



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting: **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Members: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Susan Schmidt, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Veronica Hope
Location: Maple Room, 1st Floor, City Hall
Date/Time: **Monday, October 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approve the Minutes of August 28, 2023 Meeting
4. Updates: River’s Edge Trail, 72nd Ave Trail, Downtown bike rack
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Safe Routes To School Plan – Fred Heider, NCWRPC
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Wausau MPO regional bike map – Lance Mueller, Wausau MPO
7. Discussion and Possible Action: UniverCity Pedestrian Survey
8. Next Meeting Date: November 27
9. 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

August 28, 2023

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Susan Schmidt

Others Present: Brad Lenz, Lance Mueller, Jon Smith, Paul Kage, Fred Heider

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

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

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Approve minutes of July 24, 2023 Meeting

Motion/second by Diny/Filtz. Passed unanimously.

4. Updates: River Edge Trail easements and funding

Lynch noted that he has talked with several foundations and received positive feedback. One application is due by September and the rest the following month. The conversations have been encouraging. The Cherry St property was up for discussion at the last Economic Development meeting. The committee decided to not close the deal at the time and discussions are ongoing.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Safe Routes to School Plan – Fred Heider, NCWRPC

Fred Heider from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has been working on the Wausau Safe Routes to School Plan for a year and half. The draft plan will be available in October and adopted by early 2024 by the City and the School District. Heider has released on the NCWRPC website maps for each school that show the transportation available, barriers, likely routes, and noted suggestions. There are future maps that will show recommendations for each school and each school will have a separate document that outlines their school. Lenz noted that having a plan will make for a better application to the TAP funds when available. Smith asked about any temporary steps before adoption. Heider recommended painting crosswalks and maybe setting the stop bar further back. Diny asked if there was a parent or driver education included in the plan. Yes more for the parents but sometimes focused on how they may drive to school as well.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Marked crossing at Grand Ave and Bernard St

Lynch explained that a request had come through Alder Lukens to add a marked crosswalk to access the bus stop on the east side of Grand Avenue. Engineering was in agreement and felt that Bernard St was the logical crossing point. The committee was in favor of the crosswalk and suggested the north side of Bernard. Question of the ADA ramp on the east side will have to be sorted by Engineering.

MOTION: Diny/Filtz. Recommend marked crosswalk at Bernard St to CISM and ask Engineering to evaluate a location for crossing lights. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion: Bike Wausau Facebook group – Jonathan Smith

Jon Smith is a local advocate and has started a Facebook group called Bike Wausau. He wants to highlight new ideas and infrastructure from other communities and help create a better biking and walking experience in Wausau. He also hopes to create a few social events. Gisselman encourages everyone to join on Facebook and share with friends. Smith notes he will keep the environment positive and helpful.

8. Discussion and Possible Action: River Edge Parkway 50-year Anniversary

Lynch brings to the attention of the group that in 2024 will be the 50 year anniversary of the formation of the River Edge Commission which was the official start of efforts on the riverfront. Any ideas on events beyond the groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings that are potentially next year, could be fun and engaging way to celebrate the whole riverfront. Filtz suggested a 5k along the eastside. Gisselman suggested this could be discussed further at future meetings.

9. Next meeting date

The committee is scheduled to meet next on September 25th, 2023

10. Adjourn

Motion/second by Wildman/Filtz to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:22 p.m.



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MEMORANDUM:

To: Wausau Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
For: October 2023 meeting
From: Fred Heider, AICP

Wausau Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan Development

One of the possible recommendations:

Develop Traffic Garden *Education & Encouragement*

Traffic gardens are child-scale traffic environments to walk and bike in. In Denmark and the Netherlands, traffic gardens have been a key piece of bicycle education for children since the 1950s. A traffic garden may have small roads winding around green space and trees, traffic signals, road markings, road signs, sidewalks, crosswalks, railroad crossings, bike paths, bus stops, and driveways to simulate the experience of navigating on actual roads.

Traffic gardens equip children with the skills to safely navigate streets when walking or biking and provide a better understanding of the behind-the-scenes of street design and transportation planning. Providing this education in 4th or 5th grades equips students to confidently travel to the middle school and throughout the community on their own power.

Medium-term Responsible party: City, School Dist., City-County Parks Dept., Wausau MPO, NCWRPC.

