



Our intention is to have in-person meetings going forward. For the time being, we will hold the City Committee Meetings, Plan Commission, Council and most others at the Community Room at 933 Michigan Avenue. This in-person location will meet the legal requirement for our open meetings.

We will have a virtual option available, but the technology for the hybrid style meeting may not be reliable all of the time.

AGENDA

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION (BPSSC)

Members

- Scott Cole
- Larry Frostman
- Michael O'Meara
- Ald. Ron Carlson
- Janet Jurgella Finn (Alt. #1)

Date and Time:	June 16, 2022 3:00 PM	Location:	Community Room 933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI
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Opening Section:

1. Roll Call

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Selection of a Chairperson for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.
3. Selection of a Vice Chairperson for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.
4. Minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.

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5. Presentation and discussion on the Plover River Crossing project.
6. Presentation by Susan Gaeddert, representing the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, on a safe routes project being conducted within the city of Stevens Point.
7. Discussion and scheduling a date for the 2022 bicycle and pedestrian count.
8. Discussion on the 2022 walking and rolling audit.
9. Discussion on an action plan for achieving the six essential elements of biking and walking.

Closing Section:

10. Adjourn

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REPORT OF THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION

December 2, 2021 – 2:00 PM
933 Michigan Avenue – Room 122, Stevens Point, WI 54481
& Zoom Conference Call Meeting

PRESENT: Chairperson O’Meara, Alderperson Leek, Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Fehrenbach, Commissioner Finn.

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn, Secretary Mohr, and unidentified audience members via Virtual Zoom Meeting.

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1. Roll call.

Discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Report of the August 19, 2021 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.
3. Discussion on the 2021 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count.
4. Discussion of the 2021 Walking and Rolling Audit.
5. Discussion on educational initiatives for the clearance of snow from curb cuts.
6. Staff Updates:
 - Walk Friendly Community Application
 - Bicycle Friendly Business

Closing Section:

7. Adjourn

1. Roll call.

Present: O’Meara, Leek, Cole, Fehrenbach, Finn

Absent: Frostman

Discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Report of the August 19, 2021 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Fehrenbach to approve the report of the June 3, 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission meeting; seconded by Alderperson Leek.

Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discussion on the 2021 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count.

Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn, prior to turning it over to Commissioner Finn for the summarization of the count data, commended volunteers and commissioners, and thanked them for their efforts.

Commissioner Finn provided a detailed summary for the 2021 Stevens Point Bicycle & Pedestrian Count conducted on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Specifically, they reviewed factors that may have affected the counts, results from the newly added intersections, and comparisons between previous years. There was a back-and-forth conversation regarding the following:

1. Inquiry as to how the count timeframes were determined, noting more ideal times when residents would actively be commuting may be a more accurate representation. Staff noted that the timeframes were consistent with the national organization.
2. Green Circle Trail data could be pulled to compare.
3. Having more volunteer power would support/accommodate potential new locations/times. Trying to garner volunteers earlier would be helpful.
4. Certain areas in town have been built in such a way that is not accommodating to pedestrians, such as along West River Drive and River View Avenue/HH.
5. Locations that should be dropped and added.

No action was taken.

4. Discussion on the 2021 Walking and Rolling Audit

Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn explained that on August 19, 2021, the commission conducted a walking and rolling audit of planned 2022 street reconstructions. Staff was looking to receive feedback from the audit.

The following comments were made regarding rating criteria:

1. Crossing Streets and Intersections
 - a. Consensus of Fair rating.
2. Sidewalks
 - a. Poor to Fair rating, in need of replacement. No consistency in surface.
3. Driver Behavior
 - a. Consensus of Good rating.
 - b. Second Street area was busier, there was more opportunity for drivers to not be as aware.
 - c. Speeds were lower in the general area.
4. Safety
 - a. Fair to Good Rating.
 - b. Acceptable; some driveways were steep or blind. Need to cut back vegetation to meet clearview requirements.
5. Comfort and Appeal
 - a. Fair to Good rating.
 - b. Tight neighborhood, sidewalks for everyone.
 - c. Relatively low vehicle count lanes.
6. Overall Ratings and Observations
 - a. Fair to Good rating.
 - b. Not particularly bad, but in need of replacement in some areas.

The following comments were made regarding audit questions:

1. What kind of road users did you see? (e.g., ages, levels of mobility and ways of getting around, such as by using wheelchairs, walkers, bicycles, skateboards, baby strollers, etc.)
 - a. A variety as noted per the AARP listing.
2. What did you see that works well?
 - a. Sidewalks exist in the first place, which is not the case in other areas.
 - b. Corridors are too large, and sidewalks too narrow.
3. What did you see that needs improvement?
 - a. Vegetation hanging over sidewalk obstructs wheelchair users, strollers, etc.

4. Did anyone see specific perils for pedestrians?
 - a. Wheelchair access was not as pedestrian-friendly
5. List the biggest priority areas for improvement.
 - a. Wheelchairs angled towards streets.
6. List the easy fixes (e.g., repairing broken pavement on a sidewalk).
 - a. Trimming back vegetation for clearview.
7. List the difficult fixes (e.g., moving a telephone pole obstruction from a sidewalk).
 - a. Moving telephone poles that obstruct sidewalk.
 - b. Narrowing street; moving utilities.

No action was taken.

5. Discussion on educational initiatives for the clearance of snow from curb cuts.

Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn provided the history of stakeholder meetings that focused on assisting of the clearing of snow from curb cuts. Staff was looking to spearhead a discussion that would outline recommendations that would improve awareness. The following recommendations were provided:

1. Send notices that encourage the clearing of curb cuts, these would not be noncompliance notices, but more a friendly reminder that assistance would be appreciated.
2. Targeted approach, perhaps to student rentals which have a higher turnover.
3. Promote community initiative in clearing of fire hydrants for safety purposes, and for assisting mail carriers.
4. Public Service Announcement, such as through the Mayor Minute or by using local media.

No action was taken.

6. Staff Updates:

- Walk Friendly Community Application: Results were delayed again, staff is still waiting and anticipating an answer in Spring of 2022.
- Bicycle Friendly Business: Staff and Commissioner Finn homed in on specific businesses to target, and reviewed the application process. Still in progress.

Closing Section:

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

From: Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator

Date: June 16, 2022

RE: Presentation on the Plover River Crossing Project

Background: As the Commission is likely aware, the City has had ongoing discussions over the last few years to construct a multi-use path that crosses the Plover River east of Interstate 39. Currently, there is no direct connection between the Green Circle Trail north of the Plover River and the residential community located on the City's east side.

Starting in January 2020, an informal working group was established for the purposes of designing a multi-use path that connects Hofmeister Drive with Golla Road. Representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Department of Transportation collaborated with community stakeholders as part of finalizing details on this transportation project. Earlier this year, a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application was submitted to assist in financing the project.

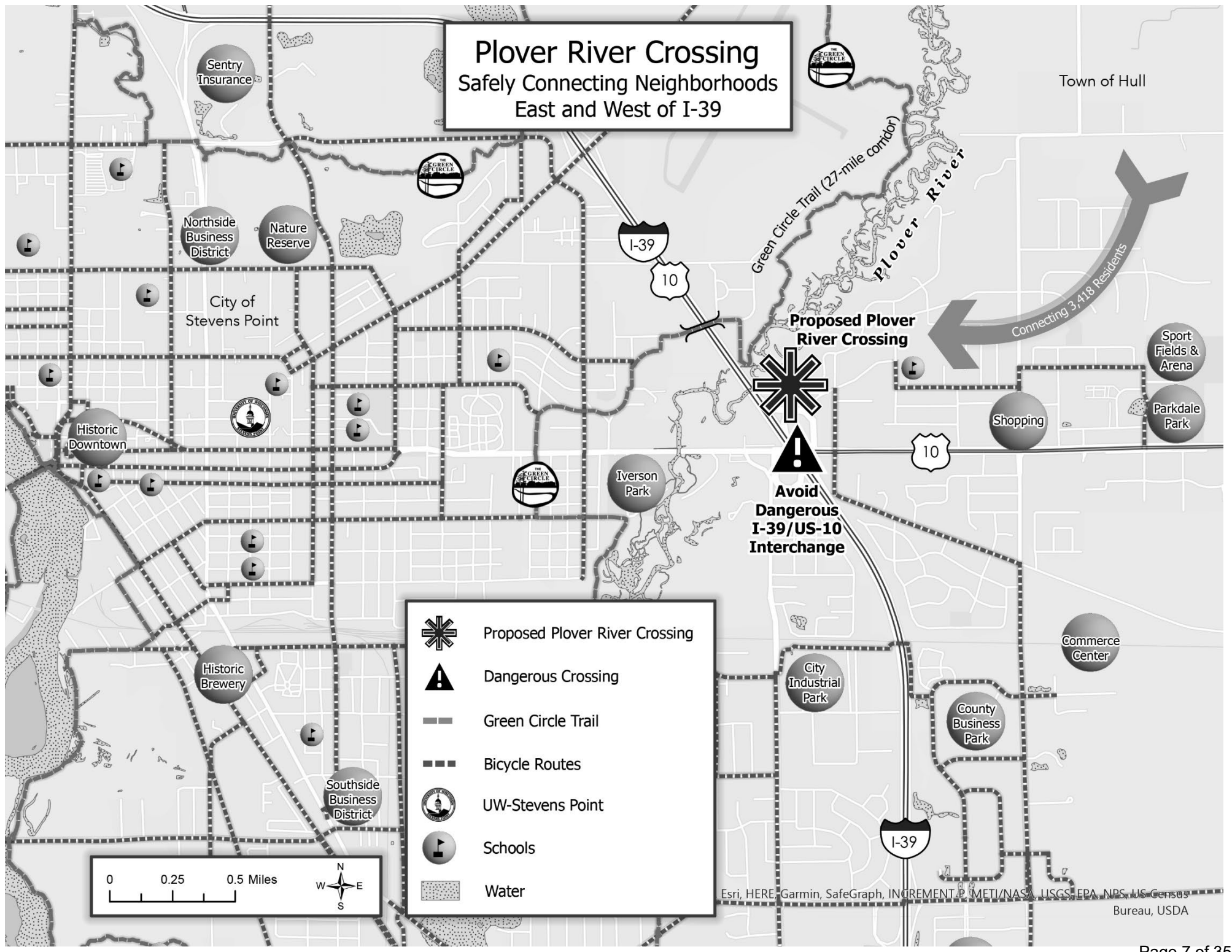
Dan Kremer, the City's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director, will be presenting to the Commission on June 16th to provide an overview of the project, outline next steps and discuss ways that the Commission can be involved. The following pages provide greater detail on the location of the multi-use path and how it would be constructed to protect environmentally significant attributes of this area.

