

**EAU CLAIRE  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of September 18, 2018**

The meeting was chaired by Aaron Salmon in the Chippewa Room of the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library and called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Aaron Salmon, Kirk Jansen, Catherine Lee, Brian Jenquine, Andy Becker, Eric Nelson, Carl Mothes

**Members Absent:** Scott Kmetz, Ann Francis

**Staff Present:** Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

**Visitors Present:** Dick Johnston, Michael Kritz

**Minutes.** The minutes from the August 21, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**1. Update on State Street Renovation Project.** Leah Ness provided an overview of plans to obtain community input on the reconstruction of State Street. Leah noted that the City is currently in the data collection stage of the process obtaining traffic counts along the street. Also a consultant has been retained to provide input on design alternatives. In addition, Leah is scheduling walk audits which would be open to the public. October 18<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> are planned for these walk audits. Leah noted that examples of amenities that might be considered included: rest stops along the hill, improved access to Putman Drive, widening the sidewalks, improved access to Jaycette Park, etc. Aaron Salmon noted that a separated bicycle route or path would be important to consider. The Committee discussed the public input phase and also the timing as to when they should be discussing the project in detail. The Committee asked to have this item on the agenda again in October for further discussion.

**2. Update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.** The Committee continued their discussion on the update of the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Pat Ivory noted that he had provided an overview of the update at the August meeting and that he had made some edits to the plan since that meeting. He reviewed those changes with the Committee. Pat noted that Adam Taylor from the Police Department had reviewed the plan and thought the plan looked good relative to the Police Department and did not suggest any changes. Pat added that there still could be some minor edits, but that the plan would soon be considered by the Plan Commission and City Council. He added that he planned to make a presentation of the plan to the Waterways and Parks Commission on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee also discussed differences between the Regional designated routes and the City's primary routes. Pat noted that one of the primary/neighborhood routes extending west and south of Dells Pond from the High Bridge to Eddy Street to Birch Street to Omaha Street to Seymour Road would be considered as a neighborhood route in the City's plan. The primary east-west route in the neighborhood would extend along the north side of the Eau Claire River. Also, a short-cut proposed from Vine Street to Cameron Street to the southeast of Sherman School should be eliminated. The Committee agreed with the changes.

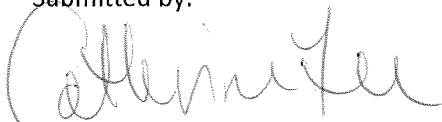
**ACTION TAKEN:** Catherine Lee moved to recommend approval of the plan update. Andy Becker seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Other items.**

- a) **Bicycle Friendly Business Program.** The Committee discussed the Bicycle Friendly Business program. Aaron Salmon noted that he anticipated that Volume One, JAMF, and the Chippewa Valley Museum might be initial candidates for the program. The public library was also mentioned and Kirk Jensen indicated that he would contact library staff to discuss this. Aaron indicated that he was looking for assistance to help prepare the applications and hoped to streamline the process for future application submittals.
- b) **CIP Projects.** Leah Ness provided an update of the current CIP projects. The Committee discussed the status of Lake Street noting that it had been delayed until 2019. The Committee discussed options regarding the use of the green paint for the bicycle lanes that was quite expensive in the initial bid opening. The Commission will discuss this further at the October meeting.
- c) **Safe Routes to School Inserts.** Kirk Jensen updated the Committee regarding the SRTS informational flyers that were to be distributed during "Sign-in Day" at each of the schools.
- d) **UWEC Meets EC.** Catherine Lee updated the Committee regarding the UWEC meets EC event that was scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at Phoenix Park. Catherine indicated that the event was well attended and discussed some of the student's comments regarding bicycling in Eau Claire.
- e) **Walk Your Wheels Campaign.** Leah Ness discussed the "Walk Your Wheels" campaign that focuses on bicycle safety in the Downtown and Water Street area where bicycling on sidewalks is prohibited. Signage will be installed shortly to identify those sidewalks where bicycling is prohibited. Leah added that she was working with the Police Department on an educational video related to the program.
- f) **Future Agenda Items.** Items mentioned included: the bicycle friendly business program, the State Street and Lake Street renovation projects, bicycle corrals, and bike share. The Committee also discussed the need to add back an agenda item regarding a discussion of safety concerns. It was the consensus of the group to include this on the agenda as Michael Kritz was present at the meeting to discuss safety concerns related to the use of the recreational trail along West Clairemont Avenue and motorists turning right from streets such as Stein Boulevard and Craig Road not looking right to see if there are any on-coming bicyclists.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary