

Meeting Minutes - Final

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 8, 2024	8:30 AM	City Hall - Miller Room
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located at 400 La Crosse St in La Crosse or online via video conferencing with the link below.

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Robert Young, Jeff Fennie, Larry Sleznikow, Grace Janssen, Stephanie Sward, Randi Pueschner, Chelsey Boldon,Brooke Pataska

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Pueschner, seconded by Sward to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Transportation Survey Presentation and Walk Audit Overview.

Travis Key and Andrew Ericson presented on a transportation study they conducted with people attending and employed at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. They had over 1,800 responses with the survey they conducted. The survey findings showed that distance and time were the biggest contributors for influencing commute decisions. The survey also found that only 13.2% of undergraduate survey respondents had a personal bicycle available for use in

La Crosse.

In addition to the survey, they created a heat map to see possible connections based on survey responses and location of housing. They found that 50% of students who drive to campus live within a 20 minute walk of campus. They also found a density of students driving who live north of La Crosse Street and on Vine Street west of West Ave. Ericson explained some possibilities for why those students might be driving including that students are likely having to cross dangerous intersections and in doing so this could be adding to their commute time.

Ericson explained that after collecting this data they decided to partner with the La Crosse Area Planning Committee to do a walk audit in these off-campus housing areas. Many people who participated in the walk audit confirmed their thoughts on concerns over dangerous intersections and the uncomfortable pedestrian experience on West Ave and La Crosse Street.

Ericson stated they plan on continuing to do this survey on a two year basis.

2. <u>24-1119</u> Discussion on priority projects and implementation of the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

CM Sleznikow stated that Ranger Drive seems to be a project Committee Members and Council Members are interested in.

Sward explained that temporary traffic calming measures are not recommended based on the current Traffic Calming Policy. CM Sleznikow stated that he sees temporary/quick-build projects in many other communities. Erin Duffer from the LAPC stated that quick-build traffic calming is a practice used nationwide with many great examples in other states (Missouri) and other Wisconsin municipalities (Milwaukee).

3. <u>24-1120</u> Updates (Bike Rodeo, Bike Friendly Community, Committee Member updates, etc.).

Staff provided the following updates.

-The City was awarded TAP Redistribution funds in partnership with Drift Cycle for five new stations and thirty new bikes. The Town of Shelby was awarded a TAP Redistribution grant in partnership with the City of La Crosse to complete the sidewalks on Hwy 14/61.

-The Bike Rodeo got rained out. Looking to plan another one next summer. -The Bike Friendly Community Survey is open until October 15, 2024. -The LAPC is updating their Long Range Transportation Plan. The survey can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LAPC_MTP

4. Call for Future Agenda Items.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 am.

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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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members: CM Larry Sleznikow, Brooke Pataska, Grace Janssen, Jeff Fennie, Randi Pueschner, Robert Young, Stephanie Sward, Chelsey Boldon