

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

2023 Work Plan

What	Anticipated Outcome, Product or Result	Idea Source	Specific Actions	Target Dates	Identified Partners	Point Person	Policy Directives
Carry-over work from 2022							
1. Bicycle Corral and Parklet Policies. Support staff efforts to improve the policies of permanent encroachment of bicycle corrals and parklets in the street.	Ordinance for the placement of bicycle corrals and parklets in the right-of-way	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Provide policy direction to staff	Summer, 2023	Water Street and Downtown BIDs, DECI	City Attorney, Transportation Engineer	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 46, rec 22, City Strategic Plan - Goal 2</i>
2. Complete Streets Policy. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommends that the City discuss the feasibility of implementing a Complete Streets policy. This is also one of the goals of the team that attended the Walkability Action Institute Workshop in 2018.	Adoption of policy by the City Council	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Research other communities, have discussions with Engineering Dept.	Fall, 2023	City/County Health, Engineering, and Community Development Departments	Transportation Engineer, Planner	<i>Trans. Chapter - Comp. Plan - pg 3-30, policy 1, Bike/Ped Plan - pg 53, rec 13, City Strategic Plan - Goal 2</i>
On-going or recurring work							
1. Community Education. 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 2022. Examples include: co-sponsoring bike to work week activities, education of pedestrian rights and awareness, sponsoring booths at community events, assisting in staffing the bike valet program, co-sponsoring a bicycle ride(s), attending meetings of the Healthy Communities action team organization related to healthy and active living, considering a more active role with organizations such as WI Active Together and WI Bike Fed, developing a recognition program to highlight efforts to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and bicycling, and coordinating with the Wintermission group in the promotion of winter outdoor activities.	Increased interest in bicycling for recreation and transportation with benefits relating to improved health, reduction in traffic congestion, reduction in energy use, and less dependence on motorized vehicles	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Volunteer activities of the individual members of BPAC	Throughout 2023	DECI, Volume One, Sustainability Advisory Committee, City/County Health Department, Wintermission, Police Dept.	Membership of BPAC, Planner	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pgs 48 - 54, City Strategic Plan - Goals 2, 4, & 6</i>
2. Input on projects, topics, and issues. Respond to inquiries from staff relating to items such as: street construction along designated bicycle routes, sidewalk gap areas, areas identified for further bicycle/pedestrian study, bicycle parking at City facilities and special events, and other bicycle/pedestrian related topics or issues that may arise.	Input/direction to assist City staff	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Provide input to Engineering, Police, and Community Devel. Departments	Throughout 2023	Police Department, DECI, Neighborhood Associations, etc.	Transportation Engineer, Planner	<i>City Strategic Plan- Obj. 5c, Bike/Ped Plan - pg 34, rec 1, City Strategic Plan - Goals 2, 4, & 6</i>

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3. Discuss Mobility Trends. Have periodic discussions about trends in pedestrian and bicycle mobility relating to such topics as: new and innovative technologies, demographic changes, State and national issues and trends, integration with transit, changes in legislation, potential partnerships, and feasibility and benefits of creating a future community mobility partnership	Provide direction regarding possible partnerships with other organizations, providing input on policy or ordinance updates	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Discussion with BPAC and other interested organizations, research current trends, etc.	Semi-annually in 2023	Eau Claire School District, WCRPC, Healthy Community Taskforce, Transit	Chair of BPAC	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 49, rec 4, pg 51, rec 8, pg 52, rec 10, pg 57, rec 9, City Strategic Plan - Goals 2 & 4</i>
4. Pedestrian Assessment Questionnaire Process. Analyze results from the questionnaire to obtain information relating to pedestrian needs and issues within the community.	Questionnaire to obtain community input	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Review results of the questionnaire	Throughout 2023	Health Dept., Transportation Engineer	Planner	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 52, rec 11, City Strategic Plan - Goals 2 & 4</i>
<i>New or Potential Projects</i>							
1. Open Street Policy. Research open streets in other communities and provide input to staff. Discuss ideas/topics to promote open streets within the City of Eau Claire.	Adoption of policy by the City Council	Other US Communities	Research other communities, have discussions with Engineering Dept.	Spring, 2023	City Engineering & Planning, Downtown BIDs, DECI	Planner, Transportation Engineer	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 51, rec 8, City Strategic Plan - Goal 2</i>
2. Safe Routes to School Plan Update. Support staff and WCWRPC in update of Safe Routes to School Plan.	Updated plan to be adopted by City Council	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Review plan and discuss recommendations and revisions.	March, 2023	WCWRPC, City Engineering & Planning, BPAC	West Central WI Regional Planning Commission	<i>Bike/Ped Plan, City Strategic Plan - Goal 4</i>
3. Bicycle Friendly Community Designation. Submit an application for renewal of the Bicycle Friendly Community status with the League of American Bicyclists. The City currently holds bronze status with an application submitted in 2019.	Silver status designation	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Prepare and submit application	August, 2023	UWEC, WCRPC, Health Dept.	Planner, Members of BPAC	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 50, rec 5</i>
4. Digital Wayfinding Map. Research ways to create a digital wayfinding map specifically for bicyclists and pedestrians to use infrastructure such as trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, etc. to maneuver through the City safely.	Functional map for users to safely travel through Eau Claire	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Research ideas, communicate with other stakeholders	Throughout 2023	WCWRPC, City Engineering & Planning, BPAC	Planner, Members of BPAC	<i>Bike/Ped Plan - pg 48, rec 1</i>

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<p>5. Comprehensively Address Downtown Study Area. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan lists multiple study areas in the downtown area that include arterial corridors such as Madison St, Farwell St, Washington St, and Harding Ave, and other streets like Galloway St, Dewey St, Barstow St, and Graham Ave. Motor vehicle traffic, bicycle/pedestrian access and safety, mass transit, and trails need to be considered comprehensively in the downtown area to break down barriers to connectivity, increase safety and enjoyment, and improve business district and public space vibrancy. To explore the possibility of undertaking a Comprehensive Downtown Multimodal Transportation Plan, the City Council requests BPAC input on the potential scope of a future plan, and how it could directly address the downtown study areas. Such a plan could also help implement other BPAC goals in the Work Plan, such as Bicycle Corral and Parklet Policies, Complete Streets Policy, and Open Street Policy. To discuss this topic, City Council requests a joint study session with BPAC representatives and City staff by Summer 2023.</p>	<p>Help the city explore the potential creation of a Comprehensive Downtown Multimodal Transportation Plan</p>	<p>City Council</p>	<p>Provide input to Engineering, Community Development, DECI, City Council</p>	<p>Summer, 2023</p>	<p>Engineering, Community Development, DECI, Downtown BIDs, Library, WCWRPC</p>	<p>Transportation Engineer, Planner</p>	<p><i>Bike/Ped Plan pages 59-64, Study Areas 5-8, & 12 City Strategic Plan – Goals 1, 2, & 4</i></p>