

DRAFT MINUTES
BAY-LAKE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BIKE / PEDESTRIAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN FOR SHEBOYGAN MPO
April 15, 2024, 2:00 PM AT Sheboygan City Hall, Room 106
(In-Person only)

BIKE / PEDESTRIAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Dave Smith (Bike/Ped Advocate)
- Kevin Jump (City of Sheboygan)
- Derek Muench (Shoreline Metro)
- Aaron Brault (Sheboygan County)
- Nick Weber (WisDOT)
- Mike Janikowski (Bike/Ped Advocate)
- Steve Jorgenson (Bike/Ped Advocate)
- Nathaniel Darling (Bike/Ped Advocate)
- Tom Holtan (Town of Sheboygan)

BAY-LAKE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

- Heena Bhatt
- Brian Dickson

1. The meeting was started at 2:01 pm. by BLRPC staff member Heena Bhatt.

Heena Bhatt welcomed members to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. She noted that this is the kickoff meeting for the steering committee and said the goal is adopt the plan by around April or May of 2025. Ms. Bhatt noted that as this is intended to be a discussion meeting and the agenda was provided as a guideline but would not have to specifically follow the agenda.

2. Introduction and Benefits and Needs of Active Transportation

Ms. Bhatt provided members with an overview of Chapter 1 (Introduction) and Chapter 2 (Benefits and Needs of Active Transportation) as updated by BLRPC staff members. No comments were received.

3. Vision and Goals

During the discussion on Chapter 3 (Vision and Goals) it was noted that education should focus on children when talking about the importance of bicycling and walking and they can pass on what they learn to their parents. It was noted that the plan should have a safe routes to school section of the plan and talk about educational and safety awareness activities for the kids.

4. Overview on Existing Conditions and Demand, Crash and Equity Analysis.

Ms. Bhatt provided members with an overview of the updates staff has made to Chapter 4 (Overview on Existing Conditions and Demand, Crash, and Equity Analysis). It was asked if an interactive map could be provided that could show different layers relating to bike and pedestrian facilities. Ms. Bhatt said she is working with the Staff GIS person to create an interactive map where members will be able to submit their comments.

BLRPC and WisDOT staff provided members information about the different types of bike and pedestrian facilities that communities can use. Nick Weber said that each type of facility has different standards, and those standards can be found on the WisDOT website. It was noted that Sharrow Lanes are not considered an actual bike facility by WisDOT due to problems that can occur when vehicles and bikes share the same lane.

Brian Dickson then provided members with a brief overview of the crash data analysis that staff have done for the plan. Members noted the high rate of crashes within parking lots and wondered if a deeper analysis should be performed. Ms. Bhatt said finding effective accommodation in parking lots can be difficult and staff does not feel a more in-depth analysis of individual parking lots is necessary. A member noted that when looking at streets with the high number of crashes, the distance between crashes should be considered as many of these streets are very long.

5. Final Discussions

Ms. Bhatt said that due to time restraints, reviewing the remaining sections will have to wait until the next meeting. She noted that as soon as the interactive map is completed, members will be notified so that they can add their own comments. A poll will be sent out to the committee members to set the next meeting date according to everyone's availability.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Recording secretary,

Brian Dickson