September 12, 2017



# Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

## MPO Staff Report

### Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Group, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Update on Bicycle & Pedestrian Activities

Update on Bicycle & Pedestrian Activities: Minnesota Bicycle Plan (Update)

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A number of activities with the potential of positively impacting bicycle and pedestrian activities in the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO Study Area are currently being advanced:

These activities include:

- a) MnDOT District 2 Bicycle Plan 2017-2018
- b) Update on Part II: Barriers, Impediments and Obstacles to Pedestrian and Bicycling Activities; and Part III: Existing Conditions Report of the Grand Forks- East Grand Forks Bicycle and Pedestrian Element
- c) Update of the North Dakota Active Transportation Plan

#### **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- a) MnDOT District 2 Bicycle Plan 2017-2018
- Request for Input & Comments:

As part of the Public Engagement Process, the leading Project Team has developed an online interactive map (or Wikimap) as a tool to solicit feedback from stakeholders on the data analysis and bicycle routing results. On the top of the Wikimap page there is a legend that explains the content on the map, as well as instructions on how to provide input. The primary purpose of the Wikimap is to review the bicycle routing results (shown in dark blue lines) from the GIS analysis, and provide suggestions for alternative routes that are better suited for bicycling than the routing results shown. Please provide input on the East Grand Forks- Grand Forks area:

Wikimap link: <http://wikimapping.net/wikimap/MNDOTDistrict.html>

Instructions to provide input on the Wikimap:

1. First, enter your email address when you first access the Wikimap.
2. Click on 'add route' in the top left of the page, then select 'Alternative Route'
3. Click on the beginning of the alternative route that you would like to suggest, and draw a line along the roadway or trail that you are suggesting. When you finish drawing the alternative route, select 'Done drawing' or double click on your last point.
4. After drawing your route, add a description about the route and explain WHY this route is a better alternative than the route shown from the analysis.
5. Remember, you can also provide comments on alternative routes that others have drawn on the Wikimap. To do that, click on the light blue lines, type your own comment in the text box, then click 'Add Comment'.

**Deadline to provide input on this Wikimap tool is Friday, September 29th**

- Public Participation

Public engagement and project input for the District Two Bicycle Plan will focus on receiving face-to-face input about regional and local bicycle connections from existing stakeholder groups. Online engagement and email outreach materials have been sent to bicycle transportation-related professionals (i.e. city administrators, bike shop owners, SHIP coordinators) seeking their input. Engagement activities will be scheduled for December/January and will focus on receiving final input for local connections. In addition, a webinar may be available for these professionals to learn about the kind of input requested and how to provide input on the Wikimap. The October engagement schedule includes a presentation on October 12, 2017 at the East Grand Forks Planning and Zoning Commission at 12:00 noon at the East Grand Forks City Council Chambers. You are invited to attend.

- b) Update on Part II: Barriers, Impediments and Obstacles to Pedestrian and Bicycling Activities; and Part III: Existing Conditions Report of the Grand Forks- East Grand Forks Bicycle and Pedestrian Element Update

A number of input comments from stakeholders were received concerning Part I: Proposed Goals and Objectives. MPO staff is grateful to all of those stakeholders providing feedback. MPO staff is currently engaged in assuring these comments –as much as possible- find their way into the finalized version.

MPO staff submitted -for review- by the members of the Advisory Committee a draft version of:

- Part II: Barriers, Impediments and Obstacles to Pedestrian and Bicycling Activities; and
- Part III: Existing Conditions Report.

An Advisory Committee Meeting is currently under preparation for September 22 or 23, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at Room A102 Grand Forks City Hall. You are invited to attend and to actively participate in the discussion.

- c) Update of the North Dakota Active Transportation Plan

Kimley Horn, Alta, and KLJ are working on the initial phases to the North Dakota Statewide Active Transportation Plan. One piece of this first phase is understanding what efforts have already been completed by MPOs and other agencies around the state. MPO has provided information on Part II: Barriers, Impediments and Obstacles to Pedestrian and Bicycling Activities; Part III: Existing Conditions Report, and Appendix (containing tables and existing conditions related data).

#### **SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

To request your electronic copy of

- Part II: Barriers, Impediments and Obstacles to Pedestrian and Bicycling Activities; and
- Part III: Existing Conditions Report

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