

**Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2014 - 7:00 PM**  
**GF Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND**

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**I. Old Business**

**A. Bike project update**

- i. **Green Lanes review meeting update:** The group met Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at GF Public Works to review progress of the Green Lanes. The street department plans to increase the number of symbols and other pavement markings to increase by threefold in 2014. The plan will incorporate bike symbols and directional arrows but no specific locations have been determined yet. The markings are hard to see in the winter. Signage on posts will be left in place for when the markings can't be seen. Comments:

1. Center turning lane from Stanford on to 42<sup>nd</sup> may be more hazardous than helpful.
2. More dash lines will be added around bus areas to allow buses more transition time back into traffic may be incorporated later.
3. Symbol at corner of University & Columbia would be nice to have. Drivers think it's a turn lane instead of a bike lane.
4. University Avenue from UND to downtown – don't know if it's wide enough for a lane or sharrows. Crossing Washington is a problem.
5. Engineering will be doing a study (bike counts) to determine where it is best to put in lanes on University Avenue.

If you have comments or items to address – please let Dan know and he can bring it up at the next meeting in February

- ii. **League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community application:** Stephanie, Kim and Dave met to compile the draft application. A meeting with staff from other departments will be held in early February. More agencies and representatives will be added soon.

1. Community-wide bike rack inventory project – There is a question on the application about meeting Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) design standards for bike racks. That information has not been documented yet. This could be part of a volunteer project this summer to document number, location, and type of bike racks in the community.

**II. New Business**

- A. **2013 Annual Report:** Kim is getting final approval on the report. This will be shared at the February meeting.

- B. **User etiquette campaign:** Two GF Herald published two articles, "Greenway Growing Pains" and "Get Out on the Greenway" to bring attention to trail user etiquette.

C. **MPO Report:**

- i. **Kennedy Bridge Study:** The consultant and study group are still getting input on whether a bridge rehab or replacement is more feasible. There is not much

room to add space for pedestrians on the current bridge. Any project taking Federal dollars must accommodate pedestrians. Repairs are scheduled for 2016. The 2014 trail counts show that there is enough bike traffic on the trails under the bridge to justify a bike lane. A letter of support will be submitted on behalf of the committee to support a separate bike facility on the bridge.

- ii. **MN Safe Routes to School letter of support:** Funding has been combined with traffic and this petition will try to keep those dollars separate. MN residents can support this idea on an online petition.

**D. GF Engineering Department 2014 bike project update:** A map of future shared use paths was distributed. A shared use path will be built this summer on the west side of South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street from 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. A Transportation Alternatives Funding (TAP) application for funding has been submitted for a shared use path along North 55<sup>th</sup> Street from University Avenue to DeMers Avenue and DeMers Avenue from North 55<sup>th</sup> Street to North 46<sup>th</sup> Street. An application will be submitted in 2015 to connect this section with the trail on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Another application will be submitted for a connection along South Columbia Road from 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. If funding is not awarded it will likely be included with upcoming road widening project scheduled for 2015. Trails connecting 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and South 34<sup>th</sup> Street to the new elementary school should be constructed prior to the elementary school opening. There is still a need to obtain a right-of-way agreement along DeMers Avenue from North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to North 48<sup>th</sup> Street

Lincoln Park pavement improvements near the boat ramp and parking lot – Looking for available options to re-route traffic to minimize disruption of Greenway use. Possible construction will start tentatively June 2014.

III. **Greenway Updates:** None.

IV. **Other:**

- Upcoming classes: Birding class through GF Continuing Education program. Cross-country ski classes are available through the GF & EGF Continuing Education programs.
- There are still displays remaining in Lincoln Drive Park from Christmas in the Park. These will be left in place until spring because it is impossible to remove at this time. The contract says that the materials must be removed within 30 days unless the city engineer approves an extension.
- Feedback on wider ski path in the GF portion of the Greenway has been good. It seems to be accommodating a wide variety of activities, like fat bikes, walkers, dogs, etc.
- New trail ski trail behind Lincoln Golf Course: There is a sharp turn at the bottom of the hill on the north end of this segment. The turn is too sharp for the speed and it is difficult to navigate. The area at the bottom of the hill should be cleared a little more this summer to allow more room for wider turn. For now an alternate trail will be groomed along the tree line as an option for skiers.

V. **Next meeting date: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

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Support documents:           2014 Shared Use Path Projects  
  Kennedy Bridge Bike Ped Options  
  Lincoln Drive Repaving 2014