



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA - AMENDED

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Meeting: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Members: Tom Neal, Terry Kilian, Susan Schmidt, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Veronica Hope, Jonathan Smith
Location: Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall
Date/Time: Monday, May 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Election of Committee Chair
4. Approve the Minutes of April 22, 2024 Meeting
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Adoption of the Safe Routes To School Plan
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation on use of rumble strips on County Highways
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Additional Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) locations
8. Updates and Community Events: Mayor’s Ride recap, Bike Rodeo on June 1, Teaching Safe Bicycling clinics June 15-16, future trail groundbreaking
9. Discussion: Committee Social Dinner and Gathering after June 24th meeting – hosted by Jonathan Smith
10. Next Meeting Date: June 24, 2024
11. Adjourn

It is likely that members of, and a quorum of the Council and/or members of other committees of the Common Council of the City of Wausau will be in attendance at the abovementioned meeting to gather information. **No action will be taken by any such groups.**

Questions regarding this agenda may be directed to the City Planning Office @ (715) 261-6760.

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MINUTES

April 22, 2024

Members Present: Tom Neal, Terry Kilian, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Susan Schmidt, Veronica Hope

Others Present: Jon Smith, Jillian Kurtzhals, TJ Niksich

Location: City Hall, Maple Room

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Lynch called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Election of Committee Chair

Motion/second by Neal/Filtz to table the election of the committee chair until the next meeting.

4. Approve minutes of March 25, 2024 Meeting

Motion/second by Filtz/Gerhards. Passed unanimously.

5. Discussion: Overview of Committee

Lynch reviewed the information provided in the packet regarding the official language for the committee. He discussed the history and purpose of the Wausau MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the River Edge Trail Plan. Neal asked about the MPO and what kind of funding was available. Funding from the MPO is mostly tied to road projects but there is a federal requirement to address the bike and ped needs in that project area. Neal asked if in the future the projects from the plans could be listed and tracked so the committee could focus on their completion.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Mayor's Ride and Bike Month activities

Smith discussed the work he had done creating the graphic, the press release, and a route. This will likely go out to the press and public notice in early May so as not to be lost in the shuffle of the news cycle.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposed naming of the new River Edge Trail section in memory of Pat Peckham

Lynch noted that the idea of naming the new section of the RE Trail in memory of former alder Pat Peckham was brought up at separate times by Mayor Rosenberg, Lynch, Gerhards and Alder Neal. There is a process created by the Parks Committee, staff can start it and seek help from committee members for additional work.

Motion/second by Neal/Kilian to direct staff to submit application for naming the River Edge Trail section in memory of Pat Peckham to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

8. Next meeting date

The committee is scheduled to meet next on May 20, 2024 due to the regular meeting date falling on observed Memorial Day.

9. Adjourn

Motion/second by Neal/Kilian to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.



STAFF REPORT

To: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee
Prepared By: Andrew Lynch, AICP Asst City Planner
Date: May 2, 2024

Agenda Item:

Adoption of the Safe Routes To School Plan as prepared by North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Background:

The City of Wausau and the Wausau School District, in 2019, were awarded Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for a creation of a Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Plan for eight elementary schools and the two middle schools in the City. The TAP funds are federal dollars administered by the state to build bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and SRTS programs. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was tasked with the plan but was not authorized by WisDOT to start until Spring of 2022. See page 13 of the plan for a full timeline.

The plan incorporates extensive input from students, staff, and parents at each school. Each school has a site assessment, examination of the transportation network, and recommendations based on best practices. Most of the recommendations in the street ROW are signage, markings, and filling some sidewalk gaps. Adoption of this plan would allow staff to plan improvements in a cost-effective manner and coordinate with other projects. It would also allow staff to pursue grant funding related to SRTS. The plan may be further amended in the future to reflect expected building use changes from the School District.

Fiscal Impact:

City would be responsible for future improvements within the street ROW. Exact cost is project dependent.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the Safe Routes To School Plan.



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The Safe Routes To School Plan is available on [THIS PAGE](#)

<https://www.ncwrpc.org/wausau-safe-routes-to-school/>

From: [Gui Gregory](#)
To: [Andrew Lynch](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Teaching Safe Bicycling in Wausau
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 1:40:42 PM

Hi Andy,

It was great to quickly chat with you today and thanks for the cautious optimism on getting a Teaching Safe Bicycling clinic set up in Wausau that weekend of June 15-16th.

If you have folks/community partners who would be interested, please do not hesitate to connect us. I've also added a short description of our classes/programming (all of which can be tailored to different community wants and needs) below. All of these are free of charge!

- *[Adult Learn to Ride](#): Participants are encouraged to come with little or no experience. We provide small class settings that allow people to learn more comfortably on a bike and build the skills needed for riding on their own -- there is no required knowledge or fitness base, everyone is welcome as they are!*
- *[Smart Cycling](#): Based in confidence building, this clinic - created originally by the [League of American Cyclists](#) - is for novice and experienced cyclists alike. In this course, participants will learn the basics of choosing the right bicycle, a basic overview of the parts of the bike, and the essential equipment for cycling in all sorts of weather. From there, we will move into on-bike teaching, which provides experiences in various traffic conditions, terrains, and climates.*
- *[Teaching Safe Bicycling \(TSB\)](#): This course sets out to train-the-trainer by offering participants the skills they need to teach safe cycling techniques to children. In the day-long clinic, participants will learn how to organize children's bicycle safety events, differentiate between adult vs. youth riding development and crashes, and experience hands-on hazard identification and the how to's of risk reduction.*
- *[Cycling Without Age](#): This program is multifaceted, from trainings and trishaw support, to events where we provide rides for various care organizations and institutions. The basis for CWA is one where pilots sign up to provide rides for elderly and adaptive folk. This offering is a community-oriented act of taking people out into the world, combating isolation, and promoting relationship building.*

- Take care and talk soon!

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