

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 21st, 2022

Members Present: Berg, Dobson, Henricksen, Salmon, Larson

Members Absent: Francis, Kmetz, Brouillard, Sorenson

Staff Present: Wittwer, Hufford

Visitors Present: Chris Johnson, Jared Galasco

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Visitors. Chair Salmon called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

2. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting May 17, 2022. Committee member Larson 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: Skateboard/Multi-Modal Features on Trails. Chris Johnson presented on adding skateboard features along trails to add skate areas throughout the City where it is difficult to have skateparks in every park in the City. Individual skate obstacles would be around \$5,000. Placing obstacles around town would keep people moving around the City and reducing congestion that might occur at a skatepark and allowing more activity at a time. Items would be built by the City versus a skate park contractor to save money. First location would be on trail near Police Station/along river. Discussed concerns of congestion on paths creating a split to the obstacles. Shared designs created by City engineering. City Parks and Waterways Commission has approved the idea last summer, but nothing has moved forward. Seeking support from BPAC to help get project started. Suggestion to start with three to make more of an attraction versus one. Question about how workout stations are put up. Mr. Wittwer explained process. Concerns about impact to bicycle and pedestrian traffic on trails, design includes area that will take skateboarders off the trail. Current skate park has an obstacle along the trail and there are no known issues. New park in Cannery District will have a skate park. No trail areas currently being worked on that might make it an easier process to add.

Committee member Henricksen moved to support adding multi-model features along various places on trails starting with skate friendly feature east of Chippewa River State Trail along 1st Ave between Grand Ave and 2nd Ave as approved by Parks and Waterways Commission. Committee member Berg seconded motion.

BPAC would like to see features in the future before they are added.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Scooter Share Update. Mr. Wittwer shared that an ordinance has been approved for scooter share. Two vendors were interested. One vendor was ok with ordinance and costs, but have not heard back. Second vendor had some concerns with ordinance language including wanting the response time to collect scooters changed. Also concerned with the costs. Staff will find out when last communication occurred with the first company. Request to reach out to companies for an update on their intentions.

Item #3: League of American Bicyclist Recommendation Review. Committee discussed current rating and needs. Complete Streets policy is needed to obtain Silver recognition. Suggested to start work on Safe Routes to schools. Discussed previous years of creating materials to hand out at introduction folders at schools. Staff will reach out to schools to determine what is currently provided. Suggestion to increase enforcement around schools to improve safe routes to improve enforcement scores. LCI seminar was discussed last year, but no interest from BPAC. Community wide trip reduction key step discussed, staff will follow up on sustainability program to determine if it may qualify. Also have ordinances requiring bike parking. Discussed committee members researching topics for ideas on how to improve scores. Discussed other organizations that rank bike friendly cities. Discussed businesses/city giving incentives encouraging not driving. Discussed process of increasing bike-friendly businesses, manpower intensive.

Mr. Galasco brought up safety concerns about Jeffers and N. Crossing. Staff discussed DOT updates that occurred. N. Crossing is a state route. Also concerns along Clairemont regarding lack of crossings.

Item #4: Vision Zero. Ms. Hufford shared that the MPO has plans to complete a regional Vision Zero plan starting in the fall or after first of the year.

Chair Salmon moved to support the City of Eau Claire developing a Vision Zero policy in conjunction with or independent of the MPO. Committee member Berg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business Agenda Items

Item #1: CIP Project Update. Mr. Wittwer shared CIP project updates. Staff will check on Chippewa River State Trail at Eddy Lane to determine if detours are in place.

6. Discussion and Direction

A. Safety Concerns. Overgrown bushes on County Highway S, staff will follow up with the County.

B. Future Agenda Items.

- League of American Bicyclists Recommendations follow up on current discussion
 - Complete Streets
 - Back to school pamphlet materials
 - Community-wide trip reduction ordinance, etc.

C. Announcements. Committee member Salmon requested volunteers for Bike Valet at Thursday Night Music. Set up starts 5:15pm and work through 8pm.

Mr. Wittwer shared that Engineering discussed a possible street art project with a gentleman. (Franklin and Fay)

7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by Chair Salmon.

Submitted by:



JJ Henricksen, Secretary