

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10:30AM - Tuesday, January 19, 2016**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**

## **Meeting Notes**

**Bill Palmiscino, Chair**  
**Steve Mullally**

**Wes Rogers, Greenway, Bicycle & Ped Group**  
**David Kuharenko, GF Engineering**  
**Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire**

**Jairo Viarara, MPO**  
**Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec**  
**Richard O'Connor**  
**Theresa Flitter, City of GF**  
**Kim Greendahl, City of GF**

**I. Old Business: None.**

**II. New Business**

- A. Wild Hog marathon route request:** This request was approved at the December 15 staff meeting.
- B. Chairperson position:** This position is up for renewal. Kim will send a request to staff members and other representatives to gauge their interest in the position.
- C. Greenway Project lists:** Dave added that EGF will be installing a connection between the two trails in Crestwood Park. This will provide a cut-off between the upper and lower trail for people who don't want to do the entire trail.
- D. Year-end report:** The group would like to add attendance information for the major events held in the Greenway. Kim will look into getting this information.

**III. Other**

- A. Euclid Avenue repaving project:** David is working on the design for repaving a portion of Euclid Avenue. This project will require diverting traffic to the dog park. Traffic for the disc golf course will be closed during the project. The one-way traffic requirement will also be temporarily suspended. Suggestion from group to add a curb cut at the sledding hill. This would allow access to the hill for overflow parking during major summer events.
- B. MPO:**
  - i. Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan:** The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) plans to update the Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan and Safe Routes to School recommendations. Anyone interested in participating in focus groups can contact Jairo at [Jairo.viafara@theforksmpto.org](mailto:Jairo.viafara@theforksmpto.org).

**IV. Agency Updates**

- A. City of EGF:** A trail connection will be installed in Crestwood Park this summer. It has been too warm to maintain the ice rinks. Staff is hoping to open them Monday.
- B. GF Park District:** Santa Village will be coming later in the month. Rinks should open this weekend or early next week. Cabella's will be doing an ice fishing clinic for kids at Ryan Lake later this season.
- C. MN DNR:** LED lighting at campground this year.
- D. GF Police:** The department increased patrols for snowmobiles last week. They will do again later this week. Patrolling for snowmobiles is tricky because pursuit can be dangerous. They hope that the presence of officers will help curb the activity.

**V. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee, 10:30AM Tuesday, March 15, 2016, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**

Supporting documents: Flyer – Public Involvement Opportunities for MPO projects



# Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

Earl Haugen, Executive Director

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVE PARTICIPATION!!**

The MPO has scheduled (3) three important activities in 2016:

1. Update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Element of the Long Range Transportation Plan in 2016. In addition, the MPO will advance a bicycle and pedestrian instructor-led course or seminar. Attendance to the proposed seminar is free of charge. It is expected local stakeholders, advocates and in-house stakeholders will be enabled to actively participate in:
  - A bicycle and pedestrian Plan Update
  - Understand issues of bicycle and pedestrian mobility (accessibility) in a multi-modal context
  - Understand the concepts of walkability and bikeability as they apply to Safe Routes to School, and
  - Understand the concept of complete streets, and how to draft a complete policy.

Participants will learn how to plan, organize and coordinate the various events; tasks required to successfully participate and help to successfully complete the project.

2. Transit Development Plan Update: (Integrating bicycling and public transit). Bicycling saves money; saves time and improves fitness. Transit buses have bike racks so you can pedal for part of your trip and ride for the rest. Every bus has a bike rack on the front bumper that accommodates two bikes. Practice racks and permits are available at Cities Area Transit (CAT) locations.
3. Past 5E's Safe Routes to Schools strategies proposed for local elementary and middle schools have been evaluated. According to the School Safety Report (2014), some of the proposed strategies have yet to be implemented. The MPO will work with stakeholders to determine whether these not implemented strategies should still be pursued.

The MPO has a public involvement plan that requires public participation when preparing plans and programs. The MPO is inviting local stakeholders and advocates to actively participate in advancing these initiatives including:

- Visioning and Goals and Outreach
- Assessment of Existing Conditions & Trends
- Needs evaluation; and
- Identification of strategies, programs and funding activities required to meet the vision and goals developed above.



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