

**AGENDA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

**City Conference Room
County-City Building
1515 Strongs Avenue**

**November 15, 2016
9:00 AM**

(A Quorum of the City Council May Attend This Meeting)

1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from August 9 and October 11, 2016 regular meetings.
3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.*

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Mayor Wiza to address comments made in City Times on September 19, 2016.
5. Staff Update.
6. Results from the 2016 Stevens Point Bike/Ped Count.
7. Analysis of bicycle licensing totals since 1996 (see attached).
8. Consideration of bike/pedestrian/motorist safety mailer to be included with water bills.
9. Update on discussions about community bike share programs.
10. Notification that North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Bike/Ped Plan is underway: <http://us13.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7e792c689480136e63878232b&id=5f6836ccea&e=1b8166c805>
11. Schedule next meeting.
12. Adjourn.

* Persons who wish to speak on an agenda item (Public Hearing) will be limited to a five (5) minute presentation.

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REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 9, 2016 - 10:00 AM

Conference Room, County-City Building
1515 Strongs Avenue - Stevens Point WI 54481

PRESENT: Tori Jennings, Trevor Roark, Bill Fehrenbach, Scott Cole, Michael O’Meara

ABSENT: Scott Cole

STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns

ALSO PRESENT: University of Wisconsin Student Government Representative

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1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from July 12, 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Meeting.
3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.*

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Discuss Wisconsin Bike Fed Mid-Summer Back to School Safety Series (see attached).
5. Plan Stevens Point Bike Count – September 2016 (see attached).
6. Plan UWSP Student Orientation bike ride and information booth.
7. Inventory on Portage County County-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan adoption and implementation by other municipalities.
8. Schedule next meeting.
9. Adjourn.

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1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order by Tori Jennings.

2. Minutes of the BPAC meeting of July 12, 2016

Tori Jennings motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Trevor Roark. Motion Carried, all ayes.

3. Person’s wishing to address committee on a non-agenda item:

Tori Jennings discussed an ad by the Portage County Business Council touting the pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the business park.

Michael O’Meara asked that the Committee put on a future agenda, a briefing on the city’s snow and ice control plans especially on how they relate to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

4. Discuss Wisconsin Bike Fed Mid-Summer Back to School Safety Series (see attached).

The committee had a short discussion regarding the Wisconsin Bike Federation/Back To School Safety Series.

5. Bike Count 2016 Planning

There was a discussion amongst the committee on the dates and times of the counts before it was decided to schedule the counts on: Wed. 9/14/16 3:30-5:30PM and Sat. 9/17/16 10:00-12:00 AM. The committee thought a late morning count would better capture the farmer’s

market traffic on Saturday. Alternate rain dates were determined as well, Thursday, 9/15/16 and Sunday, 9/18/16.

The committee then determined the following count locations:

- A. Hoover and Patch (changed from I39 Underpass)
- B. Patch St. and Green Circle Trail
- C. West River Drive and CTH "HH"
- D. Crosby and Water
- E. Main and Division
- F. 4th and Division
- G. Northpoint and Michigan
- H. West River Drive and STH 66
- I. Franklin and Division
- J. Main and Strongs
- K. Jefferson and Michigan
- L. Whiting and Water

Moved by Trevor Roark to approve the count dates, times and locations as indicated above. Seconded by Michael O'Meara. Motion Carried, All Ayes.

Kyle Kearns will be getting maps and vests for the counters and check with the city attorney if the counters need to sign waivers.

Bill Fehrenbach has agreed to lead training for the counters.

Tori Jennings reminded each member of the committee will to work hard to recruit counters so that we can have at least 26 counters per day.

6. Plan for UWSP Student Orientation booth and bike rides.

The information booth will be in the DUC 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Literature and a chance to get bicycle licenses with SP PD will be provided.

We are planning 3 rides:

A city loop featuring downtown and the riverside parks 9/14/16

A mountain bike ride featuring downtown, riverside parks and Green Circle Trail 9/21/16

A road bike ride featuring downtown, the riverside parks and the rural area west of town 9/28/16

Moved by Fehrenbach 2nd O'Meara to approve the plan.

