

**Greenway & Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (G&BPAC)**  
**Formerly the Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM**  
**GF City Hall, 255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102**

## Meeting Notes

Nikki Seabloom  
Stephanie Erickson, GF planning  
Art Young  
David Kuharenko, GF engineering

Richard O'Connor  
Jane Croeker  
Margaret Zidan  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

### I. Greenway items

- **Boathouse & downtown river access:** The boathouse was moved to the boat ramp in Lincoln Drive Park in August. This was done because the river levels were dropping low and the riverbank was getting too muddy. This made it difficult for loading in and out of the watercraft. The boat ramp is a little easier because of the concrete. This is a temporary move until the final piece of the trail and dock are installed next year.

Kim has received an estimate of \$167,000 for the final trail piece and dock. The City has decided to apply for grant funding to help off-set this cost. The project will continue in 2016 even if outside funding is not available. It was determined that it was fiscally prudent to try secure some assistance with funding this project.

- **Trail Count 2015 results: Is it necessary anymore? There doesn't seem to be a need to justify the Greenway.**

### II. Bikeway items

- **Lincoln Drive Park Road Reconstruction on the west half of Euclid Ave (pending local match):** The city has been awarded funding through the Special Roads Fund (SRF) administered by ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) to repair this road. This project will repair the road between Euclid Avenue and the shelter near the disc golf course in Lincoln Drive Park. Funding from the SRF program is only available for roads within parks.

Another road of applications for the SRF will be coming up soon. Kim asked David to provide a list of potential road projects in the Greenway. This list would be prioritized with other pending Greenway projects.

- **Trail connection on DeMers Avenue west of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street:** Funding for this project was awarded by the ND Department of Transportation (ND DOT). Staff is working with the railroad to obtain easements for the land between the railroad tracks and DeMers Avenue. Scheduling for this project will depend on the railroad but staff is hoping for 2016 or 2017. There is another ND DOT project happening in that area so the goal is to piggyback this project onto that project. This project was ranked #1 in the process and fits well with the expansions happening at the Industrial Park.

**Gravel trail at Cirrus. When paved? North of Industrial Park is concern/difficult because of the ditches on both sides of the road. LM expansion project added some bike trail.**

- **Knight Foundation award and educational trip:** Stephanie will be traveling with Jonathan Hoult from Toasted Frog and the Downtown Development Association to Copenhagen to see examples of bicycle and pedestrian project. This is part of the 8 80

Cities Project. The GF presentation was ranked second among twenty applicants. Stephanie will share a report of those findings at the October meeting.

**III. Other**

- **Bicycle repair stations:** Aaron Kennedy was unable to attend the meeting to lead this discussion. Tabled until October meeting.
- **List of needs – October agenda**
- **Homeless**
- **Shared-use path on Columbia Road from ---- to ----: Will be added as the lots are developed.**
- **Bike counts:** Counts will be done on University Avenue will be done the week of September 21.

**IV. Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, October 13, 2015, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102**

Supporting documents: September 15, 2015 Greenway Technical Committee agenda  
2015 Trail Count report  
Public comment sheet from CPS for South Columbia Road from 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10:30AM - Tuesday, September 15, 2015**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**

## **Agenda**

- I. Introductions**
- II. Old Business**
  - A. Special project request updates**
    - i. River access in downtown GF**
- III. New Business**
  - A. Trail count project results**
- IV. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update**
- V. Agency Updates**
  - A. City of EGF:**
  - B. GF Park District:**
  - C. City of GF:**
  - D. Minnesota DNR:**
- VI. Other**
- VII. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee STAFF, 10:30AM Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**
- VIII. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee, 10:30AM Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**
- IX. Adjournment**
- X. Upcoming events & meetings**

Supporting documents: Overview – 2015 Trail count

## 2015 Observational Trail Count Results Grand Forks, ND & East Grand Forks, MN

NOTE: There is approximately 1 hour of data missing from the 6P - 8P count on Saturday, June 27 due to a tornado warning in the area.

Weather: Most days were mid 70's to lower 80's, with cloudy skies off and on throughout the week. Winds were generally less than 10 mph.

Sorlie Bridge was under repair and trail traffic was rerouted.

	Male	Female	Infant	3 to 12	13 - 18	19 - 40	41-60	60+	Walking	Biking	Running	Blading	Other	Yes	No
Riverside	292	231	13	29	54	270	119	38	125	306	35	28	29	133	205
Eagles Point	230	149	2	29	101	184	43	20	34	287	23	29	6	92	221
South ped bridge	512	406	17	51	124	455	220	51	112	653	68	44	41	245	461
Sorlie Bridge	766	562	40	73	85	691	368	71	606	561	59	38	62	145	453
7th Avenue North	404	301	11	27	61	355	176	75	165	423	62	24	31	140	317
<b>TOTAL USERS</b>	<b>3853</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1955</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>2230</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1657</b>

Note: Categories in bold show increase from 2013.

Highest use by age group					
	2,015		2013		2011
<b>19 - 40</b>	51%	19 - 40	46%	19 - 40	54%
<b>41 - 60</b>	24%	41 - 60	22%	41 - 60	19%
13 - 18	11%	13 - 18	16%	13 - 18	12%
3 to 12	5%	3 to 12	7%	3 to 12	9%
<b>60+</b>	7%	60+	6%	60+	3%
Infant	2%	Infant	3%	Infant	3%

Use by gender		
	2,015	2,013
Male	2,204	2,632
Female	1,649	1,829
	<b>3,853</b>	<b>4,461</b>

Highest use by activity *trails only					
	2,015		2013		2011
Biking	58%	Biking	58%	Biking	67%
<b>Walking</b>	27%	Walking	25%	Walking	16%
Blading	6%	Blading	7%	Running	8%
Running	4%	Running	6%	Blading	7%
Other	4%	Other	4%	Other	2%

Helmet use		
	2,015	2,013
Yes	31%	26%
No	68%	74%



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August 27, 2015

**Reconstruction of South Columbia Road | 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**

NDDOT Project No: NHU-6-986(116)120; PCN 20734

Grand Forks Project No: 7143

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