

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
2017 Work Plan**

What	Anticipated Outcome, Product or Result	Idea Source	Specific Actions	Target Dates	Identified Partners	Point Person	Policy Directives
<b>Carry-over work from 2016</b>							
<b>1. Update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.</b> The current Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was adopted in 2010. The Commission initiated the process of updating the plan in 2015. The focus of the update is to review the bicycle routes shown in the plan and the areas identified as needing further study. A preliminary draft of the revised routes has been completed and the Committee continues to discuss possible changes. At the request of staff, BPAC will also provide suggestions of other potential bicycle boulevards such as for Grand Avenue. Plan Commission review of the update in 2017 is anticipated.	Adoption of updated plan by City Council	Comprehensive Plan	Review existing plan and draft updates	November, 2017	West Central Regional Plan Commission, Plan Commission	Senior Planner	Comprehensive Plan
<b>2. Update of Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.</b> West Central Regional Planning Commission initiated a process in 2016 to update the Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Representatives from BPAC, as well as Engineering and Planning staff have attended periodic committee meetings to assist in providing input to WCRPC. It is anticipated that the plan will be completed in 2017. As an outgrowth of the plan, a committee including two members of BPAC and staff have met with representatives of area jurisdictions to discuss the feasibility of a regional signed bicycle route system within the Eau Claire-Chippewa urban area. This committee will continue to meet in 2017.	Adoption by MPO	MPO	Provide input to MPO at periodic meetings	Summer, 2017	MPO, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Altoona	Vice-chair of BPAC	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 26-rec 2, Trans. Chapter – Comp. Plan – pg 3-30, policy 1</i>
<b>3. Crosswalk Policy.</b> The City Engineering Department formed a taskforce in 2016 to provide input on developing a city-wide crosswalk policy. The policy will provide standards regarding where crosswalks should be installed and the design options for the crosswalks. A BPAC representative serves on the taskforce.	Adoption of policy by Engineering Department	Engineering Department	Provide input to Engineering Department at periodic meetings	Winter, 2018	Transit, UWEC, Streets, WCRPC, School District	Transportation Engineer	<i>Trans. Chapter - Comp. Plan - pg 3-27, policy 5</i>
<b>4. Valmont Avenue Bicycle Boulevard.</b> Valmont Avenue from Harding Avenue to Donnellan Lane was designated as a bicycle boulevard in 2014 in conjunction with the reconstruction of Brackett Avenue to provide an alternate east-west route for bicyclists. Sharrows have been installed and staff has researched signage design. BPAC will provide input on signage design for the boulevard and assist in educational efforts to promote its use.	Installation of Signs	Brackett Avenue Reconstruction Project	Provide input to Engineering Department	Summer, 2017	Eastside Hill Neighborhood Association	Transportation Engineer	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 35-rec 18, pg 39 – rec 8</i>
<b>5. Bicycle Corral.</b> The City purchased a bicycle corral to be placed along Water Street in coordination with the Water Street BID. A tentative location has been identified and the City is working to obtain consent from the adjacent businesses. If this location does not work out, BPAC members would be asked for input on alternative locations.	Installation of Bicycle Corral	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Discussion at regular meeting to review alternative sites	Spring, 2017	Water Street Business BID, DECI	Transportation Engineer	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 37-rec 3, pg 39-rec 6, pg 39 – rec 8</i>

