



## Meeting Minutes

### Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, May 17, 2016

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order, Roll Call

Gallager **CALLED TO ORDER** this Meeting at 6:05 pm.

**Present:** 6 - Matt Gallager, Virginia Loehr, Jill Miller, Robert Young, Jeff Fennie, Martin Gaul

**Absent:** 1 - Patrick Hogan

- 1 [16-0489](#) Approval of February 16, 2016 Minutes

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

Gaul made a motion, Miller seconded, that these Minutes be **APPROVED**. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 2 [16-0490](#) Public Hearing and Action on Concept Plan for King Street and 17th Street Neighborhood Greenways

**Attachments:** [Concept Plan Memo](#)  
[Transportation Vision Memo](#)  
[NRC Statement](#)

*Public Comments:*

- Sarah Moe of 17th & Winnebago expressed concern about unintended consequences of traffic calming, like danger from increased speeding the rest of the way on cross streets, potential increased alley use, and snow removal difficulties; suggested 15th St. as alternate to 17th St. She later requested that turning lanes at 16th & Jackson intersection be extended to facilitate easier turning; suggested blocking off Winnebago completely at 17th to prevent speeding there.

- John Moe of 17th & Winnebago expressed concern about snow removal and affect on adjacent properties; felt plan was untenable and that bikes won't use 17th St.

- Peter Ferguson of 17th St. said mini traffic circles are dangerous for pedestrians, specifically the one on King St; suggests all-way yielding rather than just two sides.

- Chuck Welch of 23rd St. requested better enforcement of traffic laws on routes; preferred alternative C on West Ave. crossing; from Weigent-Hogan, but neighborhood did not have an official stance on the concept plan.

- Monica Hofmann of 23rd & King supports safer bicycle and pedestrian crossings on

*Jackson St. and West Ave in the concept plan. Written comment also supports bike blvd. at Adams St.*

- *Maureen Kenny would use King St neighborhood greenway as an alternative route.*

- *Scott Hoffman of 19th & King asks that traffic circles be sized and signed appropriately - need not be mini.*

- *Julie Jaspersen of 17th & King also ask that traffic circles be sized appropriately and would like to see something at Main & 17th.*

- *Brian Leis of 17th St. said shared lane markings aren't enough to feel safe next to fast traffic on Main St; appreciates traffic calming.*

- *Joe Andresy of 17th Pl. & Cass hopes that drivers will shy away from King; neighborhood greenway offers a consistent environment to learn*

- *Candace Brown expressed concern over reduced parking and alley access.*

- *Chuck Lee uses the route; requests West Ave. be considerate of crossing traffic; traffic circle at 19th & Madison has helped. Written comment supports alt. C.*

- *Andrew Londre of 10th & Tyler supports concept plan because it supports driver awareness and promotes liveability.*

- *Carolyn Dvorak of Holmen supports alt. C, request that City goes further to make it safer, like shortening pedestrian crossing distance and adding rapid-flashing beacon.*

- *Heidi Weatherford supports the concept plan and would be more likely to use King St. to cross West to get to the YMCA.*

- *John Studkin supports improvements; concerned about flooding at 17th & State.*

- *Warren Thomas of the Fire Dept. requested some accomodation for fire trucks to turn left going east onto King St., though that accomodation would only affect block immediately east of West Ave.*

- *Jack Zabrowski spoke in support.*

- *Carol Neil of 1th & King spoke in support and is worried about close calls between bikes and cars.*

- *Jim Longhurst of Park & 15th spoke in support of plan and alternative C; shared that this concept is new to La Crosse, but not US, cites bike blvd. research from Portland that includes traversable medians.*

- *Tyler Dahl of 17th & King supports plan and alternative C over safety issues; good for young families like his.*

- *Maureen Freidland reflected that difficulty with West Ave traffic and crossing has caused groups to look elsewhere for development.*

*Written Comments:*

- *Bridget Brown of 16th & Madison supports concept plan and design alternative C at minimum; would like to see West Ave redesigned to be less hostile.*

- 2 anonymous supported safe crossing of West Ave., specifically alternative C.

- Peter Gorski supports bike friendly work like this; suggest a look at traffic effects, parking, and other changes.

*Committee Comments:*

- Gallager does not support alt. C; concerned about one lane stopping and not other;

- Gaul opined that the corridor isn't the best, but needs to be as safe as possible; added that Engineering should work with Fire Dept. to get across refuge island.

- Young agreed that alt. C isn't ideal, but is minimum to make crossing safer.

**Young made a motion, Gaul seconded, to OPEN a public hearing on this item. The motion carried by voice vote.**

**Young made a motion, Gaul seconded, to CLOSE the public hearing on this item. The motion carried by voice vote.**

**Gaul made a motion, Young seconded, to SUPPORT the concept plan and adopt alternative C. The motion carried by voice vote.**

### 3 Update on Wagon Wheel Trail - Don Smith

*City may want to consider connection and reserve part of existing frontage road for trail at Park Plaza as it goes to Council in June.*

### 4 [16-0495](#) Introduction to Walkability Audits

**Attachments:** [Walkability Audit Tool Example](#)

## Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

*Next meeting June 21st at 6pm, focused on Engineering (from 5 E's). Agenda items may include CIP project progress, mapping project with UW-L GIS students, Monitor Street apron and Goose Green Trail, shared lane repainting progress, Pine & West crossing progress, and DOT coordination on neighborhood greenways.*

## Adjournment

**Young made a motion, Gaul seconded, that this Meeting be ADJOURNED at 7:57 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.**

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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