Report from Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Public Workshop – March 3, 2016, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Portage County Library Pinery Room
1001 Main St, Stevens Point, WI 54481

BPAC members present: Tori Jennings; Trevor Roark; Marlene Pohl; Liz McDonald; Maud LaMarche

PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION FINDINGS:

Approximate number of attendees: 135
Number of participants in poster session: 70

Highest priority recommendations from public:

- Include annual bicycle & pedestrian education information in municipal communications.
- Develop bicycle user maps of area streets.
- Encourage businesses to apply for League of American Bicyclists, Bicycle Friendly Business Award.
- Enforce crosswalk laws (motorists yield to pedestrians).
- Incorporate bike/ped facilities into new street projects.

Results of 5 E's and Other Recommendations:

EDUCATION	
Rodeos for children	18%
Rodeos for adults	10%
Education in municipal communications	**43%**
Bike/Ped education on website	4%
Education in lieu of punishment	25%
ENCOURAGMENT	
Bike to work/school week	11%
Bike Challenge	17%
Promote local health/wellness events	16%
Develop bicycle user maps of area streets	**54%**
EVALUATION	
Perform bike/ped counts	32%
Track number of bicycle facilities	7%
Pursue Bicycle Friendly Community Award	19%
Encourage businesses to apply for Bicycle Friendly Business Award	**40%**

ENFORCEMENT	
Crosswalk enforcement (motorists yield to pedestrians)	**47%**
Speed enforcement	23%
Snow clearance (enforce snow shoveling ordinance)	23%
Automated speed tracking	1%
Law Enforcement training	8%
OTHER	
Develop bike share program	9%
Sidewalks where transit stops are located	3%
Provide bike parking at major transit stops	6%
Incorporate bike/ped facilities into new street projects	**64%**
Safe Routes to Schools	19%
ENGINEERING	
Problem area most noted was the I-39/Main Street interchange	

*Note: numbers are rounded to nearest whole.