7. Inventory on Portage County County-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan adoption and implementation by other municipalities.

Trevor Roark gave a report on the progress toward adoption and implementation by the various municipalities. Trevor also stated the importance of BPAC connecting with various municipalities to push them to adopt and implement recommendations.

8. Schedule next meeting.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for October 11, 2016.

9. Adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 AM

REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 11, 2016 - 9:00 AM

Conference Room, County-City Building
1515 Strongs Avenue - Stevens Point WI 54481

PRESENT: Tori Jennings, Trevor Roark, Bill Fehrenbach, Scott Cole, Michael O’Meara, and Scott Cole
STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns
ALSO PRESENT: Erin Hoey, Greg Wright, Dan Wussow, Megan Christiansen, Katy Strebe

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1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from Special Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting on August 30, 2016.
3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.*
Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:
4. Greg Wright presentation on Art Walk.
5. Staff Update.
6. Summary of Stevens Point Bike/Ped Count 2016.
7. BPAC to host information table at Fourth Annual Information Fair in celebration of National Campus Sustainability Day on October 26, 2016 (see attached).
8. TAP Grant Award.
9. Review of BPAC first 12 months and vision statement (see attached).
10. Schedule next meeting.
11. Adjourn.

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1. Call to Order.
Meeting called to order by Tori Jennings
 2. Minutes and Actions from Special Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting on August 30, 2016.
Motion by Michael O’Meara to approve the minutes; Second by Bill Fehrenbach. All Ayes, motion carried.
 3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.*

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Greg Wright presentation on Art Walk.
Greg Wright presented the concept of art space crosswalks saying that these draw attention to high use crosswalks. Artistic crosswalks are affordable. Furthermore, he stated they could be implemented at crossings such as Franklin/Division and Main St/66 to the riverfront. They have been proven to be effective in other communities. He feels Art and design ideas should make future committee agendas.
Michael O’Meara mentioned that sculptured bike racks are another possibility to attract more people to bike downtown that are more secure to lock bikes to and questioning if they could be funded through grants.

Trevor Roark commented that a grant idea could work through a partnership led by the city for sculptured racks. Also, there could be a volunteer paint crew for artistic crosswalks.

She stated it needs to be an open median, not a barricade.

Michael O'Meara suggested we should invite Nicole Linze for a Transportation Funding / Enhancement discussion.

5. Staff Update.

City Planner Kyle Kearns said that a consultant is needed before TAP Grant bike lanes can be painted.

O'Meara stated this is especially needed with crossings.

Mr. Kearns suggested that the City should wait until the comprehensive plan is done with the City before adopting complete streets policy.

Roark asked if BPAC can have any input into the comp plan, to which Mr. Kearns answered yes, furthermore indicating drafting chapters can be fed input from the public. He then encourage BPAC members should attend Comprehensive Plan chapter planning committee meetings.

O'Meara stated that a vision statement is needed. For example, the new Roundy's was built without bike/pedestrian access in mind. O'Meara proposed that the City review and comment on all new commercial and residential construction.

6. Summary of Stevens Point Bike/Ped Count 2016.

Bill Fehrenbach co-organized and conducted the first City-wide Bike/Ped count. Bill mentioned this was not a statistically accurate count, just a snapshot and summarized results while complimenting all volunteers. Michael O'Meara stated that a 16-hour count was done on Stanley Street.

7. BPAC to host information table at Fourth Annual Information Fair in celebration of National Campus Sustainability Day on October 26, 2016 (see attached).

Organizing for the event was discussed among the committee members.

Tori Jennings suggested that BPAC get Wisconsin Bicycle Federation Safety cards from Michelle Bachaus.

8. TAP Grant Award.

Tori Jennings and Trevor Roark submitted the 2016 TAP Grant request in early 2016 and received \$391,000 for the project with which 20% of costs will be funded locally by the City. The grant request will create 13.16 miles of bike lanes, urban shoulders, and shared lane markings. Lastly, Tori noted that Stanley St. and Division St. were left out of grant coverage.

9. Review of BPAC first 12 months and vision statement (see attached).

Tori Jennings summarized the following accomplishments of BPAC since its creation.

Accomplishments: Formed in Aug 2015, First meeting September 2015, 2016 First bike count for City only, Bike licensing at UWSP DUC, TAP Grant submitted and won, WI Bike Fed at farmers market, LAB Silver Status application submitted for the City, Walk Your Wheels Graphics painted on downtown sidewalks, Bike route map is currently being designed by student Ellie Corban, Trevor Roark attended the first Midwest Active Transportation Conference, Abandoned Bicycle Tag Ordinance was created, Shared advice to help SP Airport get started with their bike share program, Spring BPAC public workshop at Library, Portage County Countywide Bike/Ped Plan

adopted by the City September 2015, Created brochure for bike licenses, etc., Organized bike ride around City with League of American Bicyclists representative.

Trevor Roark shared the licensing numbers in Stevens Point (as stated from Police records), 2014 – 81, 2015 – 108, and 2016 – 136.

Tori Jennings shared her invited for the Mayor to attend a future BPAC meeting to address comments in the media and clarify the role of BPAC.

10. Schedule next meeting.

BPAC determined the next meeting would be held the third Tuesday of the month, November 15, 2016, due to the upcoming election day.

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

**Stevens Point Bicycle-Pedestrian Count
All-Direction Totals
September 2016**

Location	Wednesday, September 14 3:30 - 5:30 pm Sunny, 68°				Saturday, September 17 10:00 am - noon Partly Cloudy, 63°			
	Bicyclists	Pedestrians	Other	Total	Bicyclists	Pedestrians	Other	Total
1. I-39 Underpass	18	37	0	55	8	0	0	8
2. Patch and Green Circle Trail	41	14	1	56	72	21	0	93
3. West River Drive and HH	9	31	0	40	12	2	2	16
4. Crosby and Water	31	94	3	128	41	1456	7	1504
5. Main and Division	48	59	5	112	37	81	1	119
6. Main and Michigan	27	44	1	72	9	10	0	19
7. Franklin and Division	100	220	7	327	48	58	1	107
8. Jefferson and Michigan	37	32	1	70	5	11	0	16
9. Fourth and Division	84	191	3	278	38	682	6	726
10. Northpoint and Reserve	51	97	0	148	32	21	1	54
11. West River and Clark	16	7	0	23	13	30	1	44
12. Main and Strongs	58	282	6	346	82	1259	1	1342
13. Whiting and Water	23	14	2	39	22	18	0	40
Total	543	1122	29	1694	419	3649	20	4088

Comment: Most peds from Skyward on break.

Comment: One CC team passed through.

Comment: Many more peds 3:15-3:30 (school)

Comment: One CC team passed through.

Comment: One CC team passed through.

Comment: Fall Festival! Main closed to cars

May Weekday Counts

I-39 Underpass
 Bike Ped Other

Patch and Green Circle
 Bike Ped Other

West River and HH
 Bike Ped Other

Crosby and Water
 Bike Ped Other
 2014 25 40 Partly cloudy, 55°
 2012 24 25 Partly cloudy, 75°

Main and Division
 Bike Ped Other
 2014 36 62 Partly cloudy, 55°

Main and Michigan
 Bike Ped Other

Franklin and Division
 Bike Ped Other

Jefferson and Michigan
 Bike Ped Other

September Weekday Counts

I-39 Underpass
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 18 37 0 Sunny, 68°
 2014 14 4 Sunny, warm
 2012 19 0 Sunny, 80's
 2011 7 1

Patch and Green Circle
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 41 14 1 Sunny, 68°
 2014 35 18 Sunny, warm
 2012 70 13 Sunny, 80's
 2011 48 15

West River and HH
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 9 31 0 Sunny, 68°

Crosby and Water
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 31 94 3 Sunny, 68°
 2014 29 55 Sunny, warm
 2012 57 41 Sunny, 80's
 2011 39 48

Main and Division
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 48 59 5 Sunny, 68°
 2014 70 83 Sunny, warm
 2012 75 79 Sunny, 80's

Main and Michigan
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 27 44 1 Sunny, 68°
 2014 Sunny, warm
 2012 Sunny, 80's

Franklin and Division
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 100 220 7 Sunny, 68°

Jefferson and Michigan
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 37 32 1 Sunny, 68°

