

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

City Conference Room
County-City Building
1515 Strongs Avenue

December 13, 2016
9:00 AM

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

1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from the November 15, 2016 regular 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. Approve meeting days and times for the next six months.
5. Staff Update.
6. Approve bike licensing recommendations.
7. Discuss and approve presentation to Plan Commission regarding League of American Bicyclists BFC Status decision; bicycle and pedestrian motorist safety mailer to be included with 2017 tax bills; and year-end report and recommendations.
8. Discuss March BPAC Open House event.
9. Discuss and approve recommendations on Stanley Street per Portage County Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.
10. Schedule next meeting.
11. 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

November 15, 2016 - 9:00 AM

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns

ALSO PRESENT: John Quirk Erin Hoey, Phillip Hass, Connor Hentz, Assistant Chief Tom Zenner, Sergeant Mike Rottier, Nathan Sandwick, Martin Pikula, and Alderperson Cathy Dugan

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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.campaignarchive1.com/?u=7e792c689480136e63878232b&id=5f6836ccea&e=1b8166c805>
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1. Call to Order.
Meeting called to order by Tori Jennings
 2. Minutes and Actions from August 9 and October 11, 2016 regular meetings.
Motion by Bill Fehrenbach, seconded by Michael O'Meara to above both minutes. Motion passed 5-0-0.
 3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.*
John Quirk was concerned about the design of sharrow pavement markings on the newly reconstructed 6th Avenue. He is concerned that they were not painted the correct distance from the curb since parking is allowed on the street. He also wanted to know why these are now on 6th Avenue and if this is a new standard. He suggested the City educate the public as to the meaning of the sharrow markings.

Michael O'Meara asked that the Committee to 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.

Mayor Wiza suggested that he would forward the City's Snow Plan to BPAC.

Tori Jennings showed us a copy of the film "Aftermass" and a draft of a Stevens Point Bike map created by UWSP student Ellie Corbin. There was a discussion on how the map could be distributed.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Mayor Wiza to address comments made in City Times on September 19, 2016

Mayor Wiza expressed concern that some of the communications by committee members are not making the status of the committee as an advisory committee clear to the public.

Wiza mentioned that the original memo created when this committee was created stated that BPAC would be only advisory in nature. Wiza suggested that the morphing of BPAC beyond an advisory role was mostly his fault.

Tori Jennings said that little from the PCCBPP (Portage County Countywide Bike Ped Plan) will get done if BPAC becomes a committee that only advises the City's Plan Commission.

The committee shared confusion as to what constitutes advocacy vs. education vs. advice.

Wiza also spoke of the chain of command and how he feels the committee fits into it.

Nathan Sandwick, community development educator for University of Wisconsin Extension, said he is always available to help the city and this committee with public participation strategies.

Trevor Roark shared concern that there are too many recommendations in the PCCBPP for City Staff to handle on their own due to budget cuts and lack of staff. Trevor gave several examples of BPAC successes and completed projects in the last year that would have been very difficult to prioritize by City Staff. Trevor also mentioned that Mayor Wiza approached BPAC in Dec. 2015 to consider pursuing the 2016 TAP Grant, which falls outside of an advisory role.

Michael O'Meara suggested that BPAC should advise not just the Plan Commission. It should vary depending on the item addressed.

Motion by Michael O'Meara to amend the agenda to consider item 7 of the agenda immediately, seconded by Tori Jennings. Motion carried 5-0-0.

7. Analysis of bicycle licensing totals since 1996 (see attached).

The number of bicycle licenses issued has fallen precipitously over the years. Sgt. Mike Rottier suggested he could speculate as to why, but couldn't confirm actual drivers in declining numbers. Sgt. Rottier mentioned that less bike rodeos and less/no University participation may have caused this. There was a discussion as to whether licenses could be issued at point of sale as well as at the Police Department.

Bill Fehrenbach asked if auto dealers can issue titles why can't bike shops issue bike licenses.

5. Staff Update.

Associate Planner Kyle Kearns mentioned that the Connect Communities application was due later in the month.

6. Results from the 2016 Stevens Point Bike/Ped Count.

Bill Fehrenbach presented the results of the fall 2016 bicycle count administered by BPAC. The counts showed that bicycle and pedestrian traffic continues to be heavy throughout the city. The committee also discussed the possibility of running a spring and fall count next year to align with the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project.

8. Consideration of bike/pedestrian/motorist safety mailer to be included with water bills.

Staff was unsure as to whether the mailers can be included with water bills. Associate Planner Kyle Kearns will check with Joel Lemke, Director of Utilities, to see if they can be included. Another suggestion was to include mailers with tax bills, and also see if the mailers can be distributed by the school district.

John Quirk stated they could be included on the City web site and public access channel.

9. Update on discussions about community bike share programs.

The committee discussed that a feasibility plan for a bike share program in Stevens Point might be a good idea.

Trevor Roark suggested this is listed as a recommendation in the PCCBPP.

