



NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN



May 3, 2016

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

RE: Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee plan to develop King Street & 17th Street into neighborhood greenways

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members,

The following statement was reviewed by the City of La Crosse's Neighborhood Revitalization Commission at their May 2, 2016 meeting. The Neighborhood Revitalization Commission unanimously voted to support the statement regarding the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee plan to develop King Street and 17th Street into neighborhood greenways.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Commission supports the current plans of the City of La Crosse Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee to develop King Street and 17th Street into "neighborhood greenways." These streets are just the first two of several additional planned greenways including Avon and Farnam, and the NRC supports this use of streets into other neighborhoods

Neighborhood greenways, also known as bicycle boulevards, are networks of existing low-speed, low-traffic residential streets that are selected to encourage biking and walking in order to connect different neighborhoods and parts of the city. Residential motor vehicle traffic is still allowed, but faster through traffic is discouraged on these quiet streets. King Street and 17th Street were proposed as neighborhood greenways in the 2012 Bike/Ped Master Plan. This Plan adds value to neighborhoods by building in storm water management facilities, emphasizing safe crossings for people who walk, bike, and drive, and connecting neighborhoods to places of employment, schools, parks, retail centers, and other amenities such as libraries, the YMCA, and restaurants.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Commission particularly supports the ways that neighborhood greenways build property value in residential neighborhoods by promoting quiet streets rather than through traffic, increasing mobility options for seniors and families, and decreasing parking needs downtown or for major employers by promoting safe alternative transportation modes.

The BPAC has announced a public meeting for May 17, and is asking for input on the proposed neighborhood greenways on King Street and on 17th Street. We urge the public to support this plan to safely connect residential neighborhoods with workplaces and amenities across the city.

Sincerely,

Kayla Tally, AmeriCorps VISTA and NRC Secretary

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