Fourth and Division
 Bike Ped Other

Fourth and Division
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 84 191 3 Sunny, 68°
 2014 118 220 Sunny, warm
 2012 129 240 Sunny, 80's
 2011 94 186

Northpoint and Reserve
 Bike Ped Other
 2014 10 28 Partly cloudy, 55°
 2013 21 33
 2012 11 34 Partly cloudy, 75°

Northpoint and Reserve
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 51 97 0 Sunny, 68°
 2014 37 153 Sunny, warm
 2012 38 36 Sunny, 80's
 2011 7 38

West River and Clark
 Bike Ped Other

West River and Clark
 Bike Ped Other
 2016 16 7 0 Sunny, 68°

Main and Strongs
 Bike Ped Other

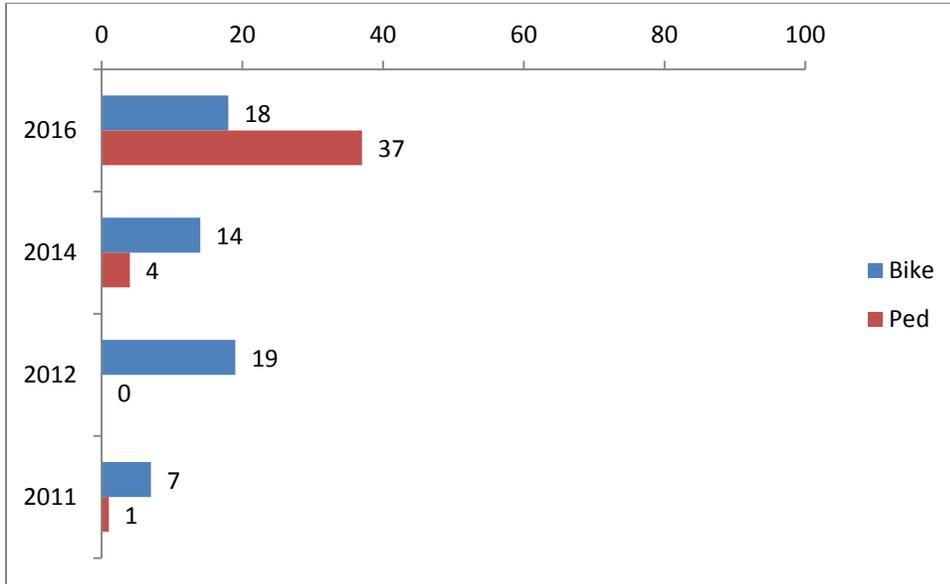
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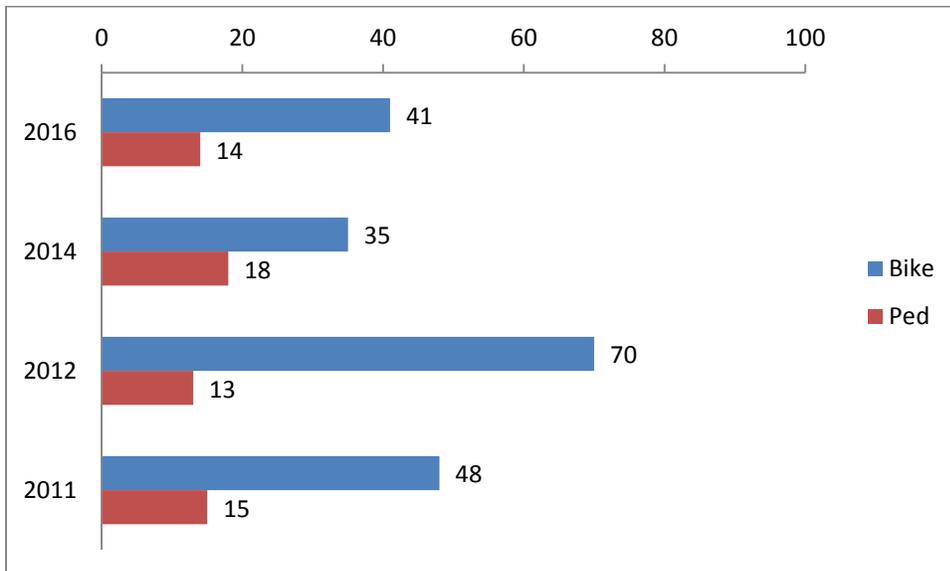
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Stevens Point Bike-Ped Count Comparisons, 2016
September Weekday, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