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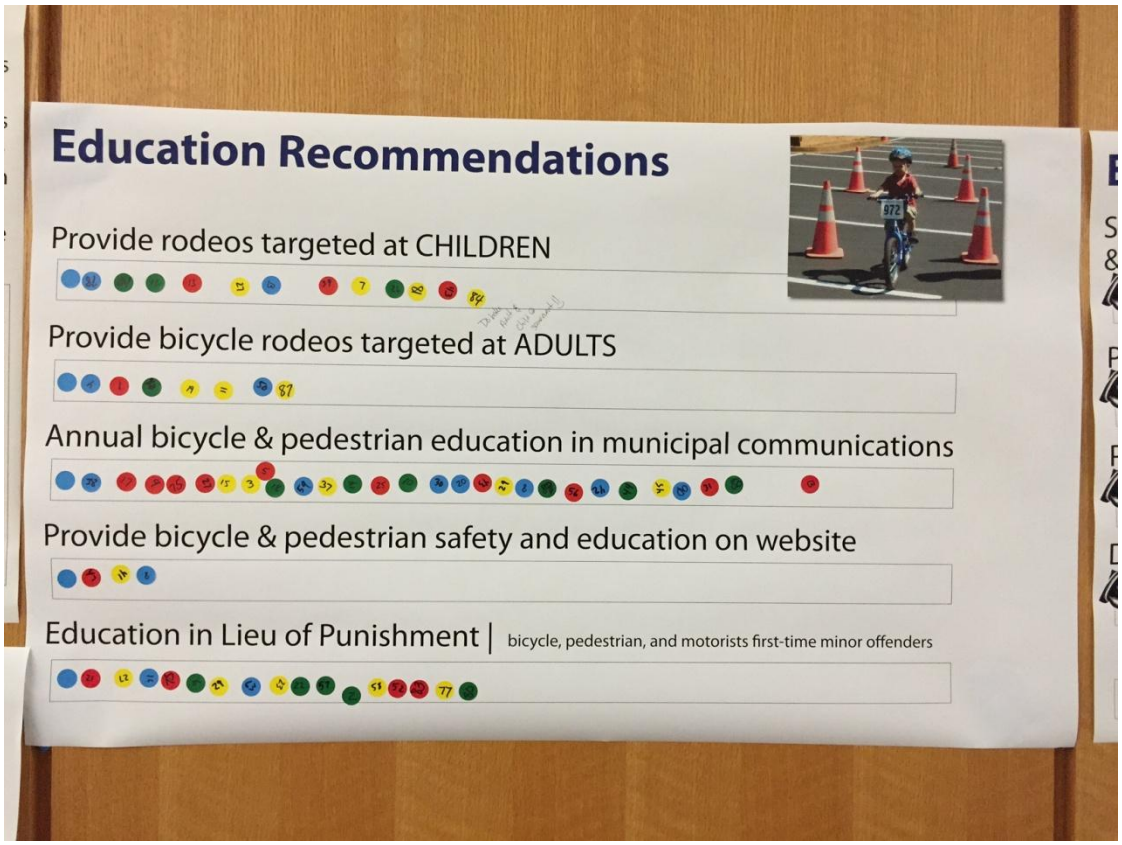
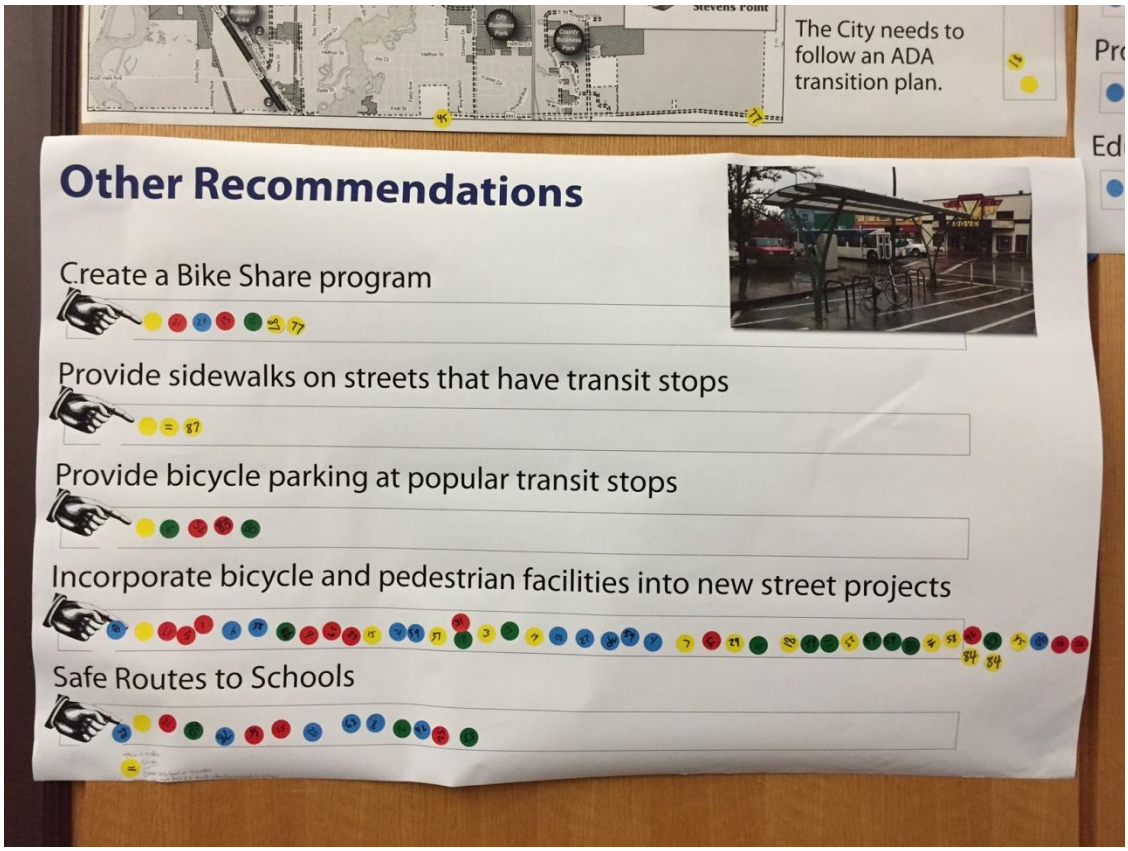


