

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of November 16, 2021

Members Present: Brouillard, Dobson, Berg, Francis, Kmetz, Larson, Salmon

Members Absent: Henricksen, Sorenson

Staff Present: Graybehl, Hufford, Wittwer

Visitors Present: Stacey Goetter, Pat Ivory, Dick Johnston, Dean Roth

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Visitors. Chair Salmon called the virtual meeting to order at 6:19.

2. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meetings October 19, 2021. Committee member Francis moved to approve the minutes. Committee member Berg seconded and it was approved.

3. Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda noted as Public Hearings or Items for Public Discussion. None.

4. Public Discussions

Item #1: 2021 BPAC Awards Presentation. A business, non-profit, and individual are recognized for their commitment to bicycle and pedestrian. Jamf was recognized, under the business category, in part because they provide amenities to their employees for biking as well as an air compressor to be used by the public. In the non-profit category, CORBA (Chippewa Off-Road Bike Association) was awarded for the various services they provide the community and in particular the efforts put in to introducing and educating youth on the use of bicycles. Pat Ivory was recognized in the individual category. He helped create BPAC, create and adopt the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, safe routes to school and parks, and help create the original version of the Chippewa Valley Bike Map.

Item #2: Chippewa Valley Bike Routes. Dean Roth spoke about the Chippewa Valley Bikes Routes project which includes the City of Eau Claire and surrounding County's and Towns. The group worked on creating 20 signed routes within the bike the Chippewa Valley bikes system. Mr. Roth presented a proposed signage plan for the bike system. Chair Salmon moved to support the Chippewa Valley Bike Route project, for staff to assist with implementation of the sign plan potentially using funds allocated to wayfinding, and work with the BIDs and DECI. Committee member Francis seconded and the motion carried.

Item #3: 2022 Work Plan. Committee member Francis moved to adopt the 2022 Work Plan and member Brouillard seconded. The motion carried.

Item #4: 2022 CIP Projects. Staff presented a brief overview of the proposed project along Mercury Avenue. The Committee reviewed the project and made recommendations for the project. Committee Brouillard made recommendation to include stop lines and crosswalk paint at the intersections, add a curb cut and crosswalk on the east side of the intersection at Marquette Street, and add signage to Mercury Avenue south of the intersection that a trail crossing is ahead. Member Larson seconded and the motion carried.

Staff presented a proposed improvement along Riverview Drive and the Committee reviewed the proposal. Committee member Larson motioned to improve curb cut pedestrian ramps, add sharrows, add signage to indicate there is a trail crossing and tunnel underpass ahead, and add a mid-block crosswalk where the trail connects to the sidewalk. Member Francis seconded and the motion carried.

Staff presented a proposed improvement along Seymour Road within 250-ft of Starr Avenue. The committee supported the project as proposed. Staff presented a proposed improvement along E Hamilton Avenue between London Road and Mall Drive. The committee supported the project as proposed.

5. Discussion and Direction

A. Safety Concerns. The Committee suggested advertising to the public the need for lighting on bicycles as the days are growing darker.

B. Future Agenda Items.

- 2022 CIP Projects
- Bike + Ped Survey
- Bike Sharrows
- Chippewa Valley Bike Routes
- Winter Events

C. Announcements.

7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by chair Salmon.

Submitted by:



JJ Henricksen, Secretary