

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 18, 2019

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, Brian Jenquine, Scott Kmetz, Bill Berg, JJ Henricksen, Kyle Brouillard, Catherine Lee

Members Absent: Ann Francis, Scott Larson

Staff Present: Trevor Wittwer, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: Kristen Berger

Minutes. The minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Comments. Sidewalk concerns along the Lake Street construction project were discussed and the need for better markings for the bike lanes on the Water Street Bridge. Trevor Wittwer noted that the Lake Street construction project would correct the sidewalk issues and some changes to the bike lane markings are planned with the reconstruction of the Water Street/First Avenue intersection, now scheduled for 2020.

2. Discussion of Work Plan and Bike Week. Aaron Salmon and Pat Ivory discussed the recent bike week activities noting that most of the activities went quite well. The attendance for the kick-off party was lower than previous years and possibly some changes in the format of the event should be considered. The need for an additional banner and a table top cloth with the BPAC logo was discussed.

ACTION TAKEN: Kyle Brouillard moved to purchase a new banner and table top cloth with the BPAC logo that would be used for BPAC displays. Brian Jenquine seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Aaron indicated that he would coordinate with Pat on the purchase of the items.

3. Update on State Street Project. Trevor Wittwer informed the Committee that the City Council had decided not to have a roundabout installed at the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and State Street. Trevor noted that preliminary plans are now to install a crosswalk at the north side of the intersection along with a center median within State Street. Also, a RRFB signal could potentially be installed that would be visible for both northbound and southbound traffic. The Committee discussed a number of other possible improvements that would increase pedestrian and bicycle safety at the intersection.

ACTION TAKEN: Kyle Brouillard moved that a letter be sent to the City Engineer indicating additional recommendations be considered with the redesign of the intersection. The items that should be considered by the City Engineering Department and City Council include:

- extending the planned median within State Street on the north side of the intersection so that the median extends to the south side of the crosswalk;
- adding a median on Roosevelt Avenue on the west side of the intersection;
- adding a RRFB signal at the intersection to assist pedestrians in crossing State Street;
- adding school zone signs in the area;
- consider options to extend the bicycle lane north to Roosevelt Avenue (if the right-of-way width does not allow this, then add sharrows in this block);
- encourage property owners within the 200 block of Roosevelt Avenue to petition for sidewalk for 2020;
- consider including a speed feedback sign on the State Street hill, possibly with the capability of the device to record traffic speed data to allow for analysis of traffic speeds in the area.

The motion was seconded by JJ Henricksen. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN: JJ Henricksen moved to include in the letter a recommendation that left turns from Roosevelt Avenue to State Street be prohibited during specified hours. The motion was seconded by Catherine Lee. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

4. Bike Friendly Community Application. Pat Ivory updated the Committee regarding the "Bike Friendly Community" application. He noted that he anticipated having drafts of portions of the application available to the Committee at their July meeting.

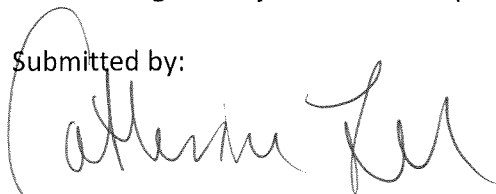
5. Update on 2019 CIP Projects, Detours, and Riverfront Trail improvements. Trevor Wittwer provided an update on the 2019 CIP projects noting that the reconstruction of the intersection of Water Street and First Avenue had been delayed until 2020. He also discussed detour routes for several of the construction projects. Trevor also noted several trail projects including the south side of Half Moon Lake, east side of the Chippewa River from the Pablo Center to Lake Street, and along the Eau Claire River from Farwell Street to Dewey Street.

6. Other items.

- a) **Future agenda items.** Agenda items for future meetings will include: State Street update, complete streets, and Bike Friendly Community application.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary