

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – 6 PM

(Rescheduled due to storm)

Griggs Room

GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street

Agenda - Revised

Ben Ehreth, MPO

Andrea Edwardson, GF Planning,

Sierra Johnson, GF Planning

Shilo Previti, Live Well Grand Cities

Jake Endres

Nelson Rosit

Jane Croeker

Scott Roche

Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Bikeway items

- A.** Planning Dept. Presentation - Proposed Parking Ordinance Updates: Andrea and Sierra shared a presentation about proposed changes to the parking ordinances regarding off-street parking. The current ordinances require a high number of parking spaces compared to other communities, both regionally and nationally. Building and maintaining parking lots is expensive and adds to the runoff after a rain. Rightsizing the requirements could lower costs and benefit the environment.

The proposed changes would:

- Increase administrative flexibility to reduce required parking on a case-by-case basis
- Include multiple methods to reduce parking requirements
- Reduce parking requirement minimums across various uses
- Introduce the use of parking requirement maximums
- Modernize parking code to conform with ADA regulations and national best practices
- Update parking lot design standards
- Allow for a portion of the required parking not to be constructed initially, but demonstrates that the minimum number of required parking spaces can be accommodated on the property and meet setback requirements.

The proposed timeline for adopting the changes is:

December Public Input gathering

Dec 16th, 6pm – Bike & Ped Committee

January Public Input gathering

Jan 12th, 11am - DDA Board Meeting

Jan 13th - Focus Group w/ Builders, Developers, Engineers

Jan 8-30 - Public Input Survey Open

February Staff to provide summary of feedback received from public input and make changes/recommendations to draft ordinance.

Mid-Feb Subcommittee meeting

March 4 Presentation to Planning & Zoning Commission
March 16 Presentation to City Council

- B. Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan update:** The MPO is in the process of writing the Scope of Work for updating the Transportation Plan. The plan is updated every five years and covers projects for the next twenty years. The goal is to have a consultant hired by June 2026.
- C. 2026 Bikeway map updates:** The group discussed whether printed maps were still needed. Are people using the paper maps? Developing an app to have the map available will be on the March agenda.

II. Greenway Items

- A.** Annual report items: Tabled.

III. Other

- A.** Update on Blue Zone Project and Live Well Grand Cities: Grand Forks is the first community in the state of North Dakota to achieve Blue Zones certification. The group achieved all the goals set to attain Blue Zone status.
- B.** Committee succession plan discussion: The group discussed whether it needs to continue and, if so, whether the current meeting schedule should be revised to twice a year. The consensus was that a forum was needed for residents and staff to share ideas for improvements and changes to the shared-use path system. The continuation and structure of the committee will be discussed and considered in early 2026.

- IV.** Next Meeting date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

Supporting documents: Draft items for 2025 Annual Report

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway specialist

2025 Greenway Annual Report items

LaFave Park upgrades

Playground equipment upgrades

Griggs Park Trailhead Playground – funding from the American Crystal Sugar EPA settlement.

Riverside Park

Self-service canoe storage

Wayfinding sign plan

- The Advisory Group has changed to meeting quarterly instead of monthly. This has helped improve attendance.

Spring flooding: There is a low flood outlook this year.

Encampments along the river:

- Grand Forks is fortunate to have active liaisons in the Police Department and an active group of support agencies that help people find community resources.

Request for use of a golf cart as an OPDMD in the Greenway

Trail repairs and maintenance

Succession planning

EGF Deer management hunt

Warm winter closed rinks in February.

Fishing area project at Rivers Edge and Desiree Drive

Reservations at the campground

Metropolitan Transit Plan.

Special events

Two windstorms

New staff at the Metropolitan Planning Organization

2026

East Grand Forks: A mill and overlay is planned for a mile-and-a-half segment of SUP from LaFave Park going north.

MPO: Will be updating the Socioeconomic Study Plan in 2026.