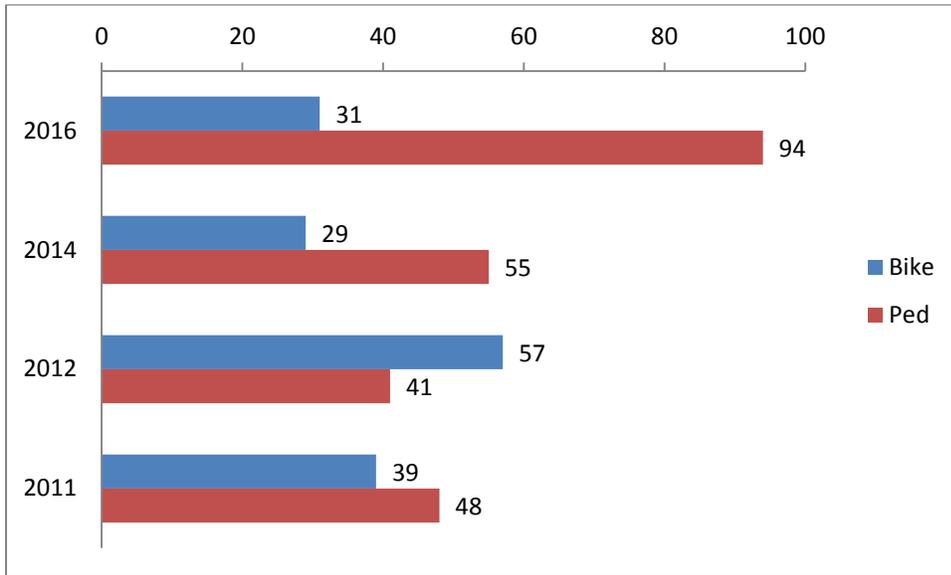
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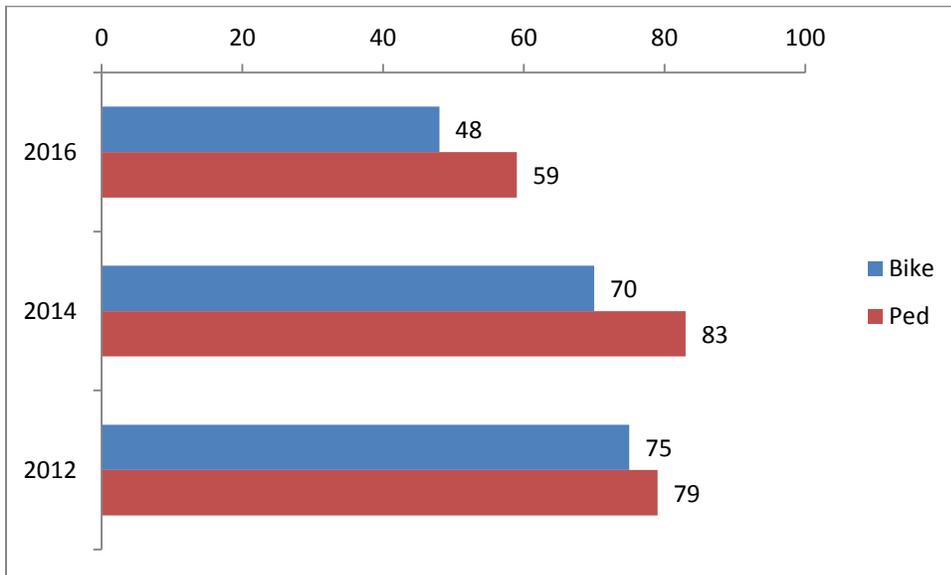