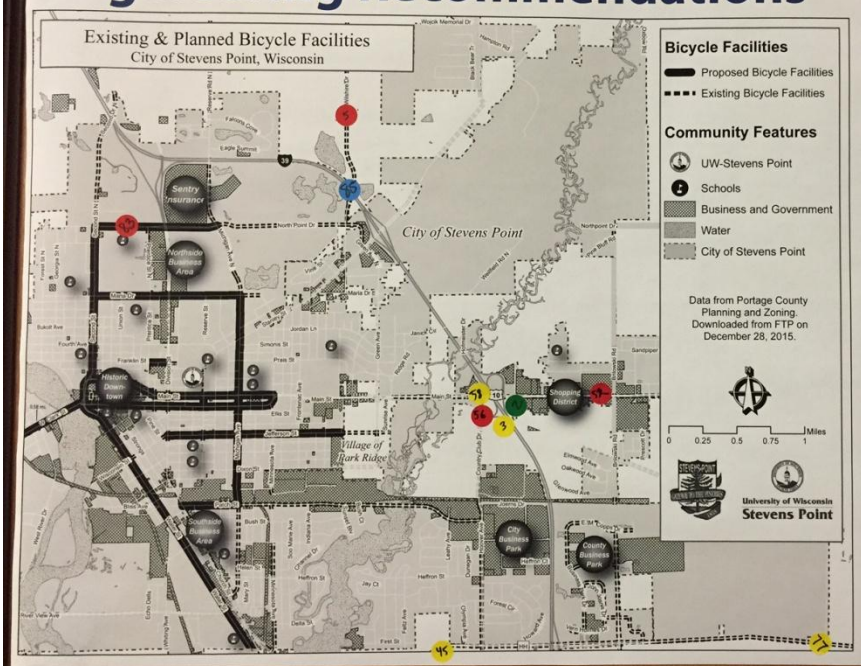
Encouragement Recommendations
Bike to Work Week
Sponsor Bike to Work Week
& Bike and Walk to School Day
Promote the Wisconsin Bicycle Challenge | Employers encourage bicycling to work
Promote bicycling & walking at local health and wellness events
Develop Bicycle User Maps for Area Streets

Evaluation Recommendations
Conduct Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts
Keep track of total number of bicycle facilities| city and county
Pursue Bicycle Friendly Community Award | League of American Bicyclists
Encourage Businesses to apply for Bicycle Friendly Business status
Will you volunteer to conduct bicycle or pedestrian counts?
Please sign up with BPAC member!
We Need You!

Enforcement Recommendations
SHARE THE ROAD
Crosswalk Enforcement | motorist must yield to pedestrian in crosswalks
Speed Enforcement | enforce posted speed limits, particularly in school zones
Snow Clearance | enforce ordinance and ticket responsible parties who have not cleared snow
Automated speed-tracking equipment | provide feedback to motorists
Law enforcement training | for officials on bicycle related enforcement techniques and strategies


The City needs to follow an ADA transition plan.
Other Recommendations
Create a Bike Share program
Provide sidewalks on streets that have transit stops
Provide bicycle parking at popular transit stops
Incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities into new street projects
Safe Routes to Schools

Engineering Recommendations



A primary goal of the Plan is to increase the safety of users. Several recent studies have indicated that as more and more bicyclists are seen using streets and bikeways, crashes drop because of the increased motorist awareness.

CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS

Include sidewalks in all upcoming street projects.

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