

Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG)
Agenda
Tuesday, September 10, 2013 - 7:00 PM
GF Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND

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I. Introductions

This summer we began using www.mailchimp.com to deliver email notifications for the Greenway. This service has many good options for tracking user engagement. Some messages could be going to junk mail depending on security settings. Low attendance for today's meeting could be due to new format, and people just aren't used to seeing it this way, or just a seasonal adjustment.

II. Old Business

A. Bike Projects

- i. **Consistent visual identity for bike lanes and routes:** Bicycle images with green boxes have been painted in a few spots along the bike lanes. We've received both positive and negative feedback on the green boxes. Most calls have said that the symbols look great but there should be one at corner of University and Columbia. This is the biggest problem area. Negative: Some don't like the widened lanes by the Chester Fritz. We would like to meet with the committee again at the end of Sept or early Oct
- ii. **Collect public input for changes and additions to the GGF bikeway system:** We were unable to distribute information at the Farmers Market because the market requires vendors to sell something instead of just hand out information. Posters have been hung at Ski & Bike Shop, Scheels, and some downtown businesses. We received 25 survey responses online. Suggestions have been made for East/West connections and trimming back trees and other maintenance issues. All maintenance issues have been addressed as they come in. MPO will keep all comments on file. There is a neighborhood fair scheduled for Saturday, September 28th at Wilder Elementary School. Stephanie will attend and outreach there.
- iii. **Application for status as a Bicycle Friendly Community:** Application will come through working group. We applied in 2005 and 2006 and received Honorable Mention. Bemidji received Bronze.
- iv. **Bike and Ped Subcommittee Safe Kids:** Stephanie (Chair) and Kim are on the committee. Will be starting up week of Sept 16th. Report will follow at next meeting.

B. Temporary bocce ball courts: Two courts have been painted near the 7th Avenue North access. There has been very little observed participation and only two comments received online. One of those comments was not favorable. The GF Park District painted six temporary courts at Lions Park for players to practice for the Special Olympics. Kim will try one more promotional campaign to try sparking interest from the public. She will also try to schedule a meeting with representatives from the Near North Neighborhood group to discuss what their goals would be for that area.

III. New Business

A. 2013 Visual Survey results

- i. **Trail users:** 7th Ave North (neighborhood) had the highest number of trail users. Results from this survey were consistent with the results of the 2013 survey. This data has been shared with the MN and ND DOT for the Kennedy & Sorlie bridge studies. The public helped with the trail users survey. We will

look at simplifying the form for future surveys. We'd also like to request help from UND groups at some point.

- ii. **Dog park:** Aubrey Ellefson (Intern) worked with the dog park visual surveys and found that people usually come in groups but it was hard to determine time spent in the park.
- iii. **Disc golf:** Aubrey as worked with the disc golf visual surveys and found that people came in groups for this activity and played all holes. Data is still being compiled and more will be shared at our next meeting.

Aubrey enjoyed her experience interning for Greenway, but didn't enjoy the data entry as much. She got to see how an event comes together as she observed and assisted in the planning of Roillin' On the Red.

Dick suggested that we quantify the number of participants for each event that used the Greenway this year to demonstrate usage. Kim will work on a summarization for the end of the year.

- B. **Biking Website and other outreach programs** – the biking website is a free site and is up and running. We're able to track many things using this website such as the number of visitors to the website, peak of message opening, where did users go from this website. Northern Cycling Club would like to merge their calendar with ours on this website.

IV. **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) news & updates (Stephanie Erickson)**

- A. **Bikeable community Workshop Summary** – Stephanie and Council members from Grand Forks and East Grand Forks attended in Moorhead. Workshop included ½ day of educational and ½ day of biking. EGF Council member(s) would like to see a bike lane put in on Bygland Road. This used to be a major unofficial bike route before the Greenway (pre-1998). These talks are in the works.
- B. **Bike Share** – Nice Ride out of Minneapolis is interested in expanding their business to Grand Forks. Estimated cost is \$45,000 per station. Two or three stations would be needed.
- C. **Bike and Pedestrian Plan** – Month of September will be used to gather feedback. There will be an open house before we go to planning session in October and we will institute plans in November. Map of existing and planned bikeway network was distributed at meeting. The plan is updated every 5 years.