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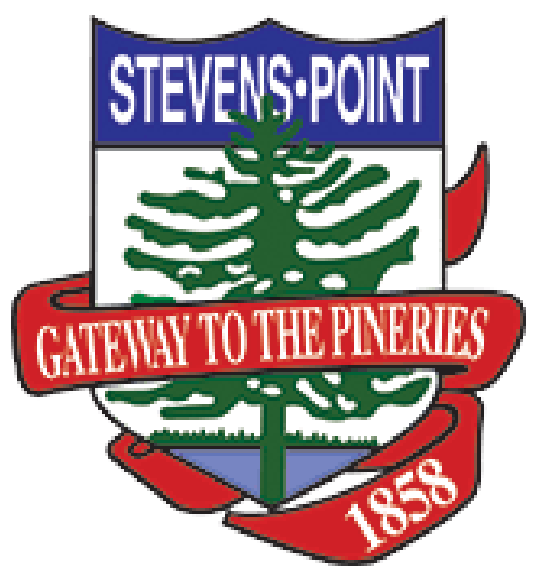
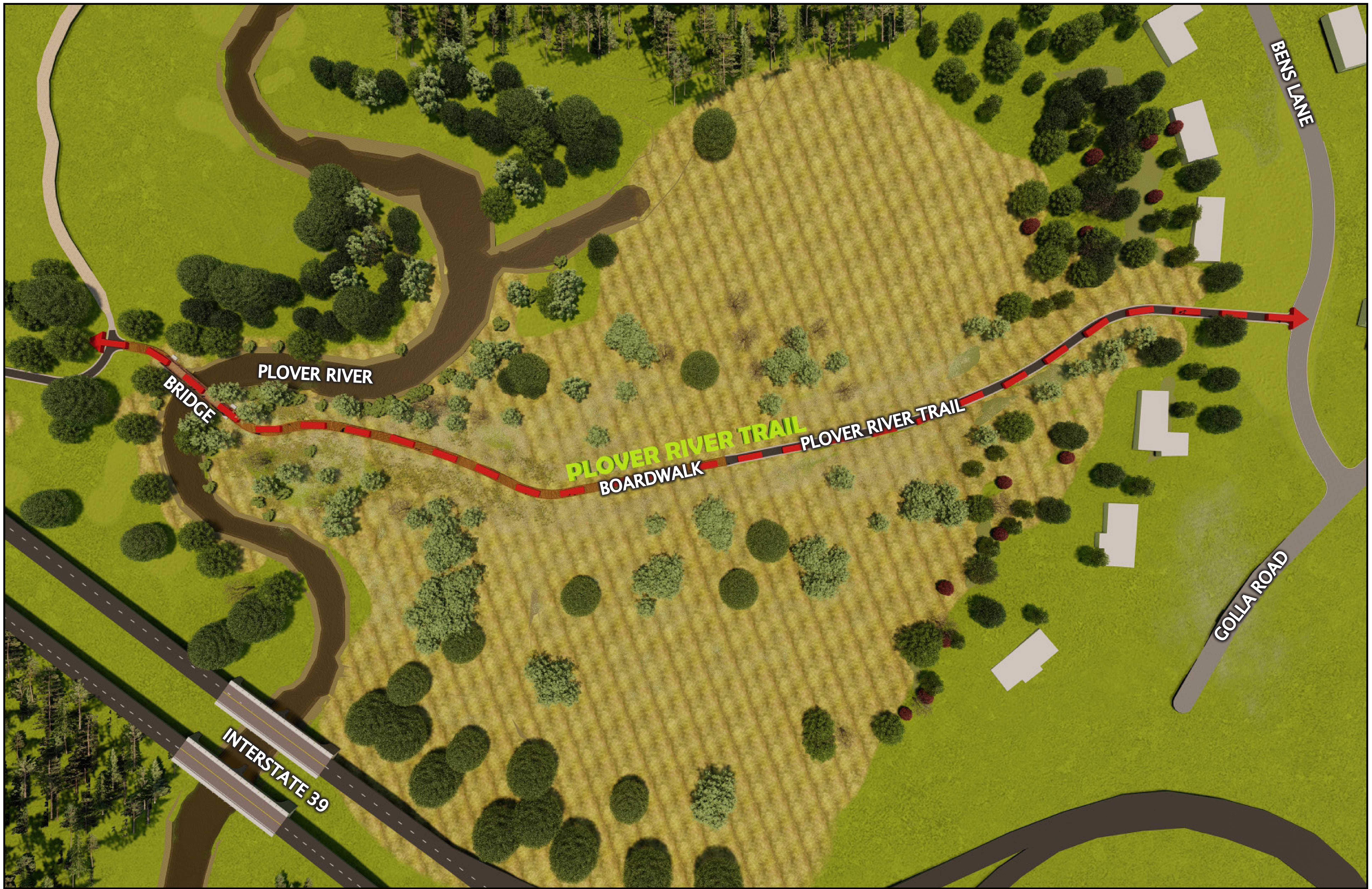
Plover River Crossing

Safely Connecting Neighborhoods East and West of I-39



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	Dangerous Crossing
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	Bicycle Routes
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	Schools
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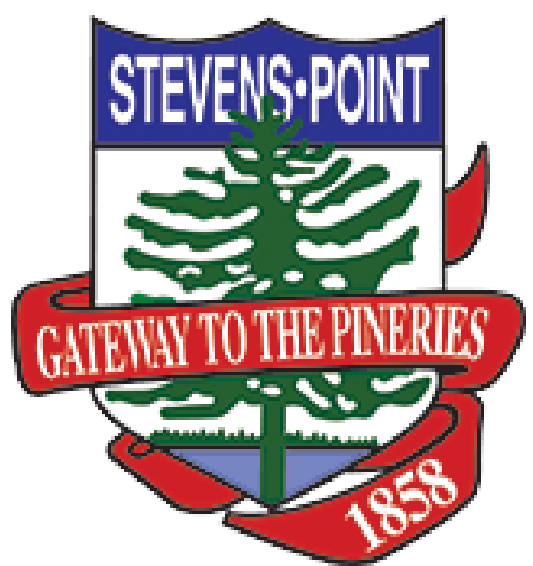
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PLOVER RIVER CROSSING BOARDWALK & BRIDGE

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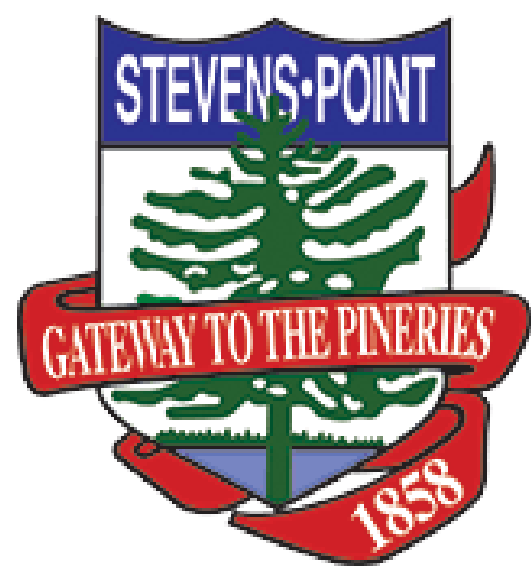




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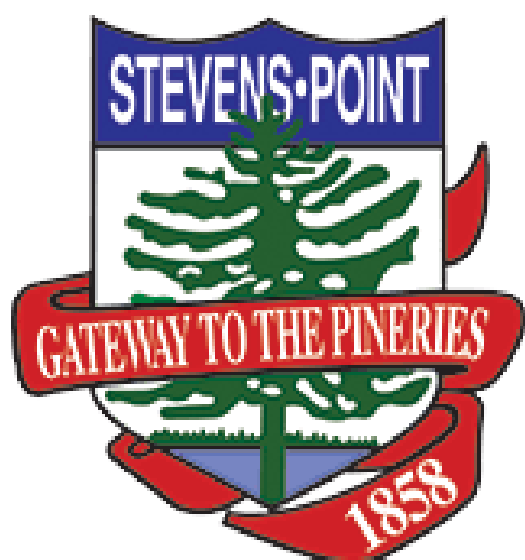




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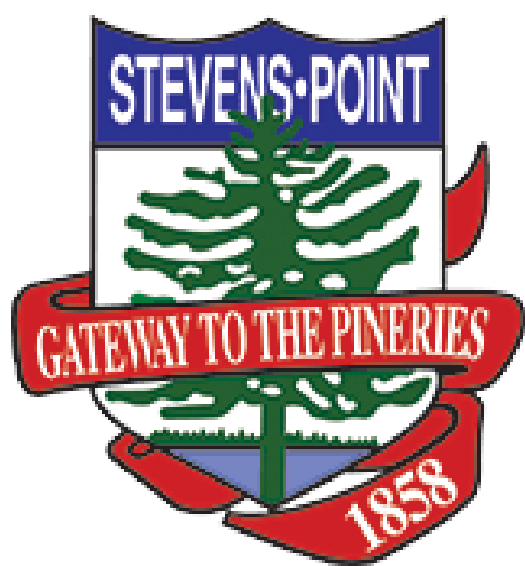




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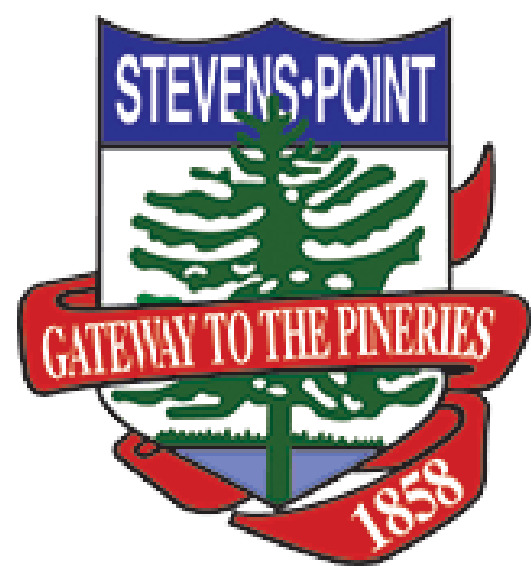




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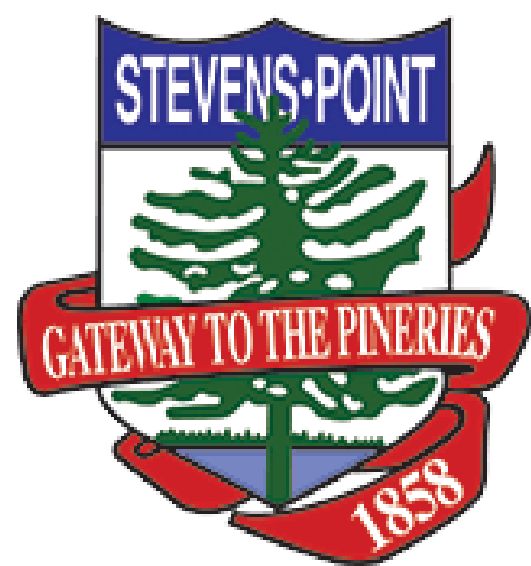




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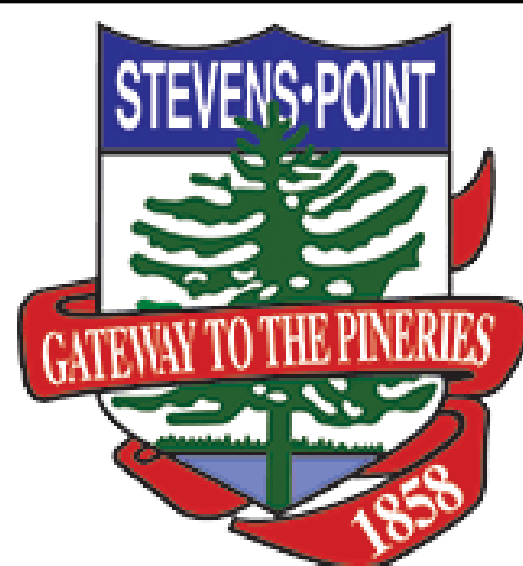




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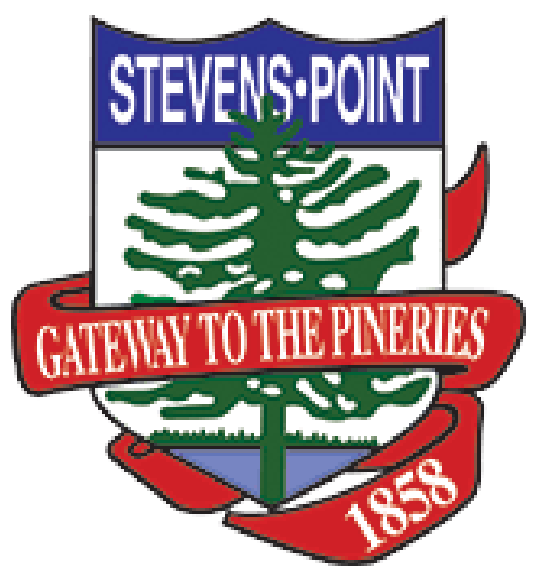




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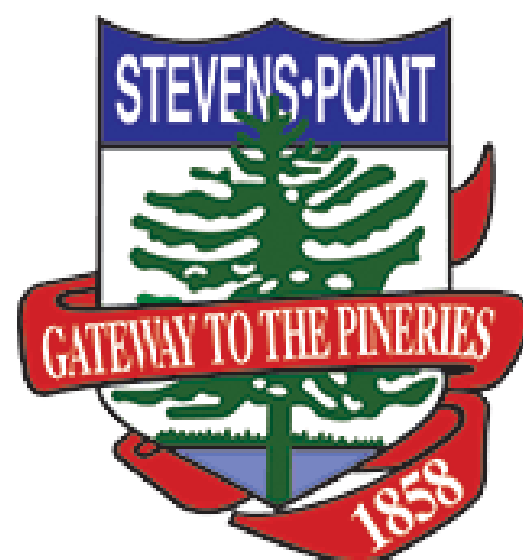




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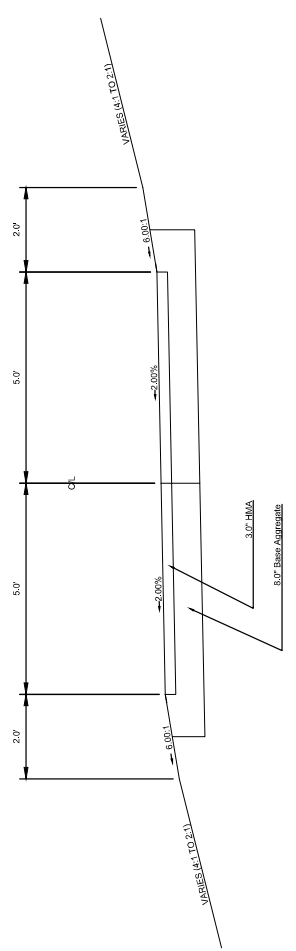


