



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting: **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Members: Jonathan Smith (Chair), Tom Neal, Terry Kilian, Susan Schmidt, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Veronica Hope
Location: Maple Room, First Floor, City Hall
Date/Time: **Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approve the Minutes of July 22, 2024 Meeting (2 minutes)
4. Discussion and Possible Action: River Edge Trail progress and update (15 minutes)
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Creation of Bike Rack program (10 minutes)
6. Discussion and Possible Action: RRFB Priority locations (15 minutes)
7. Updates: Stewart Ave construction (5 mins)
8. Items for Future Agendas
9. Next Meeting Date: October 28, 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.**

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MINUTES

July 23, 2024

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

Others Present: Jillian Kurtzhals, TJ Nicksich, Doug Diny

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

Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

n/a

3. Approve minutes of June 26, 2024 Meeting

Motion/second by Neal/Kilian. Passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Short and Long term goals of the Committee

Smith asked the committee to share their personal goals related to the committee. Filtz: adjust bike routes to lower stress roads. Smith: Implement SRTS plan, RRFB lights, slow streets network
Schmidt: would like more education or enforcement regarding e-bikes. Gerhards asked if there was a City plan for bikes. Lynch noted that the City has adopted the MPO Bike Ped master plan and the River Edge Trail plan. Gerhards suggested working from the plans to create the goals and actions. He would like education on city governance on how to more effectively advocate. This would give the committee a more structured workplan beyond the latest item to pop up.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Bike Share System Contract renewal

Lynch noted that the contract with the bike share system provider is year to year and this discussion would be an examination of the system and consider options. The provider, Tandem Mobility, took over the system 2 years ago after the original vendor went out of business due to COVID. Gerhards asked about the revenue from the rides, and additional information. Lynch noted that could be provided at a future meeting. The City has pursued sponsorship options in the past but that has not been fruitful. Kilian noted that the cost per ride was reasonable and could be adjusted for additional revenue. Staff will return with more detailed cost information in the future.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Implementation of the Safe Routes To School Plan – overview of John Muir Middle School

Smith presented the recommendations for John Muir from the SRTS Plan.

Niksich noted that a couple of the recommendations were challenging due to elevation differences on the road and off the road. He suggested creating policies from the plan that would inform how the roads around the schools would be treated.

Neal/Filtz Ask Engineering to develop cost and feasibility recommendations from SRTS Plan. Vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Pavement Marking Priorities

Lynch included the previous versions of the marking priorities. Niksich noted several projects that were scheduled and would include new markings. Lynch will forward the list to Engineering as directed by the committee.

8. Discussion and Possible Action: Bike Rack requests from Children’s Imaginarium and Glass & Grain House

Lynch brought forth two requests for the blue city bike racks at Glass & Grain House and the Children’s Imaginarium. Committee quickly agreed that the G&GH location on 6th St had an adequate location near the curb for a rack. There was some discussion on the placement for the CI since it was not in front of the building. The CI was still finishing the landscaping and didn’t want to commit to something near the entrance yet. The committee agreed to provide the rack as a temporary measure but noted that they did not like the location far from the building. Kilian suggested creating a policy that made it more clear how businesses could get a bike rack. Filtz agreed it would be a good idea with the businesses splitting the cost of install.

MOTION?

9. Updates: Merrill Trail Information Meeting, Schofield Bridge Information Meeting

Both public input meetings were upcoming and about important future connections into the Wausau area.

10. Community Events: Avenues of Possibilities Event at Forward Beverage Co August 21, 5-7pm

Lynch and Smith are both on the panel for this event to discuss transportation, placemaking, and quality of life topics. All are encouraged to attend.

11. Items for Future Agendas

n/a

12. Next meeting date: August 26, 2024

13. Adjourn

Motion/second by Gerhards/Filtz to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:21 p.m.

Bike Rack program

Examples:

Portland OR

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/73377#:~:text=The%20City%20of%20Portland%20Bureau,racks%20at%20no%20additional%20charge.>

Sheboygan, WI <https://sheboygandpw.com/bike-rack>

Savannah, GA <https://www.savannahga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/153/Bicycle-Racks-Map-Updated-April-2010?bidId=>

Madison, WI <https://www.cityofmadison.com/traffic-engineering/biking-walking/programs-and-projects/bike-parking-program>

Need more racks produced.

