

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)
Wednesday, September 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102

MEETING NOTES

Wes Rogers
Jane Croeker
Richard O'Connor
Bethany Satrom

Jiara Viafara, MPO
David Kuharenko, GF Engineering
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

i. Bikeway items

A. MPO:

- ii. **Bike Map Mobile App:** The MPO has been working with the GF City GIS staff to offer an electronic app of the bikeway map. Please review online map and send comments to Jiara by September 19. The MPO will continue to offer a paper map for distribution.

- iii. **Request for assistance in ranking selected roadways:** The proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan has been distributed to stakeholders for comment. So far only the GF engineering department has commented on the plan. Suggestions from the engineering department were:
 - South 20th Street and South 17th Street - support a route only. These streets are too narrow for any on-road facilities.
 - Chestnut and Walnut - support a route only. These streets are too narrow for any on-road facilities.

Discussion:

- Could sharrows be added to Belmont Road for a north – south bikeway connection instead of a route on Chestnut or Walnut Streets? Belmont Road seems narrower than University Avenue, which would eliminate the sharrow option. That's why engineering chose Chestnut and Walnut Streets instead.
- Could Reeves Drive be an option? Yes, but that only covers from 4th Avenue South to 13th Avenue south and nothing further south. Crossing beacons at the Chestnut and Walnut intersections at 4th Avenue South made these streets more appealing for a bike route. Concerns of traffic on South 20th Street. Walnut dead ends on 17th. Chestnut goes all the way through to Terrace Drive but not to 47th Avenue South and beyond. The section of Belmont Road north of 13th Avenue South has a lot of heavy truck traffic.

Motion #1: Accept the engineering recommendations for designating South 20th and South 17th Streets as bicycle routes. M/S/A Jane/Wes

Motion #2: Table discussion on the Chestnut Street, Walnut Street, and Belmont Road options until the October meeting to allow riders to review the options. MSA Jane/Richard.

B. GF Engineering:

- ii. **Transportation Alternative Program (TAP):** The application cycle for consideration for TAP funds has begun. Suggestions for potential projects should be sent to David for consideration. Past funding cycles results:
- 17th Avenue South in front of Red River High School – awarded and in design stage
 - University Avenue from Technology Circle to North 55th Street – not awarded; likely reapply fall 2018
 - 47th Avenue South from South 20th Street to South Columbia Road - Constructed with 47th Ave S Reconstruction Project
 - South Columbia Road from South 40th Street to South 47th Street – not awarded; likely reapply fall 2018

David will be asking this group for a letter of support for the upcoming round of funding requests next month.

iv. **Greenway items**

- A. **Skate park update:** The contractor is finishing up the landscaping around the park. A grand opening is scheduled for Sunday, September 23.
- B. **Kennedy & Railroad Bridge updates:** The plan is to be done with the bridge work in the next few months, weather permitting. There will still be some site cleanup and turf restoration next spring but the bridge will be open for vehicle traffic. The group suggested leaving the temporary trail in place because it is at a higher elevation and might not collect water and ice like the lower trail.

v. **Other**

- A. **Freezeway:** Kim has not heard from the planner yet. Todd Feland plans to schedule a meeting with the planner to discuss the upcoming season.

vi. **Next meeting date: 7PM, Wednesday, October 10, 2018, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102**

Notes submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: 2018 Bikeway System Map Application
Road Prioritization Ranking Assistance Request
Road Prioritization Ranking Criteria
8/18/2018 Greenway Technical Committee meeting DRAFT agenda



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RECOMMENDED ACTION	Request for Assistance from Greenway Users Group/ Proposed Bicycle Facilities
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Matter of Request for Assistance from Greenway Users Group

BACKGROUND:

As part of the update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, criteria were developed to help in the ranking and prioritization of the segments proposed to close gaps, improve access and connectivity in the bicycle system. MPO staff is asking for your assistance in ranking and prioritizing the following segments according to the methodology suggested. The objective is to assist staff in the decision on whether to include or remove those facilities from further consideration as part of the proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Network.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

The following corridors are under consideration:

Belmont Road from 5 th Ave. S to 32 nd Ave. S	S 20 th Street from DeMers Ave. to 32 nd Ave. S
Chestnut St. from 1 st Ave. S to 32 nd Ave. S	S 17 th Street from DeMers Ave. to 32 nd Ave. S
Walnut St. from 1 st Ave. S to 17 th Ave. S	

This proposed methodology suggests that stakeholders do:

- a) Evaluate each one of the Corridors under consideration.
- b) Assign a score ranging from 5 (Strongly Support) to 1 (Strongly Disagree) to each of the corridors under consideration. The highest score any corridor could attain is 35 points. The lowest score any project could attain is 7 points.
- c) Determine the Total Score
- d) Proceed to determine the Priority Ranking corresponding to the selected corridor. Proposed scores range from 35-28 points (High Priority) to 14-7 (Low Priority) points.

Stakeholders are encouraged to choose **ONE** preferred corridor from either of the **TWO PAIRS** provided for further consideration as a “*proposed facility*”:

- Chestnut St. **OR** Walnut St S 17th St. **OR** S 20th St

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Ranking and Prioritization Criteria/Scoring Sheets

Table 8. SUGGESTED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA*

	CRITERION	MEASUREMENT	RELATED STANDARDS				
1	Closing Gaps	To what degree does the project fill a missing gap or overcome a barrier in the current system? Does it improve significant crossings?	3.1.2	3.3.2	4.2.1	4.3.1	4.3.3
2	Safety & Comfort	Can the project improve walking and bicycling conditions at locations with perceived or documented safety issues? Does the project make cycling and walking appealing to all users?	8.1.3	8.3.2			
3	Access & Mobility/Land Use	How many user generators does the project connect within a reasonable walking or cycling distance? Are adjacent land uses supportive of walking and bicycling? To what degree will the project generate users?	1.1.1	5.1.1	8.3.2	9.1.3	
4	Multimodal Connections	To what degree does the project integrate walking and cycling into the existing transit system? Does the project enable the use of multiple active transportation modes?	3.3.1	3.3.2	6.1.1	8.5.4	
5	Implementation	What is the ease of implementation? Is funding available? Is additional right-of-way required? Are negotiations required over parking availability, signage, etc.?	6.2.1	6.2.2			
6	Community Benefits	To what degree does the project offer potential benefits to the regional community by offering opportunities for increased connectivity to parks, natural scenic beauty, and activity centers?	4.1.1	4.2.1	7.1.4	1.1.1	3.1.1
7	Health Outcomes	To what extent does the project increase physical activity, regardless of travel purpose? To what extent does the project improve other determinants of health?	4.3.1	4.3.2	4.3.3		

*Adopted from: Clark County, WA Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2010). Alta Planning & Design

Ranking & Prioritization Criteria

		PROPOSED SCORING SCALE					PROJECT PRIORITY RANKING		
	CRITERION	Strongly Support	Agree with Project	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree with Project	Strongly Disagree	High Priority	Mid Priority	Low Priority
1	Closing Gaps	5	4	3	2	1	35-28	21-14	14-7
2	Safety & Comfort	5	4	3	2	1	35-28	21-14	14-7
3	Access & Mobility/Land Use	5	4	3	2	1	35-28	21-14	14-7
4	Multimodal Connections	5	4	3	2	1	35-28	21-14	14-7
5	Implementation	5	4	3	2	1	35-28	21-14	14-7
6	Community Benefits	5	4	3	2	1	35-28	21-14	14-7
7	Health Outcomes	5	4	3	2	1	35-28	21-14	14-7
	SCORE	35	28	21	14	7	35-28	21-14	14-7



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RECOMMENDED ACTION	Progress Report -- For Information Only
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Matter of the Release of the 2018 Bikeway System Map Application

BACKGROUND:

Every year the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks MPO updates, produces and distributes a new PRINTED version of the Bikeway Map. This year, the 2018 Bikeway Map version includes an ELECTRONIC Application. This tool was prepared by the City of Grand Forks Geographical Information System as the request of MPO's staff. The preparation of the Bikeway's Electronic Application is an effort to fulfill various objectives illustrated in the proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Element (currently under preparation). These include:

Goal 3: Accessibility & Mobility:

- Objective 1—Improve bike and pedestrian maps to facilitate user's access, connections, mobility and regular enjoyment of the system
- Objective 3 -- Increase access to the sidewalk network and bicycle system facilities for all users and assist them in ensuring mobility, well-being and quality of life without undue burden placed on any community.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

The printed version of the 2018 Bikeway Map was released in April, 2018. The Electronic Application is meant to be a simple tool for users to find features of the bikeway around Grand Forks. The map displays bike lanes, routes, multi-use paths, sharrows, unpaved trails, bike repair facilities, and other points of interest. There are several ways that users can find what is around them. Using the *Near Me tool* in the upper right hand corner, users can use the search bar to find an address and adjust the slider to find facilities with a certain distance of an address. Users can accomplish the same by clicking on the pin icon next to the search bar then clicking on the map in the area of interest they are looking for, or you can also click on the *My Location* icon on the left hand side of the map to see their current location as a reference to then place a pin on the map. Users will be presented with a list of features within the set distance that you can browse through. The application works on a Personal Computer (PC), Tablet or Mobile Phone.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

This electronic application can be found at:

<https://gfgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f3532b3fe6c54df8a7fc7f78f8a4e1bb>

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)
10AM – Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Park District

Agenda

- I. **Old Business**
 - A. **Picture Post project update**
 - B. **Trail cams**
 - C. **“Report vandalism” signs**
 - D. **Nissan bench approval – request for biblical verse**
 - E. **Wildlife population meeting update**
- II. **New Business**
- III. **Agency Updates**
 - A. **City of EGF:**
 - B. **GF Park District:**
 - C. **City of GF:**
 - D. **Minnesota DNR:**
- IV. **Other**
- V. **Next meeting: Greenway Technical Committee:** 10AM on Tuesday, October 16, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room
- VI. **Adjournment**
- VII. **Upcoming events & meetings**
 - **Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group:** 7PM Wednesday, October 10. GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A101
 - **Scheels group casual bike ride:** 5:30 PM Every Wednesday, Lincoln Drive Park
 - **Scheels group road bike ride:** 5:30 PM Every Wednesday, Lincoln Drive Park

Supporting documents: Picture Post webpage
Trail system sign plan 2009
Copy of Nissan bench request
Rollin' on the River special event application
Picture of Nissan Cube car