



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA - **AMENDED**

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal Corporation, or Sub-unit thereof.

Meeting: **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Members: Tom Neal, Terry Kilian, Susan Schmidt, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Veronica Hope, Jonathan Smith
Location: **Maple Room, City Hall**
Date/Time: **Monday, Jun 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approve the Minutes of May 29, 2024 Meeting
4. Discussion and Possible Action: Implementation of the Safe Routes To School Plan
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Additional Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) locations
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Public Input on street route for River Edge trail
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Pavement Marking Priorities
8. Updates and Community Events: Mayor’s Ride recap, Public Input opportunities (Wausau to Merrill trail – June 27, Schofield Bridge project)
9. Next Meeting Date: July 22, 2024
10. 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

May 29, 2024

Members Present: Tom Neal, Terry Kilian, Chris Filtz, Jonathan Smith

Others Present: Jillian Kurtzhals, Todd Treu,

Location: City Hall, Board 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 4:31 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Todd Treu: reiterated his comments from the previous meeting. Read an email between Bill Bertram (IronBull) and Dave Meurett (WisDOT), that stated the proposed rumble strips would not adhere to state recommendations.

Lynch: read into comments the email from Kevin Lang, Deputy Highway Commissioner, that County Highway was considering safety as well as other factors on where the rumble strips are placed per their safety plan.

3. Approve minutes of May 20, 2024 Meeting

Motion/second by Neal/Filtz. Passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation to County Infrastructure Committee on the use of Shoulder Rumble Strips on County Highways

Lynch recapped the discussion from the previous meeting regarding this topic and the desire of the committee to have another meeting to develop a recommendation before the County Infrastructure meeting on June 6. Included in the packet are several options for recommendations compiled by staff. Chair Smith provided the start of the recommendation regarding adherence to state, federal, and industry standards.

Neal voiced concern that the ultimate recommendation is carefully worded so not to be poorly received by the County Committee. Gerhards asked Treu if it was still possible to bike over the rumble strips if needed to when avoiding obstructions. Treu noted that it was possible but difficult and prone to lost control.

The committee considered many of the recommendation options, the wording, and additional concerns to develop the recommendation.

Lynch would forward the recommendation to the County Infrastructure Committee, Smith noted he would appear in person.

Motion/Second by Smith/Neal to recommend the following:

“The Wausau Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommends that Marathon County Follow AASHTO, FHWA, and WisDOT guidelines regarding the use of rumble strips on Hwy KK, Hwy X, and Hwy J. The recommendation would be to install 8 inch edge line rumble strips with 12 foot gaps for every 48 feet of rumble strip only on roads that allow at least 4 feet of paved shoulder.

Additionally, we ask that the county create, update yearly, and make publicly available a map of all rumble strips on county highways and indicate the type and width (if paved) of the shoulder.

Additionally, new or reconstructed roads should include shoulders wide enough to meet the guidelines above, to accommodate bicyclists on the shoulder and edge line rumble strips. We recommend that the county involve and include road users and stakeholders in discussion of future projects of rumble strips, including Wausau’s Bicycle and Pedestrian and Advisory Committee, Rib Mountain’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Subcommittee, and other community stakeholder groups.

Furthermore, we’d recommend minimal use of rumble strips on roads that are signed cycling routes.”

Passed unanimously.

5. Discussion: Committee Social Dinner and Gathering after June 24th meeting – hosted by Jonathan Smith

Smith invited everyone to his house for a social gathering after the next meeting. Just a time to connect and get to know one another. Lynch will notice meeting for possible quorum.

6. Next meeting date: June 24, 2024

7. Adjourn

Motion/second by Neal/Gerhards to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:45p.m.



STAFF REPORT

To: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Prepared By: Andrew Lynch, AICP Asst City Planner

Date: May 2, 2024

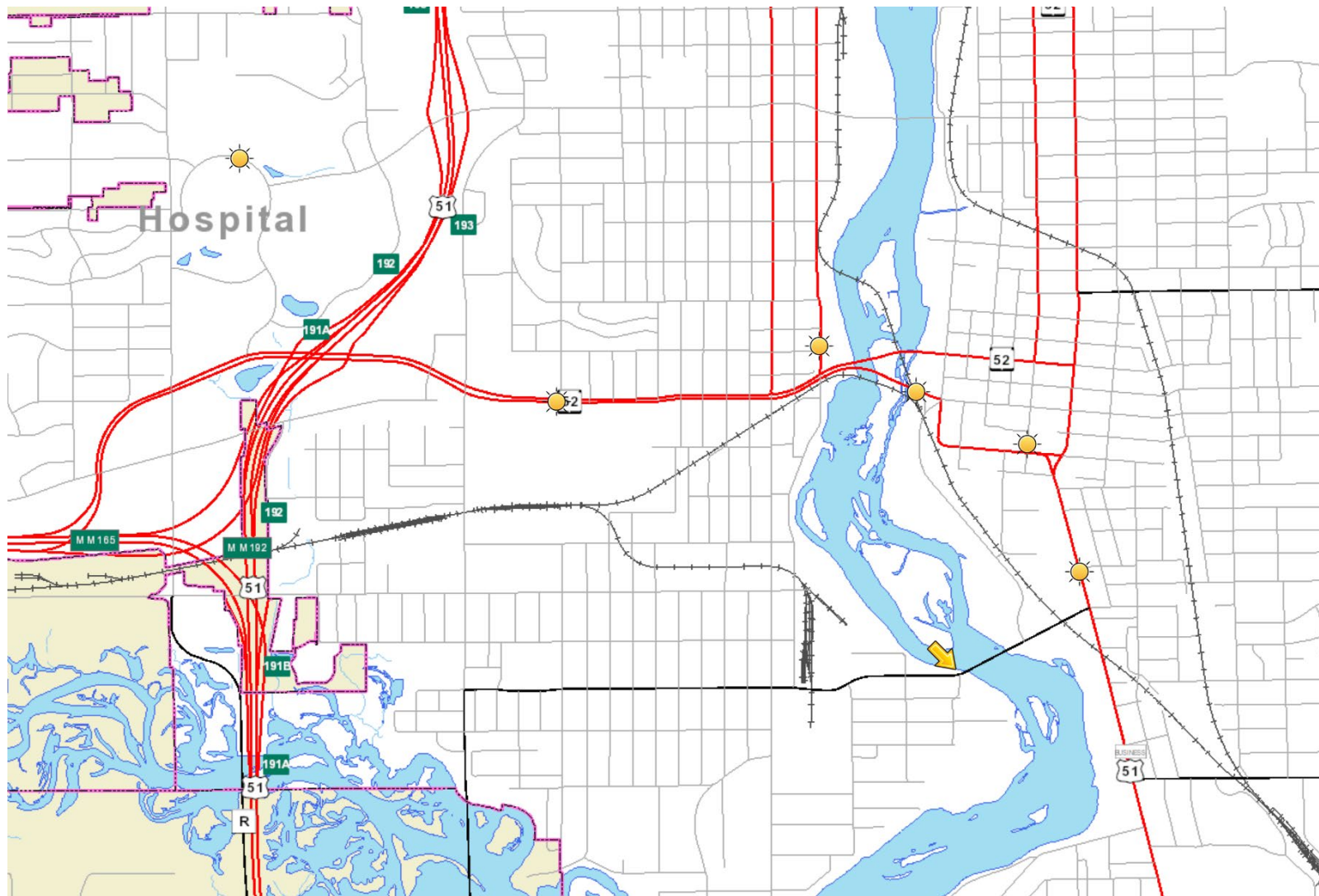
Agenda Item:

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

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

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

RRFB Locations



AGENDA ITEM

Washington Street / River Edge Trail RRFB

BACKGROUND

At the request of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, the Engineering Department has investigated the possibility of placing a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the River Edge Trail pedestrian crossing on Washington Street. See attached for crossing images and pedestrian counts.

The following are the priority criteria for placing an RRFB from the WisDOT Traffic Engineering, Operations & Safety Manual (4-5-1).

1. The location is an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing.
Condition met.
2. A minimum volume of 20 or more pedestrians during a single hour (any four consecutive 15-minute periods) of an average day should be met. Young (<12), elderly (>85) and disable pedestrians count 2 times toward volume thresholds. Additionally, seasonal day volumes can be used in place of average day volumes if the crossing is in a known tourist area.
Pedestrian counts from 9/20/2019 indicated peak rate of 21 pedestrians per hour. Condition met.
3. A minimum vehicular volume of 1,500 vehicles per day.
Condition met.
4. Maximum of four lanes crossed, unless there is a raised median, in which case it can be six lanes.
Condition met.

5. There exists a minimum of 300 feet between the subject crossing and the nearest controlled pedestrian crossing or intersection traffic control device on the state trunk highway system. Consideration should be given to extending this distance beyond 300 feet if the proposed crosswalk location falls within an auxiliary turn lane for the nearby intersection or if the standing queue from the intersection extends over the proposed crosswalk location.

Nearest controlled pedestrian crossing is 330 feet. Condition met.

6. Adequate stopping sight distance exists based on FDM 11-10-5 or greater than 8 times the posted speed limit.

Condition met.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$10,000

Given that the crossing meets all guidance criteria and an expected increase in use due to nearby development, City Staff recommends placement of the RRFBs.

Staff contact: TJ Niksich 715-261-6748



On Street Route
To Be Determined