Recommendation: Consider developing a permanent traffic garden in a park.

Self-Reliance Grows in the Utrecht Traffic Garden

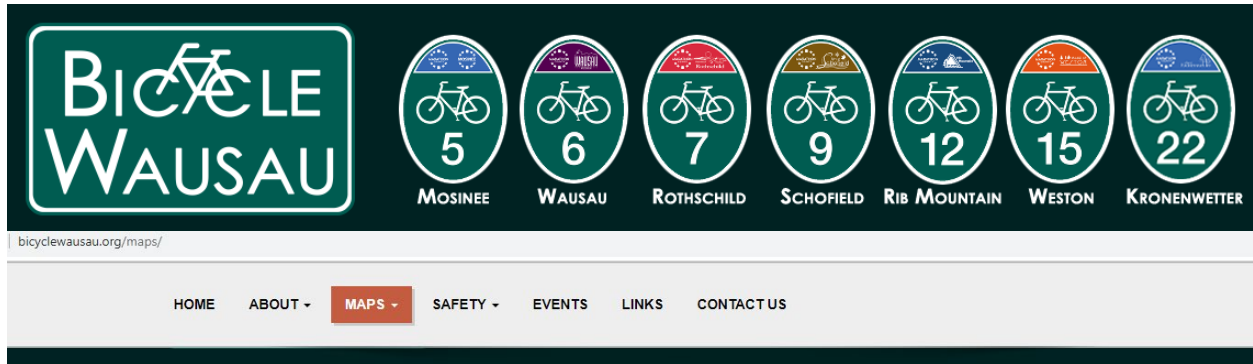
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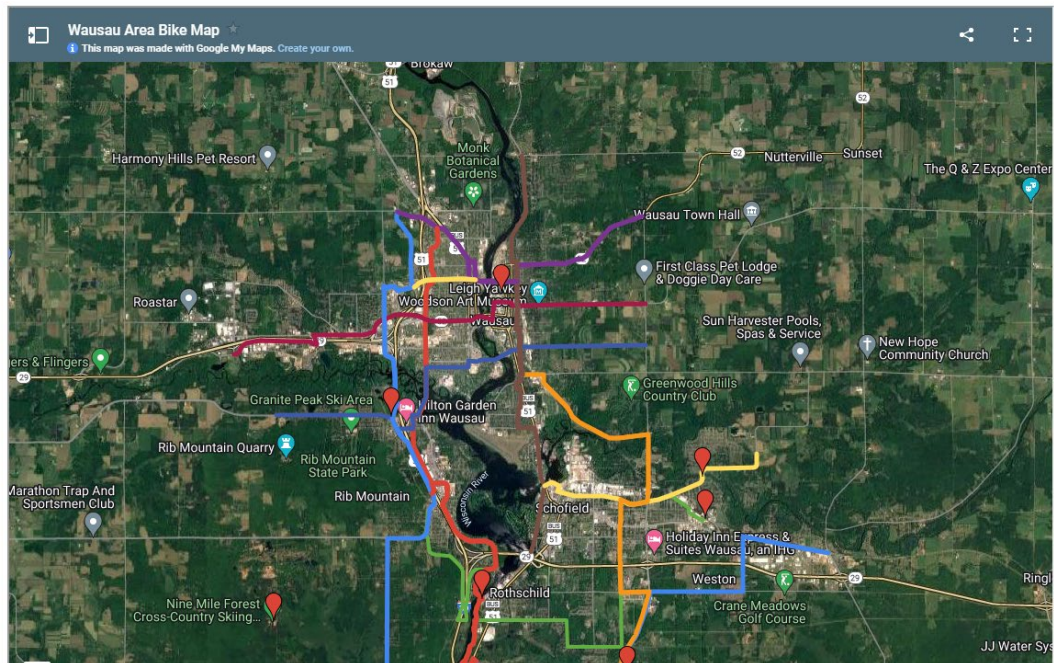
Under Development Now

1. **Maps 6A-6K** (Recommendations) are being created to show physical improvements (engineering).
2. **SRTS Action Plan** for each school will include education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation ideas. An implementation time and responsible party will also be identified for each idea.

Bicycle Wausau Website Update



Maps



Scanning this QR Code sticker will take you to the Bicycle Wausau website. These stickers can be found on the regional bike route signs throughout the Wausau urban area.