- V. **Greenway updates** – Signs have been posted regarding unleashed dogs on the Greenway. Police has stepped up enforcement.

VI. **Other –**

- **Detention pond warning:** Kim is looking into options for marking for warnings around the detention pond this winter. This would be to warn people about the potential for open water.
- **Event cleanup:** Events are required to pay a security deposit for events on the Greenway. There are some events that do not clean up very quickly. Staff works with the event planner to clean areas in a timely manner.

VII. **Next meeting date: 7:00 pm, Tuesday October 8th, 2013 at the Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Ave South**

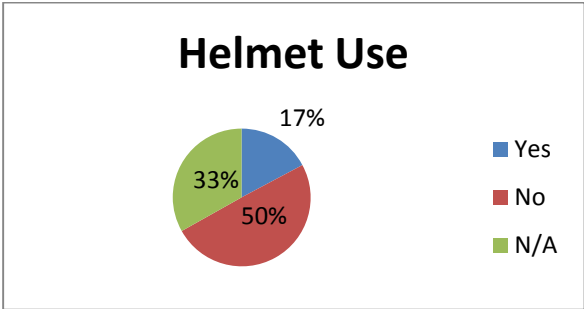
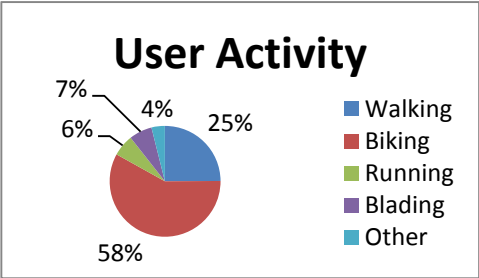
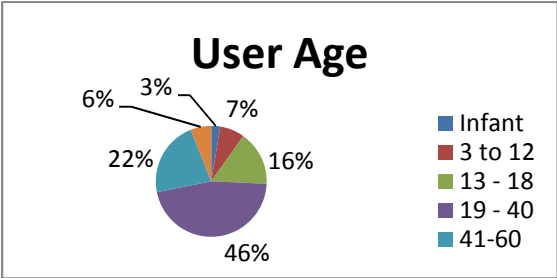
Submitted by: Karen Salwey, Public Works Sr. Administrative Specialist, City of Grand Forks

Support documents:

- 2013 Trail Count tally results
- 2013 condensed results
- Draft Existing and Planned Bikeway System 2013

2013 GGF Trail Count Results

- 7 sites along trails located in the Greenway (except Bygland Road site)
- Conducted over three days – Tuesday, June 18, Wednesday, June 19, and Saturday, June 22
- Three 2-hour time periods each day



**2013 Observational Trail Count Results
Grand Forks, ND & East Grand Forks, MN**

	Total	Age						Activity					Helmet		
	Total	Infant	3 to 12	13 - 18	19 - 40	41-60	60+	Walking	Biking	Running	Blading	Other	Yes	No	N/A
Byland Road	134	7	43	40	38	8	-	13	107	7	2	5	24	95	14
Eagles Point	422	6	35	106	203	46	26	28	328	23	30	11	87	287	47
South Pedestrian Bridge	871	18	71	118	439	184	42	90	587	91	80	38	194	438	259
7th Avenue North	974	29	53	111	488	246	87	158	606	80	79	38	203	556	214
Sorlie Bridge	1,206	31	68	171	408	295	69	642	339	17	24	35	35	312	667
Kennedy Bridge	454	13	15	32	274	100	21	66	292	34	46	15	81	262	104
Riverside Dam	400	7	26	107	131	72	14	65	224	19	24	27	104	153	98
FINAL TOTALS	4,461	111	311	685	1,981	951	259	1,062	2,483	271	285	169	728	2,103	1,403

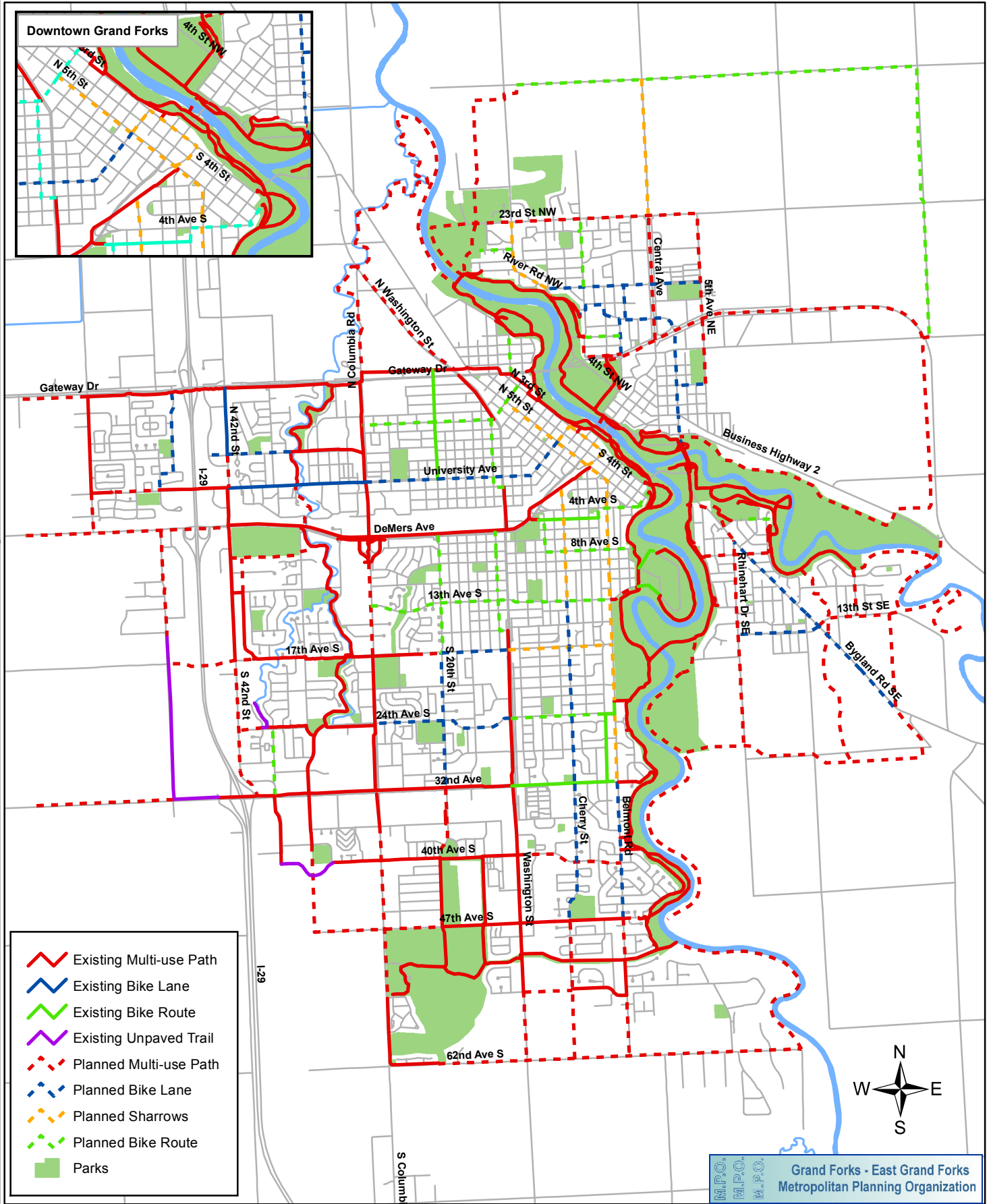
Highest use by age group


	2013		2011
19 -40	46%	19 -40	54%
41 - 60	22%	41 - 60	19%
13 -18	16%	13 -18	12%
3 to 12	7%	3 to 12	9%
60+	6%	60+	3%
Infant	3%	Infant	3%

Highest use by activity *trails only

	2013		2011
Biking	58%	Biking	67%
Walking	25%	Walking	16%
Blading	7%	Running	8%
Running	6%	Blading	7%
Other	4%	Other	2%

Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Existing & Planned Bikeway Network



-  Existing Multi-use Path
-  Existing Bike Lane
-  Existing Bike Route
-  Existing Unpaved Trail
-  Planned Multi-use Path
-  Planned Bike Lane
-  Planned Sharrows
-  Planned Bike Route
-  Parks