

Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 7:00 PM
GF Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND

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I. Old Business

A. Bike project updates

- i. Green Lanes review meeting update** – There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 to review paintings and plans from 2013 and plan for 2014.
- ii. League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community Application** – no action has been taken on this.
- iii. 2013 Annual Report** – The 2013 Annual Report is on the website now. (attached)
- iv. University Avenue sharrows pilot project** – A bike sharrows pilot project has been approved by the Service and Safety Committee and will be recommended to City Council in two (2) weeks. A map explaining what the sharrows would look like on the street was handed out. Engineering is waiting on approval from City Council before they decide on the spacing of sharrow signs. Maximum spacing of icons and signs is 250'. We will try to even out the spacing of signs as much as possible. Major intersections will be posted for share the road. Per Engineering, it should be possible to have at least one pavement marking on each city block in the sharrow. The results of the online survey regarding sharrows on University Avenue were passed out – 20 participants. (attached)

Staff is looking at changes to the pavement markings at the intersection of University Avenue and North Columbia Road. (map attached) These markings will place the bike lane between the forward and right vehicle turn lanes. Dashes and green boxes will be painted at the driveway to the parking ramp for driver awareness across.

This group needs to be a part of the process before these kinds of items make it to a Staff Report in the future. We will work on making this process better in the future.

II. New Business

- A. 2014 bikeway map** – Stephanie is looking for input on the map. (attached) Suggestions: Red Lake River is missing; Choice Wellness isn't in the correct spot; would like to see all pertinent bike websites listed in brochure; if the ordinance for riding is different in the downtown area, can the downtown be shown on the map?
- B. Motorized electric bicycles on trails** - There was discussion at the Greenway Technical Committee meeting earlier today regarding power driven mobility devices in the Greenway. This would include electric bikes, powered wheelchairs, and Segways. The

City of Grand Forks/Greenway has a policy but it is not an ordinance. Officers take a common sense approach when it comes to motorized bicycles on public sidewalks and walkways. The Greenway Technical Committee will work with City Attorney to amend the current ordinance to accept motorized electric bikes on the trails. Any new ordinance would need to be approved by both Grand Forks and East Grand Forks to keep the rules consistent.

- III. **Greenway Updates** – Bonnie Greenleaf from the US Army Corps of Engineers would like to organize a bike tour of the entire Greenway loop this June. This would be to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the dedication of EGF Campground, downtown areas, and Lincoln Drive Park. Suggested Date of ride is June 21st, 2014.
- IV. **Other** – David Sears wanted to thank the Streets Division for doing such a great job of cleaning the bike paths this winter!
 - A. **2014 flood outlook** – Threat of significant flooding is less than 50%. The crest is predicted at 32-34 feet, which will only produce minor to moderate flooding. Lincoln Drive Park and River Road close at 35 feet. Weather outlook is for continued cold temperatures for the next two (2) weeks before we get back into the 40's. A list of closure levels is on the website.
 - B. **Discussion on closing the bike trail for the County Fair this year** - The City and County have an agreement to close the trail between Gateway Drive and the fairgrounds during the County Fair. This agreement is beginning to cause problems for bicyclists. Re-routing bicyclists to the sidewalk on Gateway Drive is not a good option because it is so narrow. The current agreement is up for renewal in 2015. City and County officials will address this agreement this year.
 - C. **Engineering Report/ Road Construction**
 - 1. Lincoln Park - Euclid & Plum will become two-way traffic during construction. There will be no parking on these streets and this will be enforced by GFPD. The disc golf groups have been notified.
 - 2. Bikeway by new elementary school at South 34th Street and 40th Avenue - there will be a shared use path to connect the shared-use paths.
 - 3. Reconstruction Columbia Rd – grant monies have been requested and engineering should receive notification soon. Local monies are being used for work from 36th Avenue South to 40th Avenue South on Columbia Road in front of Development Homes.
 - 4. Bike Lane at 47th Avenue South – A resident from the Loamy Hills Place area spoke at the Service Safety Committee meeting earlier today. He wanted to know why a bike lane was added on both sides of 47th Avenue South without notification to or input from the neighbors. The committee asked staff to look into this question. David said he doesn't know how this bike lane came about either. The Long Range Transportation Plan shows a shared-use path for this segment. David will be looking at options for this connection and gathering public input.
- V. **Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, GF Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

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Support materials: 2013 Greenway Annual Review
Sharrows example
Results of online feedback for sharrows on University Avenue
Map – Pavement painting project at University Avenue & Columbia Road
2013 Bikeway map