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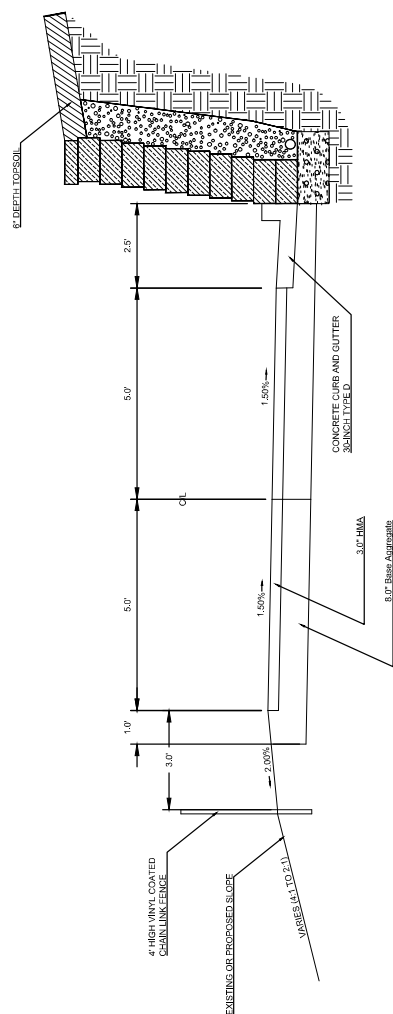


