

**107<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting**  
**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 3:00pm**  
**Metro COG Conference Room**

**Members Present**

Dan Farnsworth, Chair, Metro COG  
Maggie Squyer, City of Fargo Planning (proxy for Maegin Elshaug)  
Bob Walton, NDDOT  
Jeremy Gorden, City of Fargo Engineering  
Jonathan Atkins, City of Moorhead Engineering  
Malachi Peterson, City of West Fargo Planning (proxy for Tim Solberg)  
Peyton Mastera, City of Dilworth (proxy for Stan Thurlow)  
Jane Butzer, MnDOT  
Kim Citrowske, City of Moorhead Planning  
Christine Holland, River Keepers  
Ryan Kota, Great Rides  
Kim Lipetzky, Fargo Cass Public Health  
Patrick Hollister, PartnerSHIP 4 Health  
Barrett Voigt, Cass County

**Others Present:**

Scott Schwandt, MN Green Corps

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting began at 3:05 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Approve minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting**

The minutes were reviewed by the Committee. One minor error was found in the minutes. In the first sentence of Item 7, 'on' should be 'one'. A motion to approve the April 17<sup>th</sup> minutes with the suggested change was made by M. Peterson and seconded by P. Mastera. The minutes were passed unanimously.

**3. Public input opportunity**

An opportunity was given for any members of the public to provide any comments or input. No public was represented at the meeting, thus no public input was received.

**4. Next Bike/Ped Committee Citizen Rep**

The group discussed the transition from the existing bike/ped committee citizen rep to a new rep. The existing rep, Jason Gates' term will expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Therefore it is prudent to begin the process for soliciting application for a new rep to fill the next two-year term.

There was discussion about the upcoming application. It was the group's preference that a few questions be omitted from the application previously used. These questions were: (1) whether or not applicant was a college student, (2) the applicant's age. A typo was also noted in the application – first sentence second paragraph on page two.

When asked which members are interested in being on the selection process for the new citizen rep, interest was expressed by P. Matera (Dilworth), M. Peterson (West Fargo), J. Atkins (Moorhead), and M. Squyer (Fargo).

## **5. Presentation on Dilworth walking Routes**

P. Mastera gave the group a brief presentation on the walking routes that Dilworth is implementing. There are a total of four routes ranging from 1.1 miles to 3.5 miles. The routes include stenciled footprints on the sidewalk to designate the routes as well as signs, which include a QR code. When asked about costs, Mastera mentioned that the cost is very low to implement. Brochures were also printed for information for the public. J. Atkins mentioned that Moorhead has also recently instituted neighborhood walking routes, however Moorhead's don't include the stenciled footprints on the sidewalk.

## **6. Update on BIKE FM efforts**

An update was provided on the efforts made this year with BIKE FM (Bicycle, Information, Knowledge, and Education in Fargo-Moorhead). So far this year BIKE FM has had a booth at the June Streets Alive. BIKE FM also recently launched a Facebook page, which it titled: *Bike Fargo-Moorhead*. In addition, BIKE FM will be hosting a 10-hour bicycle safety education course titled *Smart Cycling*. This course will occur on August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at Concordia College. BIKE FM will be at the August Streets Alive event.

## **7. Status of FM Bike Map App**

D. Farnsworth gave the group an update on the FM Bike Map App. The app was launched in June and was promoted via social media, a press release, and at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets Alive event. Metro COG recognizes that there are some glitches with the app, such as continuous auto-centering. Metro COG is working with the app developer to get this resolved in a timely manner.

J. Atkins mentioned that the beginning screen (which shows the legend) is difficult to minimize and people probably want to see the map as soon as they open the app.

## **8. Update on Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan**

An update was given on the Fargo Safe Routes to School Plan. The Plan is roughly 60% complete. In April and May Metro COG staff and the consultant team visited all 31 schools and observed student arrival and dismissal. In addition, existing conditions were collected

and verified at the schools and surrounding neighborhoods. The Plan is anticipated to be completed around the end of 2019.

#### **9. Update on FM Bikeways Gap Analysis**

An update was provided on the status of the FM Bikeways Gap Analysis study. The study began in early 2019 and is anticipated to be complete around the end of 2019. A total of 16 gaps in the FM bikeway network are being studied. D. Farnsworth noted that a public open house will be held on Monday July 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm at the Downtown Fargo Public Library. Farnsworth encouraged all, especially those involved in the study, to attend.

#### **10. Other business**

P. Hollister noted that MnDOT is currently creating a pedestrian plan for the state. As part of their public outreach, they will have a booth at the August Streets Alive.

D. Farnsworth asked if the group has any updates they would like to share. J. Gorden noted that the Milwaukee Trail at Rose Creek (south of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave S) is nearing completion after a few years of flood work in that area. Gorden also noted that the City of Fargo is planning to install a trail from 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave N to 36<sup>th</sup> Ave N which would be located just west of the sewage treatment plant. It is anticipated this trail would be installed next year.

In other updates, K. Citrowske mentioned that the City of Moorhead is working on a new trail that would connect from Memorial Park (where the new lift bridge is) to Homestead Park in north Moorhead.

Meeting adjourned 3:56 pm.