



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.

Members

- Chair Nena Fisher
- Alderperson Guthrie
- Alderperson Moldenhauer
- Tom Baldischwiler
- Karalyn Peterson

AGENDA

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION (BPSSC)

Date and Time:	May 13, 2026 5:00 PM	Location:	Community Room 933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI
			<u>OR</u> <u>Zoom Teleconferencing</u> Meeting ID: 839 6843 8015 Passcode: 349487 By _____ Computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83968438015?pwd=FRCVWDfrMIsE By Phone: +1-312-626-6799 (US Chicago)

Opening Section:

1. Roll Call

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Report of the January 21, 2026 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.
3. A request from the City of Stevens Point to recommend adoption of the Portage County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.
4. Presentation and discussion on the draft Portage County Safety Action Plan.
5. Adjourn

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a quorum of the Common Council may be in attendance at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION

January 21, 2026 – 5:00 PM
933 Michigan Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54481

PRESENT: Chair Fisher, Alderperson Guthrie, Commissioner Baldischwiler, Commissioner Peterson

EXCUSED: Commissioner Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator Kuhn

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Opening Section:

1. Roll Call

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Report of the May 6, 2025 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.
3. Presentation and discussion on the draft Portage County Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

Closing Section:

4. Adjourn
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Opening Section:

1. Roll Call

Present: Baldischwiler, Fisher, Guthrie, & Peterson

Excused: Johnson

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Report of the May 6, 2025 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.

Motion by Alderperson Guthrie to approve the May 6, 2025 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission; seconded by Commissioner Peterson.

Motion carried 4-0.

3. Presentation and discussion on the draft Portage County Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator Kuhn, assisted by Scott Beduhn the Director of Public Works for Portage County, presented and fielded questions pertaining to the countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the Commission expressed strong overall support, in which they took the time to emphasize the importance of consistent street design within a shared framework, while recognizing that detailed design guidance should be addressed through the upcoming Safety Action Plan and future Complete Streets Plan. Members of the Commission discussed and supported the Plan's recommendations related to encouragement, education, equity, and evaluation, which included exploring more options for biking and walking events, targeted education based on different demographics, sustained use of a county-level advisory team, and improved inter-jurisdictional collaboration like an annual summit or conference. The discussion surrounding the maps focused on

clarifying existing versus proposed bike facilities, safe routing around constrained corridors like Division Street, and refining sidewalk priorities towards the proposed prioritization approach especially stressing additions in growth areas and areas adjacent to schools, shops and transit. Ultimately, the Commission indicated a high level of comfort with the Plan and anticipates being ready to consider adoption at the next Commission meeting.

No action was taken.

Closing Section:

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

From: Adam Kuhn, AICP
Associate Planner / Zoning Administrator

Date: May 13, 2026

RE: Review of Portage County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan & Safet Action Plan

Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: In January, the Commission reviewed the draft Portage County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. Feedback received by this Commission, along with the governing bodies of our partnering communities through the SS4A Program, have been sent to the contracted consultant to edit the Plan accordingly. Such edits include the following:

- Improved Figures 4.1 and 4.2 (page 30). Communities have been reordered based on highest biking/walking rates.
- Added High Injury Network map from the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (page 34).
- Expanded bicycle and pedestrian facility types in Chapter 5:
 - Added image of a one-way protected bike lane (page 41)
 - Added definition and image of a Raised Bike Lane (page 42)
 - Added definition and image of a Protected Transit Stop (page 42)
 - Removed sharrows on collector/arterial streets (page 44)
 - Added Raised Crosswalks & Speed Tables (page 52)
- Updated Vision for 2045 (page 54). Included the SS4A grant goal of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries to zero by 2045.
- Revised and expanded action items (bullet points) under Strategies (pages 55 to 58), including:
 - Expanded strategy #3 under Goal A to emphasize rural villages and school areas as well (page 55)
 - Added employer incentives for bicycle commuting (page 56 – bullet point 3 of Strategy 3, Goal B)

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- Added requirement for bicycle training as part of driver's education (page 57 – bullet point 4 of Strategy 1, Goal D)
- Added adoption of "20 is Plenty" policy recommendation (page 57 – bullet point 3 of Strategy 3, Goal D)
- Added incorporation of multilingual educational materials (page 57 – bullet point 3 of Strategy 4, Goal D)
- Updated "Other Program and Policy Recommendations" (pages 71-72), including
 - Added to page 71: Provide bicycle parking at popular transit stops
 - Added to page 71: Continue providing bicycle racks on all transit uses
 - Added to page 71: Improve prompt snow removal from sidewalks and trails
 - Removed from page 72: Conduct a bike share feasibility study to determine the potential for a small scale bike share system in Stevens Point
- Added a new figure 9.1 (page 92), which illustrates safety benefits of protected bike lanes to support their use as traffic-calming measures.
- Added two general urban area bikeway recommendations (page 93):
 - Include protected bike lanes in reconstructed streets in downtown Stevens Point
 - Use temporary demonstration activities to evaluate permanent treatments
- Added new recommendation for crosswalk visibility enhancements (page 104)
- Updated Table 9.16 (page 105) to improve location descriptions of recommended pedestrian crossing enhancements

With the above changes, staff is ready to go through the approval process of adopting the Plan. For the City, this Commission will make a recommendation to the Common Council whether or not to recommend adoption of the Plan. All other partnering communities are going through their approval process, with the goal of the Portage County Board taking final action during their July or August meeting.

Please review the proposed Plan and be ready to provide comments. If you have any questions, please let me know.

View County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan [here](#).

Safety Action Plan: A second deliverable of the SS4A program was the adoption of a safety action plan. The intention of the County Safety Action Plan is to serve as a guide to coordinate safety investments on roadways within Portage County. This Plan focuses more on capital improvements for all road users. Please review the draft Safety Action Plan and be prepared to provide comment. No action will be taken during the May 13th meeting; however, a subsequent Commission meeting will be scheduled later this Spring or Summer to provide a recommendation to the Council.

View Draft Safety Action Plan [here](#).