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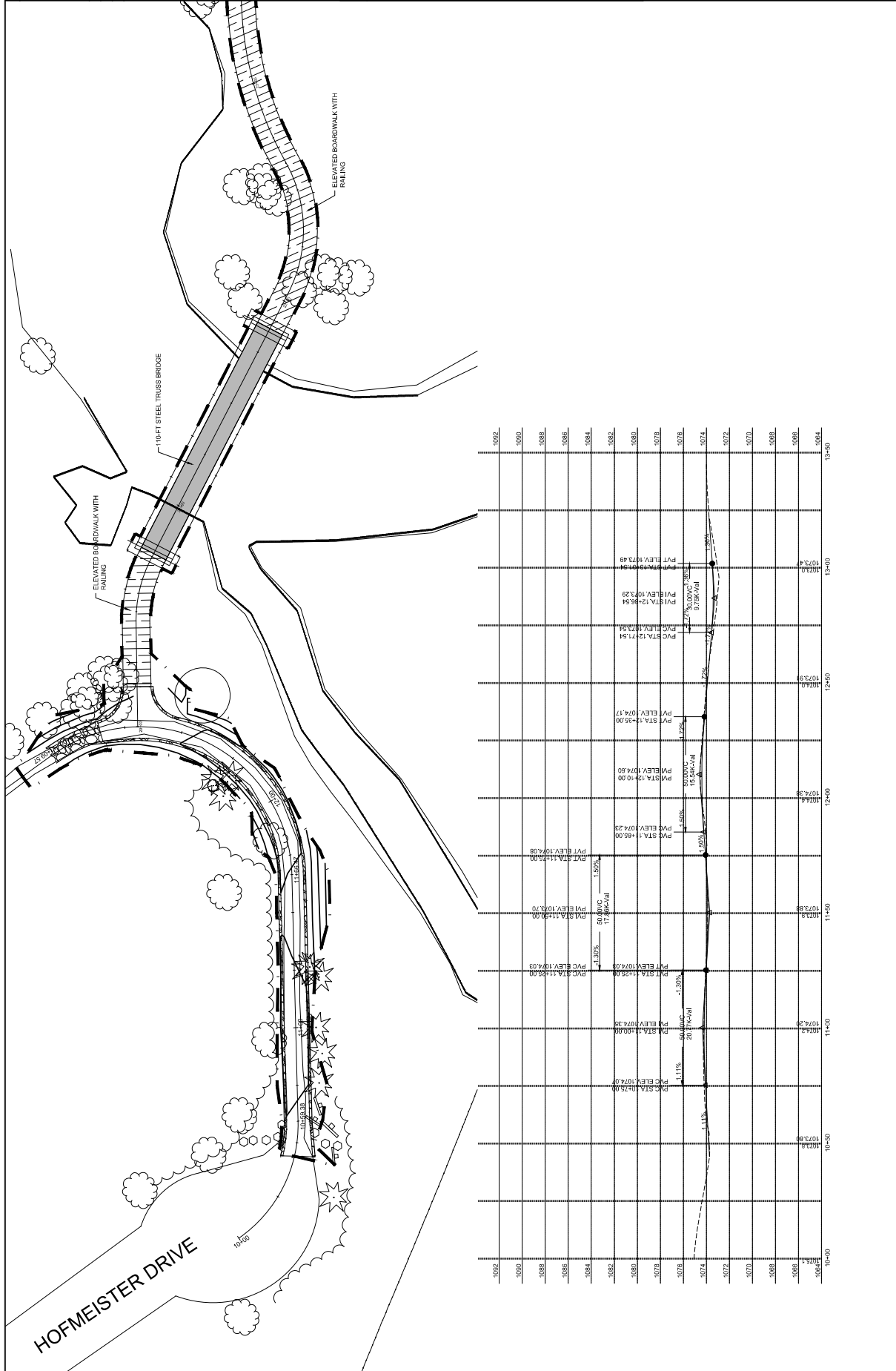
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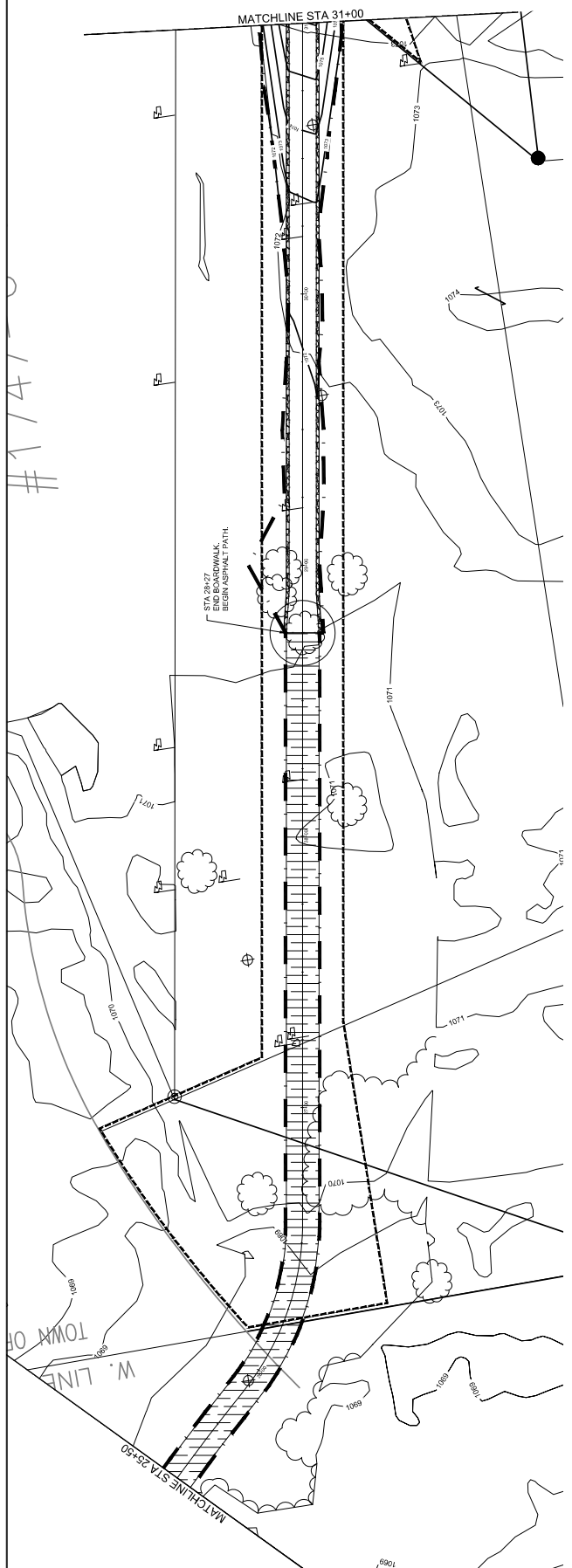
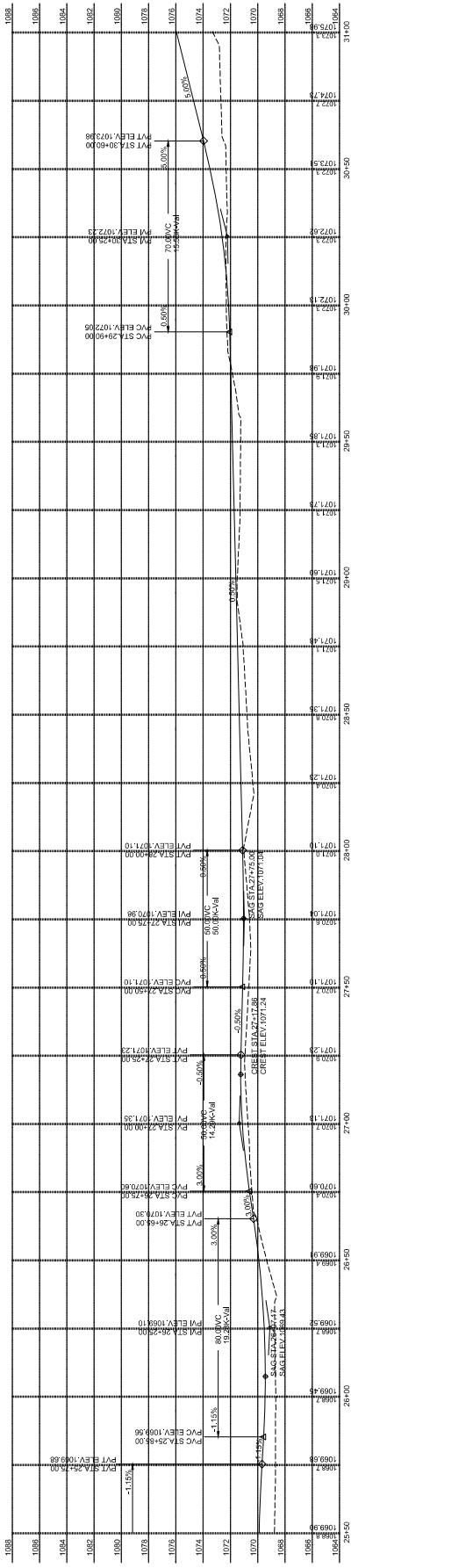
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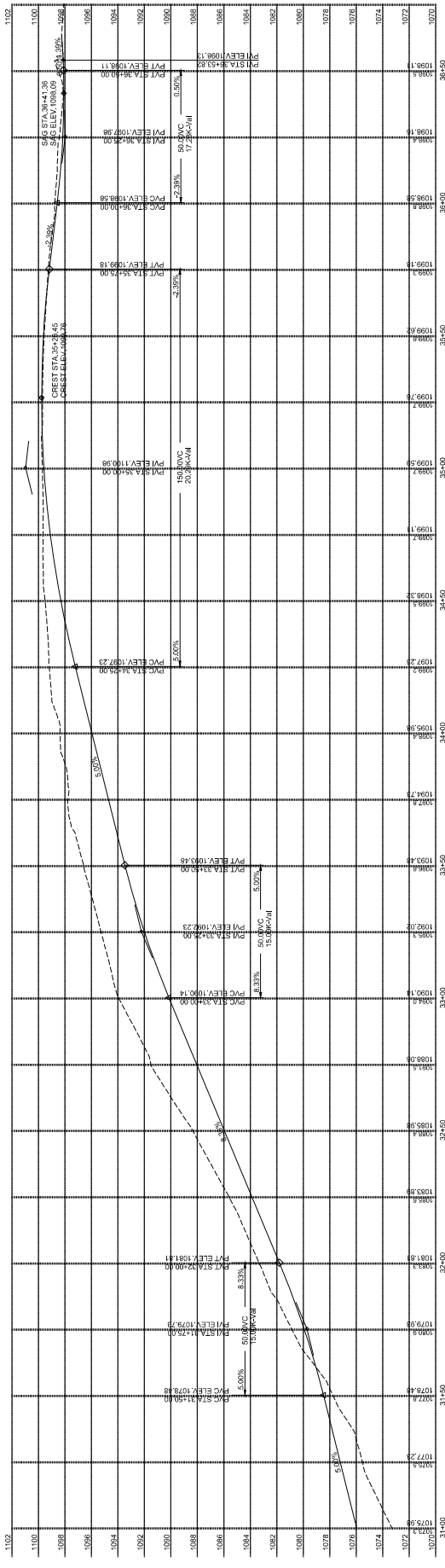
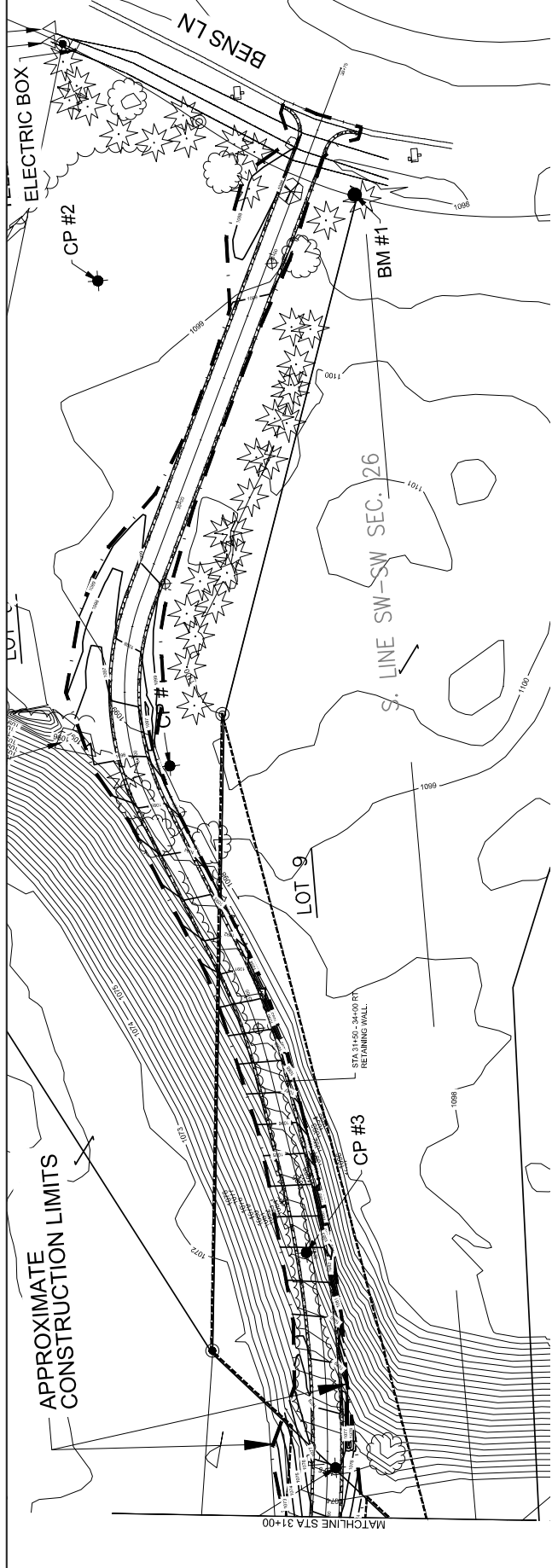
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MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

