

Greenway & Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (G&BPAC)
Formerly the Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – 7:00 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102

Meeting Notes

Wes Rogers
Dan Splicahal
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Jane Croeker
David Kuharenko, GF engineering
Jairo Viafara, MPO
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Greenway items

- A. **Downtown trail & dock project update:** The ND Industrial Commission has awarded \$100,000 toward this project. The funding comes from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. KLJ Engineering is handling the bidding and construction of the project. Completion is scheduled for June 15 but that could change with water levels and wet weather.
- B. **Snowmobiles and law enforcement efforts:** Representatives from police departments in GF & EGF were invited to attend this meeting but were unable to attend.

The GF Police have done some weekend snowmobile patrols but the lack of snow has slowed that down. They are patrolling throughout the city. EGF Police have not done any patrols this season, due to a lack of suitable equipment and concerns about pursuits in the Greenway.

II. Bikeway items

- A. **2016 Bikeway projects:** An asphalt overlay will be done on the shared-use trail along Gateway Drive. The project will start at North 42nd Street and move east toward Columbia Road. The distance of the project will be determined by the amount of funds available for paving.
- B. **Other project status and questions from group:**
 - i. **South Columbia Road from 11th Avenue South to 14th Avenue South:** When will this project expected to start? This would happen in conjunction with the repaving of this section of road. A date has not been set for repaving this section of South Columbia Road.
 - ii. **North 42nd Street from University Avenue to Gateway Drive:** David is working with consultants to design bikeway facilities.
 - iii. **Overpass at DeMers and North 42nd Street:** There is no project planned for an overpass at this intersection anytime soon. An application was submitted to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program but the application was denied.

The DeMers Avenue project from North 42nd Street to North 48th Street is expected to begin in 2017. David is still working to secure the necessary clearances and easements with Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF). If an easement agreement cannot be reached, the project would have to move to the south side of DeMers Avenue. Plans must be submitted to the North Dakota Department of Transportation by August 15, 2016.

- III. **MPO:** The MPO is hosting a day-long seminar on planning bicycle and pedestrian transportation facilities. The committee for reviewing the bicycle and pedestrian portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan is still being formed.

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