



AGENDA

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION (BPSSC)

Members

- Trevor Roark
- Bill Fehrenbach
- Michael O'Meara
- Ald. Thomas Leek
- Kathryn Lane-Browne
- Janet Jurgella Finn - Alternate

Date and Time: January 14, 2021
3:00 PM

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1. Roll Call
2. Persons who wish to address the Commission for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

3. Report of the December 17, 2020 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission
4. Strategic goal setting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

Staff Update:

5. Educational efforts on the clearing of snow along sidewalks and curb cuts
6. Update on 2021 street reconstructions

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7. Adjourn

REPORT OF THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION

December 17, 2020 – 3:00 PM
Zoom Conference Call Meeting

PRESENT: Chair Roark, Alderperson Leek, Commissioner Fehrenbach, Commissioner O'Meara, Commissioner Lane-Browne, Commissioner Finn.

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

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4. Roles and Responsibility of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission
5. Discussion on bicycle and pedestrian education initiatives
6. 2021 Strategic Goals of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

Staff Update:

7. Bicycle Friendly Community Application
 8. Adjourn
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1. Roll call.

Present: Roark, O'Meara, Fehrenbach, Lane-Browne, Finn

Absent: Ald. Leek

2. Persons who wish to address the committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.
Importance of shoveling sidewalks for maintaining proper accessibility for the public, per local ordinance, and per state statute, was discussed.

Discussion and possible action on the following:

3. Report of the November 19, 2020 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

Motion by Commissioner Fehrenbach to approve the report of the November 19, 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission meeting; seconded by Lane-Browne.

Motion by Commissioner O'Meara to amend the motion to include the following changes:

1. **Agenda Item 9: '1. Hosting bicycle ~~radios~~ *rodeos*.'**
2. **Agenda Item 6: 'Chairperson Roark reminded the commission that they had hosted a walking audit for ~~the areas~~ *most of the streets planned for reconstruction*.'**

3. **Agenda Item 6: Commissioner comments, '3. Potential benefit of moving from ~~two-way into one-way streets~~ two-parking lane streets, to one-parking lane streets within the corridor, ...'**
4. **Agenda Item 7: Commissioner Comments, '1.d. ... 'tire-bender' racks took up ~~less~~ more space than compliant racks...'**

seconded by Chairperson Roark

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Roles and Responsibility of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

Chairperson Roark introduced the agenda item.

Director Kernosky summarized a brief presentation on the following:

1. Purpose of goal setting was to get a general idea of what the commission wanted to work towards, as it would provide guidance to City staff when working towards implementation goals. Historically, city staff had often driven policy conversations, but they were now needing some additional direction from the commission.
 - a. Some of the main goals that would drive further action included:
 - i. Implementation of the 2014 Portage County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
 - ii. Implementation of the 2014 Safe Routes to School program.
 - iii. Coordinating with partners and jurisdictions who shared similar goals.
 - iv. Working towards planning for future pedestrian bicycle facilities.
 - v. Reviewing initial public/private development plans and proposals.
 - vi. Public outreach initiatives.
2. Review of powers and duties as it pertained to advisement, working with city staff, making recommendations, working with partners, and developing and distributing information/educational material.

Commissioners made the following comments:

1. Calling out the specific and additional charge of commenting on overall ordinance changes or regulations as it pertains to bicycle and pedestrian street safety.

No action taken.

5. Discussion on bicycle and pedestrian education initiatives

Alderpersion Leek arrived.

Chairperson Roark summarized the Five E's (education, encouragement, evaluation, enforcement, engineering [infrastructure]), of which they helped to provide a complete bicycle and pedestrian network. He stressed the need for improvement in the education component within Stevens Point as it related to bicycling, pedestrians, and motorists. While the commission had previously discussed education items, Commissioner Lane-Browne and Commissioner Finn had taken charge of further development education initiatives.