From: Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator

Date: June 16, 2022

RE: Safe Routes Project with the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin

Background: Over the last few weeks, City staff have been discussions with staff from the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin for the purposes of collaborating on a project that aims to improve safe routes to schools and parks. The project, conducted by the Special Projects Manager of the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, will identify active transportation gaps to city schools and parks.

Over the project period, running from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, the Special Projects Manager would work with the City to collect data, identify points of intervention for infrastructure improvement, develop strategies for public engagement and identify potential funding sources. In December, a final report will be produced and presented to the Commission.

Susan Gaeddert, Special Projects Manager for the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, will be attending the Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission meeting to provide an overview of the project and discuss ways that the Commission can be involved. For reference, a project schedule is included below.

Further information on the 1000 Friends of Wisconsin can be found [here](#).

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Project schedule:

Stage	Month	Activity	Assigned to
1	May	Initial meeting	Susan Partner
1	May	Begin data collection	Susan
1	June	Data collection	Susan
1	June	GIS data	1k Friends GIS
2	July	Meet to review data	Susan Partner
2	July	On-site visit	Susan Partner
2	August	Draft preliminary report	Susan
2	Aug/Sept	Review preliminary report	Susan Partner
2	September	Plan walk audit	Susan Partner
2	Sept/Oct	Conduct walk audit	Susan Partner
2	October	Draft recommendations	Susan
2	October	Review recommendations	Susan Partner
3	November	Write final report	Susan
3	December	Revise/Submit report	Susan



MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

From: Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator

Date: June 16, 2022

RE: 2022 Bicycle & Pedestrian Count

Background: Since 2011, the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission and community members have been participating in yearly counts to observe the number of bicyclists and pedestrians that are observed at key intersections in the city. Historical data on previous counts can be found [here](#). The purpose of the bicycle and pedestrian count is, in part, to observe multi-modal traffic at certain intersections and better understand what safety measures are in place for these users.

Consistent with previous years, I am proposing that the 2022 count be held on Wednesday, September 14th with a rain date of Thursday, September 15th. Additionally, I am looking for one commissioner to volunteer time to coordinate the event alongside myself. The primary responsibility as part of coordinating the event is to assemble volunteers and manage the check-in station during the day of the count.

Further information on the 2022 count will be discussed during the meeting. If you have any questions, or wish to further discuss volunteer opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Stevens Point Bicycle & Pedestrian Count
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
3:30-5:30 pm, Sunny 75°

Location	Bicyclists	Pedestrians	Other	2021 Total	2020 Total	2018 Total	Comments
Patch & Green Circle	39	26	0	65	89	100	
West River Dr & HH	14	2	0	16	23	35	
Crosby & Water	20	42	1	63	61	67	
Main & Division	22	40	1	63	72	97	18 bikes on sidewalk
Main & Michigan	19	57	2	78	74	62	27 cross-country runners
Franklin & Division	49	139	5	193	114	250	
Jefferson & Michigan	28	13	1	42	56	43	
Fourth & Division	50	122	9	181	104	237	
Northpoint & Michigan	44	125	2	171	92	194	
Green Circle & Clark	41	39	3	83	138	n/a	
Main & Strongs	20	170	4	194	166	263	
Whiting & Water	14	17	0	31	39	55	
Jefferson/Wisconsin & Division	51	64	2	117	34	79	
Minnesota & Stanley	33	25	4	62	153	67	
Main & Water	21	46	3	70	n/a	n/a	(New count site)
Brilowski & EM Copps	16	6	0	22	n/a	n/a	(New count site) 14 male bikers
Reserve -- Bike Contraflow & Flow Lanes	27	n/a	n/a	27	n/a	n/a	(New count site) Bike flow lane = 16 Contraflow lane = 11