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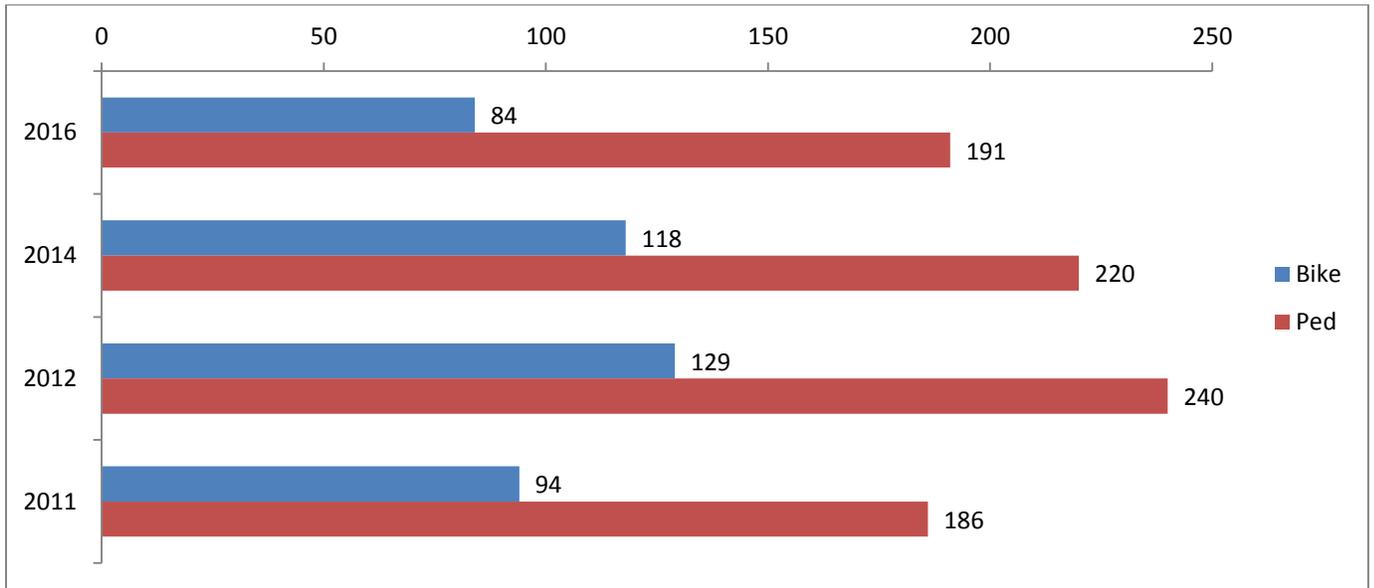
Crosby and Water



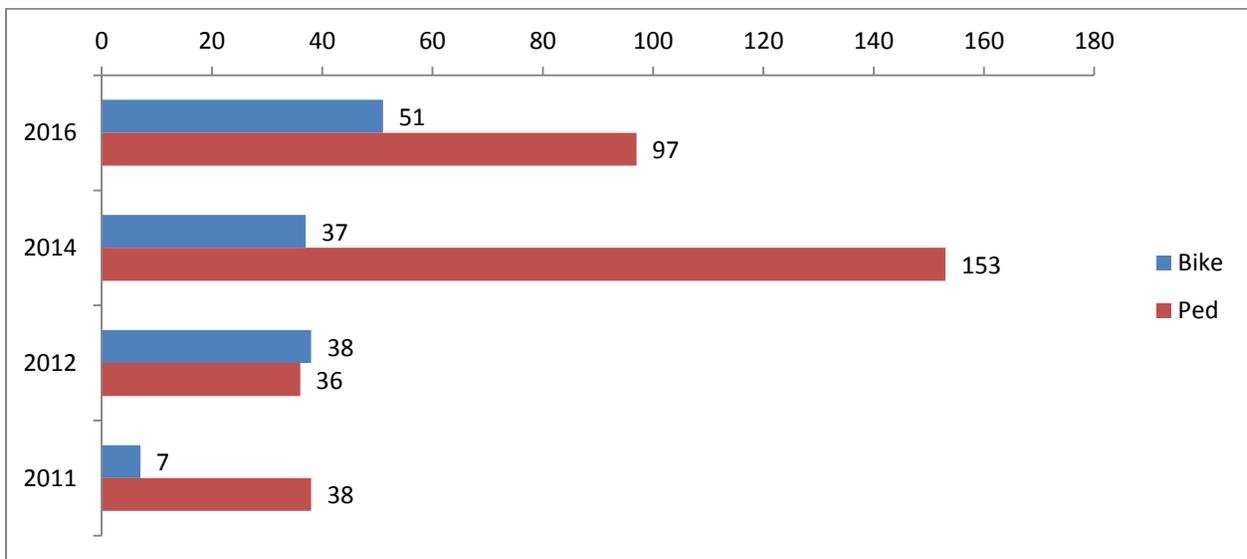
Main and Division



Fourth and Division



Northpoint and Reserve



Attachment Pertaining to Item 7

Stevens Point Bicycle License totals 1996 – present

Cost of license is \$6 and non-expiring

1996	436
1997	667
1998	920
1988	620
2000	729
2001	552
2002	483
2003	340
2004	262
2005	218
2006	260
2007	380
2008	247
2009	232
2010	158
2011	166
2012	110
2013	105
2014	81
2015	108
2016	136



North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Serving Adams, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, and Wood Counties since 1973

What is the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan?

The North Central Wisconsin Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is a region-wide effort to improve bicycling and walking. The region includes the counties of Adams, Forest, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas, and Wood. The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is one of the first steps to implementing the regional livability plan. The plan will analyze bicycle and pedestrian transportation throughout the region, and recommend policies, programs, and facilities to improve the safety, viability, convenience, and attractiveness of bicycling and walking for transportation. The NCWRPC has received a Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to assist in the funding of this project.

Why is the plan needed?

Safety

Walking and bicycling are widespread activities. Everyone is a pedestrian at some point in their journey, even when walking through a parking lot. Research and surveys have demonstrated there are large proportions of people interested in bicycling for transportation but many do not because they are concerned for their safety. Additionally, bicycling and walking has declined over the last five decades. In 1964, 50% of US children bicycled or walked to school, and by 2004 the proportion had declined to 3%, due largely to the perception that safety has declined for those that bike and walk.



Image Source: VA SA

This suggests that a substantial proportion of the 441,822 people living in the region, not including seasonal residents or visitors, would benefit from safer routes in the North Central Region. Four fatal bicycle crashes occurred in our region, of the 15 that occurred in Wisconsin in 2015, as well as three fatal pedestrian crashes in 2015 within our ten county North Central region. The benefits of this plan will accrue to everyone that uses the transportation system, as many of the safety improvements made to roadways to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians also improve safety and efficiency for motorists.

Connectivity

The plan is also needed to update and expand the 2004 North Central Wisconsin Regional Bicycle Facilities Plan, both to include pedestrian transportation and to incorporate new knowledge and local plans into the regional plan. While there are some local planning efforts, it can be challenging to connect these efforts across municipal, town, and county borders, resulting in a network that does not meet its full potential. This plan also provides guidance for areas that do not have their own bicycle and pedestrian plans.

Economy

Bicycle tourism generated from out of state visitors has a \$535 million economic impact in Wisconsin annually and the total economic impact of bicycle tourism is approximately \$924 million. Employers are increasingly recognizing the importance of safe and convenient bicycling and walking to attracting and retaining employees. Active transportation can greatly reduce personal health care costs, and reduce wear and tear on our transportation infrastructure.

Timeline



Who is involved in the planning process?

The Public

Everyone has a chance to be involved in the process by providing input on bicycling and walking in our region. Take our survey at www.ncwrpc.org/bikepedsurvey and map your routes at www.ncwrpc.org/bikepedmap. Comments are encouraged via email or mail to bsippel@ncwrpc.org or Attn. Brad Sippel, 210 McClellan Street, Suite 210, Wausau, WI 54403. Visit our website at www.ncwrpc.org/bikepedplan to stay up to date and learn of other opportunities.

Website



Survey



Mapping



North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will be leading and coordinating the planning

process. NCWRPC will be the principle author and adopter of the final plan. NCWRPC will also organize public information meetings within the region.

Stakeholder Groups and Local Governments

NCWRPC will be soliciting input from residents of the region, state, county and local governments, tourism and commerce groups, and bicycling and walking groups. The NCWRPC will hold stakeholder advisory meetings around the region throughout the planning process.



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