

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of July 21, 2020

The meeting was chaired by Aaron Salmon and called to order at 6:00 p.m. and held virtual online via Webex.

Members Present: Aaron Salmon, Ann Francis, Scott Kmetz, Kyle Brouillard, Scott Larson, Bill Berg, Catherine Lee, JJ Henricksen

Members Absent: Matt Boelter

Staff Present: Trevor Wittwer, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

1. Quarterly Update from Eau Claire Police Department. This item was postponed until the August meeting.

2. Discussion of Safety Issues. Trevor Wittwer informed the Committee that the City had received a call about the possible need for the installation of safety mirrors at the tunnel located at Vine Street and North Clairemont Avenue. Staff was inquiring about the placement of a mirror as to whether it should be for those entering the tunnel or exiting the tunnel or both. The Commission felt that generally, it would be best to have a mirror that provided visibility for both directions (entering and exiting) of the tunnel. They questioned whether there was a mirror design that would accommodate both rather than having to install two mirrors. They also noted potential sight-distance issues with the trail going under Madison Street and the tunnel going under Highway 93. The Committee also suggested the addition of painting a centerline at the entrances of the tunnels and underpasses. Funding for the mirrors was discussed and the possibility of using some funds from the wayfinding account.

3. Discussion of Regional Bicycle Route Signage. Pat Ivory informed the Committee that the City was anticipating the fall installation of the directional signage for several of the regional bicycle routes. West Central Regional Planning Commission had prepared a plan showing the potential locations for the directional signage, but the City staff would like additional input regarding the installation of the signs. Pat then inquired if any members of the Committee would be interested in bicycling along the planned routes and providing suggestions to the signage plan. Ann Francis, Scott Kmetz, Scott Larson, Aaron Salmon, Bill Berg, Catherine Lee, and Kyle Brouillard indicated that they would be available to assist.

4. Discussion of Bicycle/Pedestrian Award Program. The Committee continued their discussion about the awards/commendation program. Scott Larson noted that the subcommittee had met and he then reviewed a draft proposal prepared by the group. There would be three categories: individual, business, and organization. The Committee discussed the review criteria and thought that they could use the 6-E's in reviewing the nominations (engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement/safety, evaluation/planning, and equity). Scott provided a general timeframe that would include subcommittee recommendations for nominations in August, award preparation and notification in September, and the presentation of the awards in October. It was noted that future awards starting in 2021 could coincide with Bike Week events. BPAC indicated their support for the award program recommendations of the subcommittee and thanked them for their work.

5. Discussion of 2020 CIP Projects. Trevor Wittwer updated the Committee on the status of the 2020 street construction projects. Trevor noted that the Eddy Lane and Melby Road projects will be constructed in 2021 due to delays related to the railroad.

6. Other items.

- a) Agenda items for future meetings will include: Police Department updates, the awards program, continued discussion on mobility trends including a discussion about issues related to equity/diversity/inclusion, and an update on the revised Chippewa Valley bicycle map.
- b) Pat noted that another staff person from the Planning Division would be attending future meetings due to his upcoming retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Catherine Lee by TW

Catherine Lee, Secretary