2021 Sum Total	508	933	37	1478			Added 3 count sites
2020 Sum Total	552	636	27		1215		Pandemic, and Wednesday no school
2018 Sum Total	632	961	7			1600	(No 2019 count)



MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

From: Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator

Date: June 16, 2022

RE: 2022 Walking and Rolling Audit

Background: Each year, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission conducts a walking and rolling audit of streets planned to be reconstructed in the following year. During the audit, Commissioners rate these street segments based on the walk audit tool kit that is provided by AARP. Indicators that are analyzed during the audit include the following:

- Crossing streets and intersections
- Sidewalks
- Driver behavior
- Safety
- Comfort and appeal
- Overall ratings and observations

Following the audit, the Commission rates each indicator based on the following criteria:

- Excellent: the area is very pedestrian-friendly and safe.
- Good: The area is moderately pedestrian-friendly and safe.
- Fair: The area is somewhat pedestrian-friendly and safe.
- Poor: The area is not pedestrian-friendly and safe.

In conversations with Director Beduhn, it is apparent that the planned street improvement plan for 2023 include primarily resurfacing and sealcoating projects versus reconstruction projects. With this in mind, I am proposing two options as to a potential walking and rolling audit for this year:

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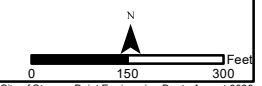
1. Do not conduct a walking and rolling audit for this year. The Commission and City staff will reintroduce this project next year to determine if a sufficient amount of street reconstruction projects is planned to warrant an audit.
2. Conduct a post evaluation audit of streets that were reconstructed in 2021. When preparing grant and membership applications for the Commission, it is apparent that these applications place an emphasis on the evaluation of projects that have since been completed. Unfortunately, the evaluation of projects has not been prioritized. With data being collected during previous waling and rolling audits – namely the rating of each AARP indicator – I believe that this would be a worthwhile endeavor should the Commission be in support of it.

During the June meeting, the Commission will be discussing the walking and rolling audit in further detail. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Street Reconstruction Plan 2021



2021
Reconstruct





MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

From: Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator

Date: June 16, 2022

RE: Essential Elements of Bicycle and Pedestrian Recognition

Background: As the Commission may recall, the City submitted a Bicycle Friendly Community application in 2020 and a Walk Friendly Community application in 2021. While the review criteria in both applications vary for how the City fares in bicycle- and pedestrian-related matters, the City's performance metrics are broken down into the following categories:

- Engineering,
- Education,
- Encouragement,
- Enforcement, and
- Evaluation and Planning.

Until recently, both applications have been starting to incorporate a sixth performance metric – equity – for how application reviewers rate communities. As we are approaching application renewal as a Bicycle Friendly Community in 2024, I am looking to have a more proactive discussion as to how the Commission can improve our standing within the six "e's." For reference, I have included the City's report card as part of the 2020 Bicycle Friendly Community application within the agenda packet. A discussion on a report card from our 2021 Walk Friendly Community application will take place during the July meeting.

For having a proactive discussion, I am proposing to dedicate monthly meetings this summer and fall where the Commission would individually talk about each performance metric and ways that we can improve. As part of the discussion, I would be planning to invite guest speakers that can speak on a given performance metric

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and discuss our strengths and weaknesses. For example, the July Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission meeting would focus on the enforcement metric and ways that enforcement can improve traffic safety. Guest speakers could include police representatives and crossing guards as means to facilitate a discussion on how safety can be improved in this area.

These monthly meetings would culminate in discussion on a final report that will outline specific recommendations for how to improve our standing in the six "e's." The final report, likely to be produced in mid-year 2023, would serve as a building block as the City aims to improve our standing as a Bicycle and Walk Friendly Community.

Next Steps: While no action is needed from the Commission, I am looking for your input and blessing to move forward on this targeted project. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.



STEVENS POINT, WI

TOTAL POPULATION

26,402

POPULATION DENSITY

1435

TOTAL AREA (sq. miles)

18.4

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY BUSINESSES 0

OF LOCAL BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITIES 1

10 BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

	Average Gold	Stevens Point
High Speed Roads with Bike Facilities	35%	54%
Total on- and off-road Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage	76%	55%
Bicycle Education in Schools	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling	14%	UNKNOWN
Bike Month and Bike to Work Events	VERY GOOD	AVERAGE
Active Bicycle Advocacy Group	YES	YES
Active Bicycle Advisory Committee	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY	MEETS AT LEAST MONTHLY
Bicycle-Friendly Laws & Ordinances	GOOD	ACCEPTABLE
Bike Plan is Current and is Being Implemented	YES	YES
Bike Program Staff to Population	1 PER 33K	1 PER 53K

CATEGORY SCORES

ENGINEERING <i>Bicycle network and connectivity</i>	2.96 /10
EDUCATION <i>Motorist awareness and bicycling skills</i>	4.38 /10
ENCOURAGEMENT <i>Mainstreaming bicycling culture</i>	4.15 /10
EVALUATION & PLANNING <i>Setting targets and having a plan</i>	4.98 /10

KEY OUTCOMES

	Average Gold	Stevens Point
RIDERSHIP <i>Percentage of Commuters who bike</i>	5.1%	2.90%
SAFETY MEASURES CRASHES <i>Crashes per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	287	334.93
SAFETY MEASURES FATALITIES <i>Fatalities per 10k bicycle commuters</i>	2.2	0



KEY STEPS TO GOLD



- » Continue to expand and improve the bike network and ensure that your community follows a bicycle facility selection criteria that increases separation and protection of bicyclists based on levels of motor vehicle speed and volume.
- » Continue to increase the amount of high quality bicycle parking throughout the community and to improve the quality of existing bike parking to meet APBP standards. Develop a program (e.g. publicly funded, public-private partnership, or development regulation) that provides or increases bike parking at key destinations and activity centers, such as schools, parks, and local businesses.
- » Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to expand and improve the Safe Routes to School program to all K-12 schools. In particular, middle and high school education

efforts could be improved — this is particularly important as older students learn to drive and share the road.

- » Establish a dedicated annual budget for implementation of your Bicycle Master Plan, in addition to funding for ongoing bicycle programming and infrastructure development/maintenance.
- » Continue to build bike culture and promote cycling during Bike Month and throughout the year in your community through a variety of signature events, rides, celebrations, commuter challenges and more. Ensure that all bike promotion and outreach events, surveys, and other engagement opportunities are reaching new and potential bicyclists in addition to the existing confident riders in Stevens Point.