Commissioners Lane-Browne and Finn provided the following update:

1. Dec. 15th Tuesday Meeting: Included individuals from different agencies (MILC, ADRC, Inclusa, City staff). Brainstorming session lead to the following ideas:

- a. Campaign-like focus for snow maintenance (sidewalks & curb cuts)
 - i. Snow Angels type program, inspiration by City of Pittsburgh (<https://pittsburghpa.gov/snowangels/>).
 - ii. Printed/Web images, flyers
 - iii. Social media outreach and posts
 - iv. Interviews and Public Service Announcements (PCHHS)
 - v. Printed outreach in newsletters (ADRC)
 - vi. Utilizing connections/partnerships with Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, landlords, and UWSP.
- b. Ideas being explored for May 2021, or National Bike Month.
- c. Would like some direction on what programs or items the commission had worked on previously, so they could build upon them, rather than starting new.

Chairperson Roark, regarding some history on previous initiatives, provided the following list:

- 1. Hosted Events with the Wisconsin Bike Fed
- 2. Hosted League of American Bicyclists
- 3. Presented to Common Council (ex. Walking Audits)
- 4. Presented Achievements to Common council
- 5. Hosted Annual Workshops (BPAC)
- 6. Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts

Commissioners had the following comments and suggestions:

- 1. Educational items already exist but stressed the need to have education so people know those resources exist in the first place.
- 2. Emphasized the Bicycle and Pedestrian Count being an ongoing educational component.
- 3. Education needed for the public on who has the right of way on roads/sidewalks and when to yield.
- 4. Bike to Work events have occurred in the past, but never with a great emphasis
- 5. Emphasis on difference between cross-walks and zebra cross-walks, to which there was none when it came to how drivers needed to respond.

Aldersperson Jennings recommended looking into becoming a member of the Wisconsin Bike Fed, as it allowed the use of their promotional materials, to which there was a brief discussion of additional benefits and associated costs.

No action was taken.

6. 2021 Strategic Goals of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

Director Kernosky emphasized that goal-setting would be vital in drafting next steps to achieve future initiatives and plans in terms of what the purpose was, who needed to be involved, and what timelines they were aiming for. An example of a goal could be to perform the 2022 Street Reconstruction Rolling Audit or identify new grant opportunities. Staff was not looking to gather the goal data right away, but rather over the course of several meetings:

- 1. December Meeting: Introduce & provide an overview.
- 2. January Meeting: Review and identify consistent or overlapping goals from individual commissioners and establish leads for them.
- 3. February Meeting: Review and adopt goals in a final document format and work towards implementation.

Director Kernosky summarized by asking commissioners to review the materials provided that outlined the charge of the commission, and to provide any ideas or goals to staff. The Goal Setting Worksheet was not mandatory and acted more as a guide, but they were welcome to utilize the format. He asked that commissioners have this done by January 4, 2021.

Chairperson Roark noted that the Portage County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan would be a great resource when working on goal setting. Additionally, he summarized historic use of the Portage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Urban Area Infrastructure Recommendations document (February 2020 Meeting), which outlined existing goals that were broken down into type, what the recommendation was, where it could be found within the plan, which agency or department could take lead, as well as any associated partners, timelines, or current statuses.

No action was taken.

Staff Update

7. Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn announced that the City of Stevens Point had been awarded Silver Status from the League of American Bicyclists. He commended commissioners, elected officials, stakeholders, and city staff for their hard work over the previous years. The City was now the 6th municipality within the state of Wisconsin to hold such a status.

Former Director Ostrowski and Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kearns were also commended for their efforts.

Alderpersion Jennings congratulated the commission and Mr. Kuhn on his efforts in following through with the application. She encouraged the commission to look towards the Gold standard.

There was a brief discussion on receiving the Report Card from the League of American Bicyclists, which would outline standards and goals that needed to be met over the next couple years in working towards the Gold standard. The Report Card would be shared with the commission.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed/heard at: <https://stevenspoint.com/365/AgendasMinutesVideos>



MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission

From: Adam Kuhn, Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator

CC: Ryan Kernosky, Director of Community Development
Scott Beduhn, Director of Public Works

Date: January 14, 2021

RE: 2021 BPSSC Goal Setting – Review and Identify Consistencies

During the December 17, 2020 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission, City staff discussed the setting of strategic goals for the Commission. The purpose of these goal setting sessions is to allow the Commission to begin working towards implementing goals to achieve your 'charge' as a Commission. These goals can be both in the short-term (e.g., 2021) and the long-term (e.g., 2022-2025).

