

WAUWATOSA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT TO TRANSPORTATION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR 2024

November 12, 2023

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership: Revised in April of 2022, no longer required to have one appointment per district (although that is still the goal). Eight citizen members (currently 7 members) with two-year terms. A ninth voting member is a representative of the school district
- Two ex-officio members, representatives from the Police Department, Health Department
- Alderperson liaison: Brad Foley (Since May 2024)
- City staff liaison: Elizabeth Saunderson, City Multi-modal Engineer (Since Sept 2024)

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Community outreach events included bike rodeo, bike to work, community fair, informational booth at farmers market, and information table at library
- Helmet give-a-ways at bike rodeo and back to school events
- Discussion with DPW Director David Simpson and City Engineer Bill Wherly about interaction between design projects/staff and committee. Mr. Simpson would like to reduce/eliminate committee's thorough/detailed review of plans, and replace earlier with committee preference for type of facilities (focus more on the what, rather than the specific how). Would also like committee focus on bigger picture things (changes to bike rack standards/ordinances agreed as good example)
- