

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – 6:00PM
Grand Forks City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102**

AGENDA

I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- a. Sidewalk and Trail Plowing Overview – City Staff
- b. Gaps in the Shared-Use Path Discussion – City Staff
- c. City Project Updates – Christian Danielson GF Engineering
- d. Letter of Support for Bike Share – Blue Weber DDA

II. Greenway Items

III. Other

- a. Turtle River Update – Larry Hagen Park Manager Turtle River State Park

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

Supporting Documents: City of Grand Forks Shared-Use Path Plowing Overview

City of Grand Forks

Shared-use path plowing overview

Updated February 3, 2021 – plan was not implemented because of a lack of snow

The Public Works Department oversees:

- 700+ lane miles of streets
- 50+ miles of bike path

Staffing

Goal: The goal is to clear at least a single width strip on all shared-use paths within 36 – 48 hours of the end of a snowfall.

Obstacles: All available street department personnel are used for clearing the streets after a snowfall. Street plowing can take several days, depending on the snow conditions. Staff reviews the current and anticipated depth of snow, duration of snowfall, forecast for precipitation or melting, and availability of staff to determine the plowing schedule and priorities.

New for 2021: At least one staff person from the street department will begin plowing the path, unless needed to clear streets. Staff from water distribution, storm and wastewater divisions will plow a few shared-use path sections before moving on to the pump stations. Personnel from the sanitation division will assist when available.

Shared-use path plowing route

Goal: Clear at least a single width strip on the shared-use paths near densely populated areas with high foot and bicycle traffic.

Route priorities (subject to change as needed)

1. Highest concentrations of population that uses sidewalks and shared-use paths for transportation and efficiency of route:
 - a. UND connections (UND maintains the path along the English Coulee between University and Gateway Avenues)
 - b. Downtown
 - c. Greenway
 - d. Sidewalk and shared-use path connections near elementary schools with high populations
2. Major thoroughfares that provide north/south and east/west access
 - a. Demers Avenue from downtown to 42nd
 - b. Gateway Drive
 - c. 32nd Avenue South
 - d. Washington Street
3. Shared-use path and sidewalk connections

Residential & business sidewalks

City ordinance requires that snow be cleared within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Uncleared sidewalks can be reported via the 311 Report a Concern app online. That starts a chain of events:

- Within 24 hours of receiving the complaint, staff checks the property to verify situation. A letter of requirements is sent to the property owner.
- At least 48 hours after property owner is expected to have received the letter of notification, staff rechecks the property to verify situation. The property is placed on a work list for staff if the sidewalk has not been cleared. Cost for the service is charged to the property owner on their monthly utility bill.

Bus shelters

The street department plows the shared-use path system. Cities Area Transit plows the access areas around the bus shelters.