After the December meeting, City staff asked each of you to compile a list of short- and long-term goals you would like to achieve in your capacity as a commissioner. The table below includes all of the individual goals received. Each goal is broken into the following categories: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation and planning. As you may recall, these were the five benchmarks that the League of American Bicyclists measured when reviewing the City's 2020 Bicycle Friendly Community application.

The purpose of the January meeting is to collectively review and identify consistencies with each of your goals. Once consistencies are established, discussion will occur on how to best achieve these commonly-identified goals and who is going to lead that process.

If you have any questions prior to the January 14th meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adam Kuhn'.

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Exhibit A: Individual Commissioner's Goals

Engineering:	• Install a bicycle corral within the two parking stalls in front of the Portage County Library. • Review maximum speed limits in the City. • Alter funding for sidewalk continuation projects (transfer from property assessments to the City's budget). • Provide safer access to route bicyclists and pedestrians from businesses along Highway 10 to the Downtown.
Education:	• Educate citizens on safe bicycling practices through small group rides. • Include educational initiatives in municipal communication. • Create a brochure to highlight the City's Bicycle Friendly Community silver designation. • Increase bicycle education in school curriculum.
Encouragement:	• Encourage local businesses to apply for a Bicycle Friendly Business designation. • Map out preferred walking and biking routes for each school in the city. • Increase the usage of bicycle lanes. • Encourage the clearing of snow along sidewalks and curb cuts.
Enforcement:	• Enforce the City's Vision Zero Policy.
Evaluation & Planning:	• Advocate for the winter maintenance of the Riverfront Trail for pedestrian use. • Amend bicycle rack standards within the City's bicycle parking ordinance. • Adopt a complete streets policy. • Submit a walkable friendly community application. • Join the Wisconsin Bike Federation. • Apply for a gold designation when the City needs to re-apply as a bicycle friendly community in 2024. • Increase communication and collaboration between BPSSC and the Portage County Traffic Safety Commission.

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal #1:

Advocate for Winter Maintenance of the Riverfront Trail for Pedestrian Use from the Clark Street Bridge (or the Riverfront Arts Center) to the Bukolt Park Boat Launch.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

(Creation purpose 1a: Planning for future pedestrian facilities.)

(Powers and Duties 5d: Make recommendations to city staff and department heads regarding operating budgets.)

This commission has been told in the past that winter maintenance of the Riverfront Trail is a budget issue and that the budget does not allow for it. I argue that budgeting is a matter of priorities. I feel this needs to be a much higher priority. The City takes great pride in its Riverfront, as it should. The Riverfront is still very beautiful and very accessible in the winter, and we know how to remove snow from asphalt. We know that the asphalt path is not built for trucks. However, a very small percentage of our snowfalls require a truck and plow to remove the snow. Many Stevens Point residents walk outside in the winter, and many more should. Winter maintenance of our best trail would encourage that!

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

Discussion with Parks Department and Common Council

Budgeting

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

Commission can make recommendation to Parks Department.

Individual commissioners can talk to their alders.

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

Get it in the budget for next year, winter 2021-22.

Other notes:

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal #2:

Improve bicycle parking in the City of Stevens Point by continuing **to replace “schoolyard” or “grid” racks with APBP-approved “post-and-hoop” or “inverted U” racks on city property, at city schools, and to encourage private businesses to do the same.**

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

(Creation purpose 1a and 1b: Planning for future bicycle facilities and reviewing public and private plans for bicycle facilities.)

(Powers and Duties 5c: Promoting the integration of bicycling in the City’s planning and design to ensure safe movement of people while enhancing livability and quality of life.)

The City has installed some APBP-approved (The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals) on Main Street, Clark Street, and Strongs Avenue. (Post-and-hoop, thank you!) UWSP has replaced some of their racks with approved “inverted-U racks. (Some are covered, too!) However, most city schools and businesses still display the functionally useless grid racks, which do not allow frames to be locked to the rack and often damage frames and especially wheels. While the City has some racks mentioned above, they still lack approved racks at City Hall and at the Police Department on Michigan. For starters, the City can lead by example and continue to replace the grid racks. However, I would propose the that City can help other agencies, school districts (and MSTC), and businesses replace their outdated racks.

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

I am not sure how we proceed on this. We could investigate whether there are any grants that could defray the cost for businesses or schools to replace their racks.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

More discussion on the commission might clarify how we might proceed with this.

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

I would like to see the city if full compliance with approved racks at city buildings, schools, and businesses within five years.

Other notes:

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal #3:

Educate Stevens Point residents about safe bicycling practices, especially using bike lanes properly and *not* riding on sidewalks, through themed small-group summer rides.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

(Creation purpose 1d: Public outreach.)

(Powers and Duties 5e: Working to educate all age groups on safe bicycling skills.)

The City has taken a huge step in providing safe bicycling infrastructure with the implementation of bike lanes through the TAP grant. We need to follow up by encouraging people to bicycle safely by using the bike lanes and encouraging adults *not* to ride their bicycles on sidewalks.

A Cornell University report indicates that 42% of left-turn car-bike accidents happen with bicyclists riding on sidewalks. They also report about a third of right-turn accidents involve a bike on a sidewalk. And bicyclists on sidewalks are 1.8 times more likely to be involved in an accident with a car than bicyclists riding on the street.

Direct information like this might be useful. However, a deliberate approach to modeling proper cycling habits might be better. I propose that the City sponsor some themed small-group rides in which bicycling leader models correct riding habits. The rides would feature a local person with specific knowledge about a topic who would talk about the topic at specified stops and a bicycling leader who would help get the group from place to place using bike lanes and prospering bicycling skills.

Here are two ideas.

1. A Parks Ride. Possible “celebrity”-leader: Tom Schrader. (I trained Tom to pilot the CWA Trishaws this summer and was engrossed by his stories as we meandered through some Stevens Point Parks. I think he’d be happy to do this!)
2. A Local Architecture Ride. I don’t have anyone in mind for this, but the route could certainly take bicyclists through the downtown area and model proper bicycling through some problematic downtown areas.

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

Planning and publicity.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

Commissioners could plan. City staff might work on publicity.

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

First rides this summer: June 2021. We could be masked.

Other notes:

After a suitable period of education, the City might consider a ban on adults riding bicycles on sidewalks, at least in certain areas of the city, as other cities have done. (Milwaukee, Shorewood, West Allis, Madison have certain restrictions.)

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

2021 - Adopt a Complete Streets Policy utilizing the National Complete Streets Coalition's 10 elements of a comprehensive Complete Streets policy.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

- This policy can ensure streets are safe for people of all ages and abilities, balance the needs of different modes, and support local land uses, economies, cultures, and natural environments.
- Perpetuates/compliments the City's Complete Streets Resolution (Policy C2.1 of the PCCBPP) and the Commission's Powers and Duties a), b), & c).

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- The Commission & Staff review the 10 elements.
- The Commission & Staff develop the related components in a draft.
- The draft is compared to other city's Complete Streets policies.
- A final draft is reviewed by Staff and approved by the Commission, Board of Public Works, and then City Council.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

see above

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

March 2021 - November 2021

Other notes:

- To learn more about Complete Streets and policies: <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/program/national-complete-streets-coalition/>
- For technical resources on Complete Streets see the ITE website: <https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/topics/complete-streets/>

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

2021 - Portage County creates a county bicycle & pedestrian commission.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

- This new commission would implement, maintain, and monitor the recommendations from the PCCBPP the County is responsible for.
- The existence of this new commission would instill better collaboration between the City and County with transportation planning, flow, and funding.
- Relates to the Commission's Powers and Duties a), c), d), e), and f).

