

Hudson Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

January 18, 2016

Members present: Marian Webber, Laura Deis, Kathy Muller, Nancy Huntley, and Dag Selander
Others present: Dennis Darnold

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Darnold at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Selander, seconded by Webber to approve the October 12, 2015 meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

Discussion in regard to St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan preliminary recommendations.

Darnold reviewed a map denoting the preliminary recommendations of the St. Croix County bicycle / pedestrian plan. Darnold added the main emphasis of the county at this time is to identify corridors and connection points to move bicyclist / pedestrians through the county. The county has identified the corridors from Houlton to the I-94 bridge; Willow River State Park to Hudson via St. Croix Street or Carmichael Road / Vine Street; and River Falls / town of Troy to Hudson and extending to downtown Hudson and suggested improvements for each. Other suggestions or routes were included. Darnold explained that he responded to the county with the following comments:

- Explain why specific recommendations are suggested.
- Include the entire corridor for Carmichael Road from Coulee Road to Vine Street.
- Include the section of STH 35 south of Coulee Road to the I-94 bridge.
- On-street parking may be a local issue for proposed bike lanes on St. Croix Street.
- Cost of enhancements may be an issue in consideration of corridors to implement; such as St. Croix Street versus Carmichael Road /Vine Street for a proposed corridor from Willow River State Park to Hudson.
- Supports bike lanes on STH 35 / Second Street from North Hudson to River Street or extending south to St. Croix Street.
- There is a possibility of off-road pathways to be constructed on the east side of Carmichael Road / CTH F south of Mayer Road with path extending to the River Crest elementary school with an underpass at Coulee Trail.

Review and discussion of the city of Hudson sidewalk, pathways and bike lanes route map; identification of areas where gaps may exist or improvements are necessary; and to prioritize projects.

Darnold provided information in regard to bicycle and trail network systems and a summary of suggestions for priorities forwarded from the advisory committee members (summary attached).

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The committee reviewed potential corridors and set the following as priority corridors:

#1. I-94 Bridge to North Hudson via Lakefront Park including future for use of the rail line / bridge between Hudson and North Hudson as an alternative corridor.

#2. City of Hudson to town of Troy / city of River Falls via Coulee Road, Heggen Street, Hanley Road, O'Keefe Road or Industrial Street, Mayer Road, Carmichael Road to Coulee Road including the I-94 crossing at Heggen St. / 11th Street, street crossing at 11th Street and Coulee Road and off-road pathways on Carmichael Road between Mayer Road and Coulee Trail.

#3. Carmichael Road from town of Hudson at Prairie Elementary School to Coulee Trail / town of Troy including the area in the town of Hudson between Vine Street and Coulee Road and the intersections of Carmichael Road / Vine Street and the I-94 bridge crossing between Coulee Road and Crest View Drive and the off-road pathway on Carmichael Road between Mayer Road and Coulee Trail.

#4. St. Croix Street / Baer Drive connecting Lakefront Park to Willow River State Park.

Review and discussion of goals and objectives. Darnold reviewed draft goals and objectives and suggested that if they were okay that the goals and objectives would remain in draft form and be subject to change as discussions progress. Huntley suggested that an additional goal should be that the city of Hudson should become a bicycle friendly community through the League of American Bicyclist.

Other business for discussion purposes only or placement on future agendas. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2016, 7:00 p.m. (Note this meeting was rescheduled to February 29, 2016 because of the elections on February 16 and that the Council Chambers was not available for a meeting.)

Adjourn. A motion was made by Selander, seconded by Huntley to adjourn. **Motion carried.** 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Darnold, Acting Secretary