Four groups that have been identified as possible users are Stevens Point Airport pilots, UWSP students, local business employees, and visitors.

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Trevor shared the web site with the committee and encouraged all to complete the survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ncwrpcbikapedsurvey>) and edit the interactive map (<http://wikimapping.net/wikimap/NCWRBPP.html>).

11. Schedule next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016.

12. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

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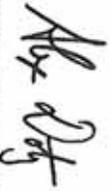
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STEVENS POINT, WI

TOTAL POPULATION
27040

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)
18.4

POPULATION DENSITY
1469.6

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 0

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Silver	Stevens Point
Arterial Streets with Bike Lanes	45%	19%
Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	30%	43%
Public Education Outreach	GOOD	VERY GOOD
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	43%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	GOOD	AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	ACTIVE	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	ACTIVE	MONTHLY OR MORE FREQUENTLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	SOME	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 70K	1 PER 54080 K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	4 / 10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4 / 10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	4 / 10
ENFORCEMENT <i>Promoting safety and protecting bicyclists' rights</i>	2 / 10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4 / 10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Silver	Stevens Point
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of daily bicyclists</i>	3.5%	3.7%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	180	228
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k daily bicyclists</i>	1.4	0



KEY STEPS TO SILVER



- » Develop a design manual that meets current NACTO standards or adopt the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide. This will make it easier for city staff to propose and implement bicycle facility designs that have been shown to improve conditions for people who bike in other cities throughout the United States.
- » The current on-street bicycle network includes many paved shoulders and shared lane markings. Consider road diets, lane diets, and other ways to upgrade those bicycle facilities to ones more suitable to use by people of all ages and abilities.
- » Specify mode share and safety goals. Make sure that you have data collection processes in place to evaluate the performance, including safety performance, of corridors and networks for all

modes of transportation.

- » It is great to hear that your Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is collaborating with University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point GIS/Geography faculty and students on a new bicycle route map of Stevens Point based on comfort level (perceived safety). This will provide a strong basis for improvements in the bicycle network with context-appropriate facilities that provide a connected network for people of all ages and abilities.
- » Increase the amount of staff time spent on improving conditions for people who bike and walk.



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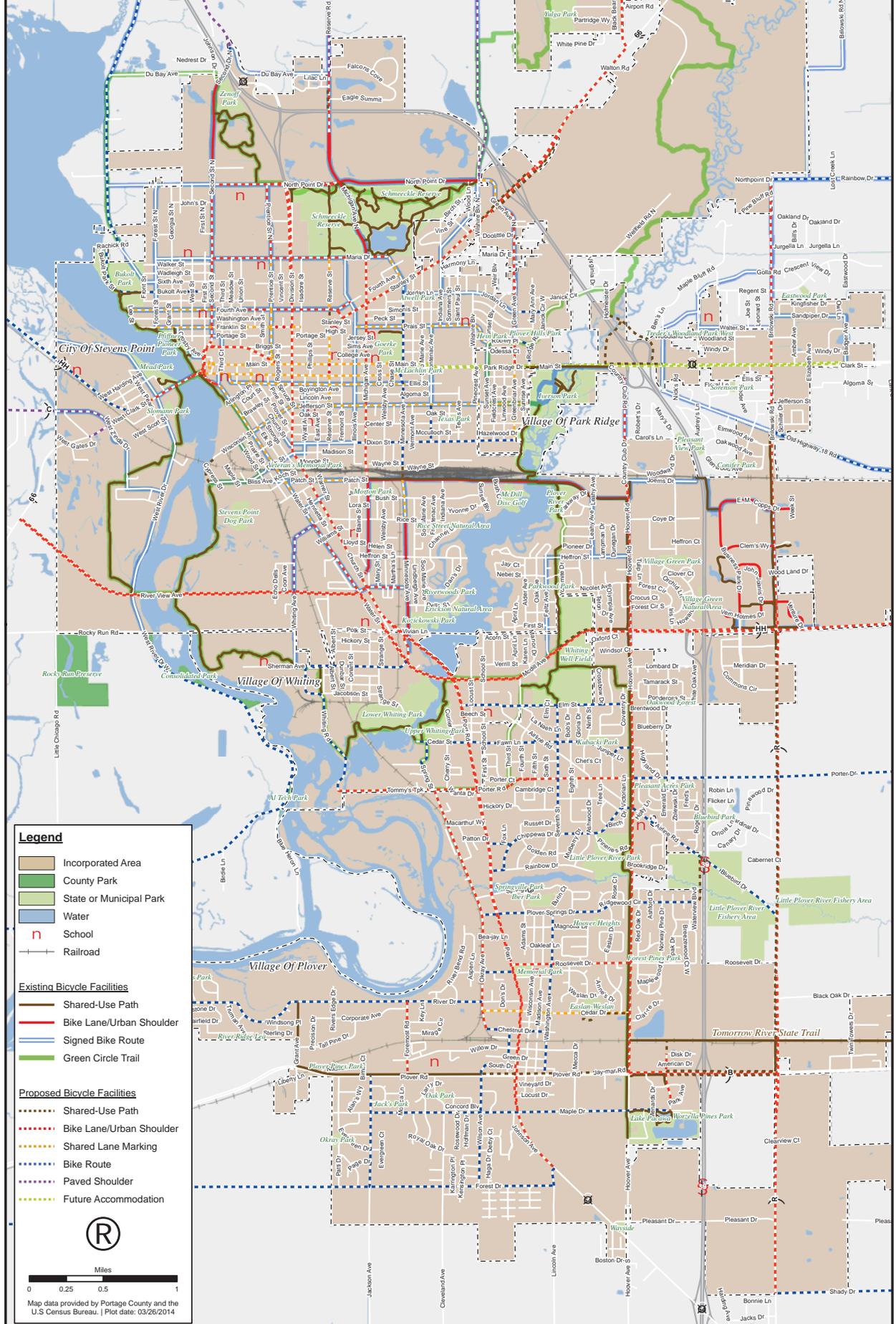
8.4.1 | City of Stevens Point Bikeways

Table 33: Stevens Point Bicycle Lanes/Urban Shoulders

Street	From	To	Miles	Comment
Brilowski Rd	Walter St	County Road HH	2.04	
Brilowski Rd	Carrie Frost Dr	County Road HH	0.18	
Church St	Madison St	Post Rd	1.23	Add 6' bike lanes with reconstruction
Country Club Rd	Main St	Town of Hull	0.12	Restripe to include bike lanes
Country Club Dr	Carol's Ln	Joerns Dr	0.29	Restripe to include bike lanes
County Road HH	Village of Plover	Venture Dr	0.82	
County Road HH	Village of Plover	Burbank Rd	2.02	
Division St	Fourth Ave	Madison St	0.97	Add minimum 6' bike lane
Fourth Ave	Union St	Illinois Ave	0.76	Remove parking on one side of street
Fremont St	Fourth Ave	Stanley St	0.06	
Green Ave	Stanley St	Main St	1.14	Restripe from 3/12/12/3 to 5/10/10/5
Hoover Rd	Joerns Dr	County Road HH	1.02	
Maria Dr	Second St	Minnesota Ave	1.20	Remove parking on the north side of street
Michigan Ave	Maria Dr	Stanley St	0.32	Remove parking on east side of street
Michigan Ave	Stanley St	Main St	0.41	Stripe as 10' travel lanes with 3'+2' shoulder
Michigan Ave	Main St	Ellis St	0.14	Configure as three lane with bike lanes
Michigan Ave	Ellis St	Dixon St	0.40	Stripe as 10' travel lanes with 3'+2' shoulder
Nebel St	Water St	Church St	0.06	
Nebel St	Church St	Minnesota Ave	0.27	
Northpoint Dr	Second St N	Prentice St N	0.38	
Northpoint Dr	Prentice St N	Michigan Ave N	0.49	
North Reserve St	Du Bay Ave	Merge	0.40	
Post Rd	Village of Whiting	Church St	0.19	Add minimum 6' bike lane
Second St	Portage St	Maria Dr	0.52	
Second St	Centerpoint Dr	Second St	0.07	
Second St N	Northpoint Dr	Maria Dr	0.50	Bike lane, buffered bike lane or shared bike/parking lane
Stanley St	Fremont St	Michigan Ave	0.14	
Stanley St	Northpoint Dr	Town of Hull	0.46	
Stanley St	Michigan Ave	Town of Hull	1.48	Convert to three lane east of Green Ave
State Highway 66	I-39	Tourun Rd	1.02	Bike lanes or maintain wide paved shoulders
Torun Rd	Green Circle Trail	State Highway 66	0.54	
Water St	Centerpoint Dr	Clark St	0.19	Remove one travel lane in each direction
Water St	Clark St	Third St	0.13	Bike lane, buffered bike lane or shared bike/parking lane
Water St	River View Ave	Polk St	0.32	Restripe to 5/11/10/M/10/11/5
West Clark St	West Jackson St	Water St	0.58	Mark as urban shoulder: 3' from West Jackson Street to Wisconsin River Bridge and 5.5' on bridge structure
West Clark St	County Road C	W Jackson St	0.16	Stripe 6' bike lanes

Portage County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Map 14: Urban Area Existing & Planned Bicycle Facilities



Legend

- Incorporated Area
- County Park
- State or Municipal Park
- Water
- School
- Railroad

Existing Bicycle Facilities

- Shared-Use Path
- Bike Lane/Urban Shoulder
- Signed Bike Route
- Green Circle Trail

Proposed Bicycle Facilities

- Shared-Use Path
- Bike Lane/Urban Shoulder
- Shared Lane Marking
- Bike Route
- Paved Shoulder
- Future Accommodation

Scale: 0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

Map data provided by Portage County and the U.S. Census Bureau. | Plot date: 03/26/2014