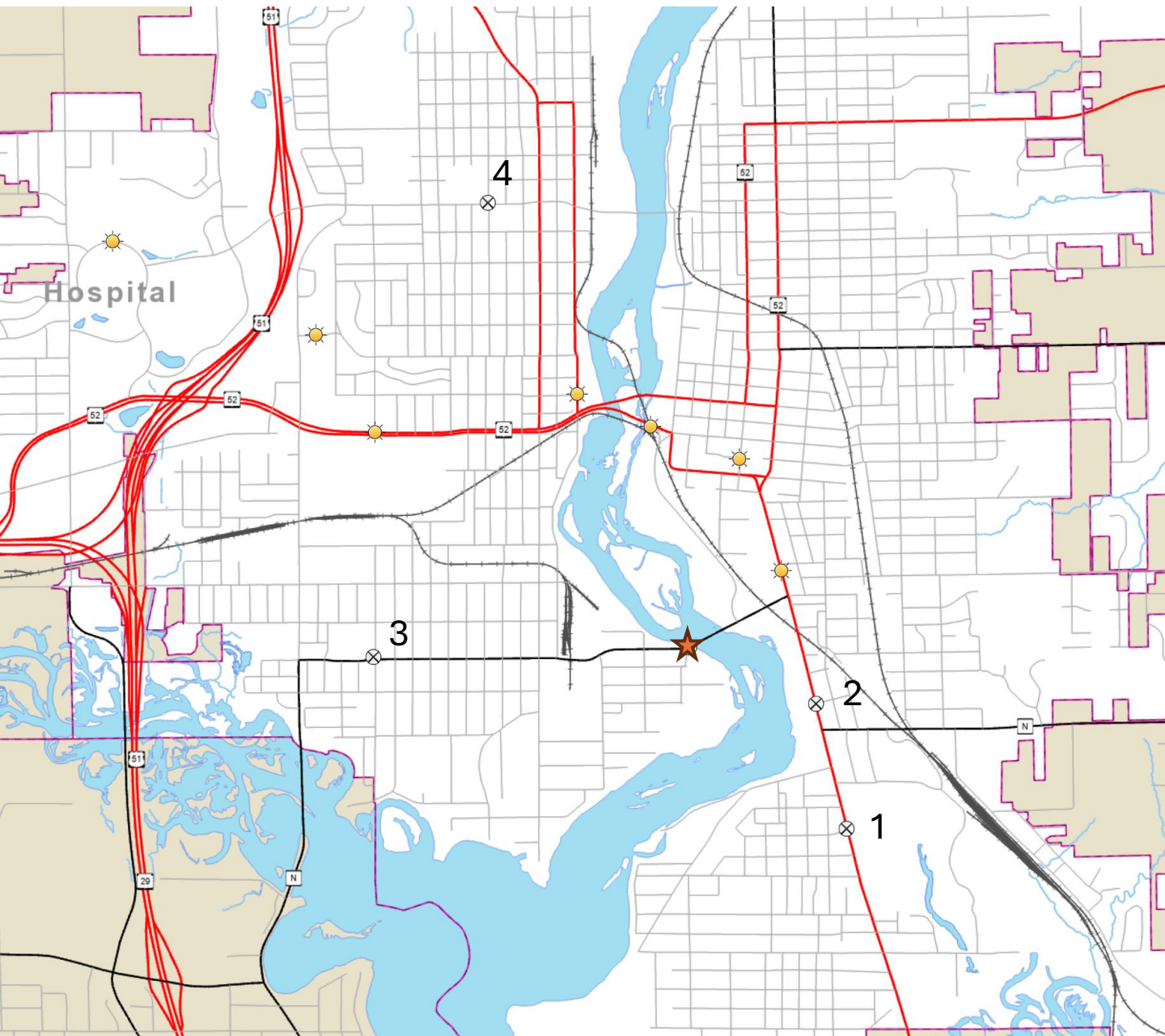
- West High or NTC
- Funding?

Program outlined

- Rules for requesting
- Guidelines for placement
- Cost to requestor?

Map current and future locations.

RRFB Current locations and proposed



1. Grand & Bernard (ok)
2. Grand & Manson (suggest Sumner St)
3. Thomas & 12th Ave (ok)
4. Bridge and 6th Ave (upgrade to existing lights)

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.

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