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<b>6. Bicycle Friendly Business Peer Network Program.</b> In 2016, the Chairperson for the Committee made initial contacts to businesses to determine their interest in participating in the Bicycle Friendly Business Peer Network Program. This is a program that encourages businesses to promote employee bicycling and provides local recognition for such efforts. The Committee will continue to make contacts to encourage participation in the program.	Participation in at least one business	Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Chairperson meeting with potentially interested businesses	Through-out 2017	DECI	Chair of BPAC	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 39-rec 8</i>
<b>7. Bicycle Share.</b> Continue to gather information about the feasibility of a bicycle share program in the community. The Committee has facilitated two meetings with groups potentially interested in the implementation of such a program. Based on input from the two meetings, organizations such as the University wish to continue meeting to discuss the feasibility of such a program. BPAC's role would be to encourage this continued dialog among interested groups.	Assess feasibility of program, identify partners	City Strategic Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Encourage/schedule meetings to discuss	Summer, 2017	UWEC, DECI, Visit Eau Claire, West Central Regional Planning Commission	Chair of BPAC, Transportation Engineer, Senior Planner	<i>City Strategic Plan-Obj. 5c, Bike/Ped Plan - pg 39-rec 8</i>
<b>On-going or recurring work</b>							
<b>1. Community Education.</b> Each year the Committee has been actively involved in educational efforts to promote an enthusiasm and excitement for walking and bicycling in the community. The Committee plans to continue this work with a variety of activities and programs in 2017. Examples include: co-sponsoring bike to work week activities, assisting in updates and distribution of the Chippewa Valley bicycle map, education of pedestrian rights and awareness, sponsoring a booth at one or more of the summer/fall festivals, assisting in staffing the bike valet program for the Thursday evening summer concerts, co-sponsoring a bicycle ride(s), exploring the feasibility of organizing a street closing "ciclovia" event for pedestrians and bicyclists, and attending meetings of the Healthy Communities action team organization related to healthy and active living. Committee members volunteer their time for these activities.	Increased interest in bicycling for recreation and transportation with benefits relating to improved health, reduction traffic congestion, reduction in energy use, and less dependence on motorized vehicles.	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Volunteer activities of the individual members of BPAC	Through-out 2017	DECI, Volume One, Sustainability Advisory Committee, Eau Claire Police Department	Membership of BPAC, Senior Planner	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 36-rec 1, pg 39-rec 8, pg 39-rec 6, pg 39-rec 7, pg 42 – rec 4</i>
<b>2. Input on projects, topics, and issues.</b> Respond to inquiries from staff relating to projects involving either designated bicycle routes, sidewalk gap areas, identified conflict areas, or areas identified for further study in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as well provide input involving bicycle and pedestrian related topics or issues that may exist in the community.	Input/direction to assist City staff	City Strategic Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Provide input to Engineering Department	Through-out 2017	Police Department, DECI, Neighborhood Associations, etc.	Transportation Engineer	<i>City Strategic Plan-Obj. 5c, Bike/Ped Plan - pg 29-rec 8, pg 32-rec 11, pg 35-rec 18</i>
<b>Non-carryover work</b>							
<b>1. Complete Streets Policy.</b> The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommends that the City discuss the feasibility of implementing a Complete Streets policy. BPAC plans to discuss this topic and forward recommendations to the Engineering Department and City Manager.	Prepare recommendation to Engineering Dept. and City Manager	City Strategic Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Research other communities, have discussions with Engineering Dept.	July, 2017	Engineering Dept.	Transportation Engineer	<i>Trans. Chapter - Comp. Plan - pg 3-30, policy 1, Bike/Ped Plan - pg 40-rec 10</i>

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<p><b>2. Safe Routes Program.</b> The City is working with West Central Regional Planning Commission to update the community's Safe Routes to School Program. The Engineering Department will assist in conducting walk audits around each of the public schools to assess needs for route changes, signage, crosswalks, etc. Committee members will be asked for support in completing these walk audits for the schools.</p>	Updated Safe Routes to School Plan	City Strategic Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	BPAC members will assist in preparing walk audits	Summer, 2017	WCRPC, Engineering Dept., Eau Claire School District	Transportation Engineer	<i>Trans. Chapter - Comp. Plan - pg 3-28. policy 10, Bike/Ped Plan - pg 38-rec 4</i>
<b>Contingent project</b>							
<p><b>1. Blue Zones Walkability Workshop.</b> The Engineering and Community Development Departments have been contacted by the Chippewa Valley Board of Realtors requesting that the City co-sponsor a Walkable Communities Workshop/Audit. The audit would be funded by a grant from the Blue Zones organization. If the Board of Realtors is successful in receiving this grant, BPAC and City staff would help facilitate the organization of the workshop.</p>	Completion of walkability audit	Chippewa Valley Board of Realtors	Scheduling workshop and completing audit	October, 2017	Chippewa Valley Board of Realtors	Senior Planner	<i>City Strategic Plan-Obj. 5c, Bike/Ped Plan - pg 39-rec 8</i>