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- Commission reviews best process with staff and public officials.
- Commission determines steps from here.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

see above

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

March 2021 - December 2021

Other notes:

- See Goal E on page 37 + Objective G1 and it's related policies on page 38 + urban area bikeway recommendation 8.3.6 on page 70 of the PCCBPP:
<https://portagecobikepedplan.files.wordpress.com/2014/10/poco-bike-ped-plan-plan-final-pz-recommended.pdf>

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

2021 - Install a bike corral within 2 auto parking stalls in front of the Portage County Library.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

- This new bicycle parking infrastructure would relate to a variety of recommendations within the PCCBPP including: Goal B/Objective B3, Goal C/Objective C3/Policy C3.3, and more generally with encouragement.
- Relates to the Commission's Powers and Duties a), b), c), and d).

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- Commission & Staff work with the Portage County Public Library, nearby storefronts, and the Downtown Point association for best location, potential designs, etc.
- Staff work out details like funding source, partnership potential with CREATE for an artistic corral, winter maintenance/removal/storage, etc.
- Staff develop design proposal for Commission review and approval.
- Review and approval by Board of Public Works and then City Council.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

see above

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

March 2021 - May 2021

Other notes:

- Could City work with CREATE Portage County to develop/commission an artistic bike rack?
- In any case, the new bike parking would still need to meet APBP guidelines to be a functional bike parking facility.
- Additional downtown bike parking was recommended by the most recent vehicle parking study (finalized in 2015).

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

2021 - Create new Stevens Point-specific BFB (Bicycle Friendly Business) award program for businesses, run by Community Development. Could be called "Stevens Point's Most Bicycle Friendly Business in __year__ Award"

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

- The Commission has discussed promoting the bicycle friendly business program a number of times in the past and some resources are listed on the City's website. However, a program like this would much better catalyze and empower participation.
- Besides recommendation 6.4.4 within the PCCBPP (regarding encouraging businesses) this goal relates to catalyzing more education, encouragement, evaluation, and facilities for residents through employers' actions.
- Relates to the Commission's Powers and Duties a), b), c), d) and e).

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- Get interest and buy in from Staff.
- Staff request budget amendment from Finance Committee (if needed)?
- BPSSC recommends approval to City Council.
- Commission & Staff develop a plan and application based off a simplified version of the LAB and/or other bike friendly biz app.
- Commissione & Staff promote application and award program through the PCBC, website, social media, etc.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

see above

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

March 2021 - November 2021

Other notes:

- See recommendation 6.4.4 regarding encouraging businesses on page 46 of the PCCBPP: <https://portagecobikepedplan.files.wordpress.com/2014/10/poco-bike-ped-plan-plan-final-pz-recommended.pdf>
- In general, here are some possibilities: *The winner can get highlighted with a plaque award and maybe some other incentive (spot on the City website & PCBC website?). *Could winners get a metal decal/tag to fit the winning year on the annual plaque? *The application could either be a simple pdf (downloadable from City website) or a basic app. fee to cover staff time. *A press release can go out in early fall when everything is in place. *Staff could recommend finalists to the BPSSC and then the Commission makes final vote (or vice versa).
- There are a lot of tools that employers can use which could be included in the qualifying criteria: everything from providing ample bike parking to requiring auto parking permits to auto parking buyout programs to biking lunch breaks to sponsored/sponsoring active transportation events to providing bike lockers or showers to bike education to bike commuter benefits to providing bike share for employees and/or guests, etc.
- LAB Bike Friendly Biz App.: https://www.bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFB_Application_Preview.pdf

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

2022 - Follow through with the City's Vision Zero Policy including measurable/quantitative actions within:

- Engineering and street design,
- Education and culture change,
- Enforcement,
- Evaluation, and
- Policy

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

- The current policy states, "In 2015, Secretary Anthony Foxx (USDOT) challenged mayors across the country to take actionable steps to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. As a part of that challenge, cities across the country began adopting policies in support bike and pedestrian safety, including adopting Vision Zero as the foundation for these endeavor. And in Stevens Point the Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee works diligently to provide Council recommendations to address this challenge.
- Relates to the Commission's Powers and Duties a), b), and c)

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- Staff & Commission work together on reviewing the principals of Vision Zero in order to develop measurable/quantitative action.
- Staff & Commission identify pain points within these principals.
- Following through on many of the PCCBPP recommendations greatly compliments Vision Zero as well.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

see above

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

May 2021 - November 2022

Other notes:

See more info about building this type of policy through the Vision Zero Network:
http://visionzeronetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/MinimumElements_Final.pdf

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

2024 - Align our City's speed limits with 20's Plenty for Us campaign, Stockholm Resolution (with Resolution No. 11), and NACTO speed limit guidance

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

- Besides saving lives since we know speed kills, a reduction to 20mph on neighborhood streets would greatly impact our achievement of Goal B/Objectives B3 & B4 of the PCCBPP.
- Refers to the Commission's Powers and Duties a), b), c), and d).

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- Commission, Staff from multiple departments , and public officials review the 3 resource outlined in the goal.
- Commission & Staff develop proposal.
- Various commissions meet to discuss over a series of months.
- Approval from Commissions & City Council.
- Implementation by Staff with new policy, education, signage, etc.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

see above

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

March 2021 - March 2024

Other notes:

- See more in the BPPSC agenda packet on the City website: <https://stevenspoint.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/5731>

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

2023 - Fold sidewalk continuation into city budgets (instead of property owner assessments).

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

- Filling in sidewalk gaps is laid out in the PCCBPP & Safe Routes to School Plans.
- Shifting this expense to city budgets would reduce resistance from residents to fill in gaps on their/nearby property.
- Refers to Powers and Duties a), b), c), and d).

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- The Commission and Staff gain support from public officials.
- Staff & Commission develop proposal.
- City Council approval.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

see above

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

March 2021 - March 2023

Other notes:

Stevens Point Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission
GOALS

1. Join the Wisconsin Bike Federation as a community
<https://wisconsinbikefed.org/support-us/membership/businesses/>

BPSSC's Charge: The Safe Routes to School Plan says "Consider initiating a SRTS Training Program. These programs, available through organizations like the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, can increase usership and enhance skills."

Steps: Apply online on WBF website. There are three membership levels (Basics \$250, Advocate \$500, Focus \$2500).

Who: City staff

When: Short-term

2. Prepare/distribute/display/post maps of preferred walking and bicycling routes to parents and students of each school in the city.

BPSSC's Charge: This is an action item on the Safe Routes to School Plan.

Steps: Map out those preferred walking and bicycling routes for each school; the next steps are organic.

Who: Stevens Point area public and Catholic schools (as per SRTS Plan);
Also City staff and Bike-Ped Commission?

When: Short-term

3. Include latest education flyer/brochure in municipal communication sent by mail (utility bills, tax bills, newsletters, etc.)

BPSSC's Charge: In County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, p. 41 and on status list.

Steps: Prepare new flyers and brochures; print and distribute to respective city offices.

Who: BPSSC, City staff

When: Annually

4. Apply for Walk-Friendly Community bronze status
<http://walkfriendly.org>

BPSSC's Charge:

- In County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, p. 46 and on status list.
- City Ordinance(?) 3.55 5(b) which created the BPSSC says we should "achieve recognized standards for bicycle and pedestrian accessibility and safety, such as the ... Walk-Friendly Community designation."

Steps: After meeting their application criteria, apply online on WFC website (cost?)

Who: City staff, BPSSC

When: June 15 or December 15

Notes: LaCrosse and Shorewood are Bronze; Cedarburg is Honorable Mention

5. Prepare a brochure that focuses specifically on our Bicycle-Friendly Community status ("STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN - BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY"). Inside is a bicycle user map of streets and painted facilities, with a reference to the Green Circle Trail and its map.

BPSSC's Charge: In County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, p. 40 and on status list.

Steps: Prepare, print, post, distribute, display

Who: City staff, BPSSC

When: Short-term

Goal (be specific):

Get more usage of bike lanes

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission: Usage of bike lanes increases street safety.

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal? Need to update bike lane maps on city site. Need to promote usage by example. Education of how to properly use bike lanes.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal? Community Dev. for updates of maps. BPSSC participation in rodeos emphasizing usage of bike lanes....Community Dev. post short video on city site demonstrating how to use bike lanes.

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

Short term for initiation.

Goal (be specific): Increase bike education in schools. Work to get it part of the curriculum in grades 3-6.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission: Increases street safety. Also it is an area in which we need to improve to achieve Gold Status in BFC

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal? Contact school district to determine who is in charge of the Phy Ed curriculum for elementary . Then start lobbying.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal? BPSSC could initiate contact

Timeline? 2-3 yrs am in process of contacting PHY Ed

teacher at Jefferson School and I have found

Colorado DOT website for sample curriculum . also

Portage County Child/Passenger Safety ASSOC have

grant for helmets

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific): Increase % of walks and curb cuts that are cleared in a timely manner.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission: Safety of Pedestrians increases mobility for all people

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal? Establish a program that is similar to SnowAngels in Pittsburgh PA

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal? Contact Pittsburgh SnowAngel coordinator to determine how they did it. Establish a web site or other method of contact for volunteers and for those needing help. Both: Community Dev.

What timeline? 1 yr, SnowAngels@pittsburghpa.gov

contact person: Eric, 412 255 0846 Office of

community Affairs

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific): Better/Safe Access to Rte 10 East Businesses from downtown Stevens Point.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission: Want to increase commuting by bicycles, want to increase safety

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal? Intersections along rte 10 East need to be made safer for Ped and Bikers. Drivers entering Rte 10 look to West but not East when merging onto Rte 10 They turn left on red. Even from 2 lanes. Maybe a flasher system?

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal? DMV

What timeline ? short term Other notes: I know that

there is a connection in the works. But I dont think that

addresses people commuting by road bike

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

Identify opportunities for progressing further with the city's bicycle rating from the League of American Bicyclists. We are currently at silver, and we should aim for gold.

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

The charge of the Bicycle Commission is to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Raising our rating with the League will necessarily involve identifying ways to improve cycling conditions.

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

- 1) Read through the standards laid out by the League.
- 2) Identify where the lowest-hanging fruit is for improving cycling conditions.
- 3) Make improvements via staff when possible.
- 4) Formulate proposals for anything that other city commissions and common council would need to take up.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

- 1) The Bicycle Commission should do steps one and two.
- 2) Bicycle Commission should work with staff (e.g. Community Development, engineering, etc.)
- 3) Bicycle Commission itself should write and adopt proposals for common council.

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal?

- 1) Steps one and two can be accomplished within a matter of weeks.
- 2) Action via staff can take place relatively soon thereafter.
- 3) Any proposals for common council will probably last throughout the year.

Other notes: The Green Circle extension over the highway is already a high priority for common council and the city. This will raise our rating with the league. So this is about looking past that quite significant job to see what else needs to be done.

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific):

BPSSC should approach the county to be included in the Portage County Traffic Safety Commission.
<https://www.co.portage.wi.us/government/traffic-safety-commission>

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission:

This goal fits into the education goal of the commission. The commission has representatives from all parts of the community including representatives from most of the law enforcement agencies, municipal governments, the medical community, Wisconsin Dept. Transportation, and the county board.

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal?

We need to approach the chairman of the committee or the county executive.

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal?

I can take this task.

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal? Within the next 6 months.

Other notes: <https://www.co.portage.wi.us/government/traffic-safety-commission>

Goal Setting Worksheet

Goal (be specific): **Make our outreach to the community regarding sidewalk snow and ice removal an annual occurrence.**

How does this goal fit into the overall charge of the commission: **Education**

What steps need to occur to achieve the goal? **Put the item sidewalk snow and ice control on the November Agenda every year.**

Who should work on what steps to achieve the goal? **Chair of BPSSD**

What timeline do you envision for achieving the goal? **It will be ongoing.**

Other notes: