

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 6 PM

Griggs Room, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street

Meeting Notes

Teri Kouba, Forks MPO
Jane Croeker

Nelson Rosit
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- A. Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan:** The consultant is still gathering data to include in the report. The steering committee has met to discuss the goals and expectations for the plan. Identifying reliable data to base the goals will be an ongoing process as data collection methods and focuses continue to evolve. A draft plan will be coming out for review sometime later this year.
- B. Vision statement:** Kim is working with staff in the public works department to develop materials that can be shared on the city and greenway websites. These items will address several topics related to shared-use paths development and maintenance. She would like to include a vision statement in the materials to guide staff in the decision-making process and inform the public about what they can expect.

The goal is to provide a well-connected shared-use path system that provides a reasonably uniform surface for walking, biking, and other non-motorized transportation and ADA accessibility throughout the year.

Discussion on including “Safety” as part of the statement but decided not to at this time. Defining safety would be difficult because everyone interprets it differently.

II. Greenway Items

- A. Ski trail expansion potential:** The cross-country ski route will be expanded further south of 47th Avenue South this season. The first option is to use the existing trail through the woods. This is the one that mosquito control staff uses for spraying in the summer. The second option is to groom along the tree line. Snow levels and equipment flexibility will determine the final route.
- B. Educational campaign re: bikes, scooters, and utvs:** Staff is working on a brochure and campaign to educate residents about where bikes, electric scooters, and motorized vehicles can be ridden. The current GF ordinance does not allow for electric scooters. Staff is looking into updating the ordinance to be consistent with other ordinances.
- C. Project updates**
- i. Floodwall area redesign project update:** An open house was held on Tuesday, October 4, at Town Square. Turnout was small, but the consultants from RDG Planning & Design were able to develop three draft concept plans. The steering

committee reviewed the draft designs and provided input. The next step is to expand on those drafts and bring three concepts to the public for discussion.

Funding for the project will come from the Greenway budget, and work will be done in phases to allow for the pursuit of external funding.

- ii. **Social media campaign:** GF staff is working on a year-round public service advertising campaign to educate residents about various topics. Some topics will be about stormwater, seasonal leaf pick up, greenway and trail items, and other relative topics. The campaign will use electronic billboards, social media, and some advertising in the GF Herald.

III. Other: None

Next Meeting date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Griggs Room

Supporting documents: Draft educational brochure for bikes, scooters, and utv's
Draft map potential ski trails south of 47th Avenue South

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Alternate transportation options are changing rapidly

The options for alternative transportation have been changing rapidly, and city ordinances are shifting to accommodate these new devices.

Let's be courteous

Whether riding on a shared-use path, street, or sidewalk, please obey all applicable laws and be courteous to your fellow traveler.

- Signal your intentions. A quick "passing on your left," ringing bell, or hand signal (required on the street) will let other path users know your intentions.
- Give some room. Always ride single-file on streets and when encountering others on shared-use paths. Motor vehicles should give cyclists at least 3' of room when passing.
- Watch your speed. Fast speeds are great on streets but not on shared-use paths. .

But where can I ride?

A Guide to Motorized & Non-Motorized Vehicle Use in Greater Grand Forks



For more information



EGF Police (218) 773-
GF Police (701) 787-8000



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PEDAL & EBIKES

MOTORIZED BIKES

MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

ATVs

UTVs

GOLF CARTS

Both have two wheels, a seat and handlebars. Pedal bikes are powered by the rider pushing pedals. An electric bicycle has an electric motor that can be used to assist propulsion.

A motorized bike has two wheels, pedals, handlebars, and a seat. It has a gas-powered engine that can run the bike at higher speeds, or a person can pedal. Also applies to mopeds

Scoters feature a footboard mounted on two wheels and a long steering handle. Push-propelled scooters are propelled by human power. Motorized scooters are propelled by gas or electric motors

Class II off-highway vehicles are 52" or less in width, weigh 1,200 lbs or less, and travel on three or more nonhighway tires, or is sixty-five inches or less in width, weighs two thousand pounds or less, and travels on four or more nonhighway tires.

All UTVs within the city limits have one rearview mirror, operating horn, speedometer, odometer, brake lights, headlamps, turn signals, operating mufflers, at least four rubber tires, steering wheel, working brakes, seatbelts, and windshield.

A golf cart is a small vehicle designed to carry two golfers and their golf clubs around a golf course.

Where you can use:
Both GF and EGF - sidewalks -streets (follow rules of the road/obey traffic signs)
-shared-use paths/bike paths/greenway

- Where you can use:
Both GF and EGF - streets only (need to follow rules of the road)

Where you can use:
-Grand Forks

- sidewalks (except downtown)
- street- must follow the rules of the road
- shared-use paths
- NOT allowed on Greenway

-East Grand Forks

- Not allowed on sidewalks



Where you can use:
Both GF and EGF
-Not allowed on city streets, sidewalks, nor shared-use paths
- Can only be used on personal property.

Where you can use:
Grand Forks
-streets only (need to follow rules of the road)
East Grand Forks
-Streets, but NOT allowed downtown US HWY 2, Hwy 220, nor shared-use paths

Where you can use:
Both GF and EGF -only allowed on golf courses as allowed by park district





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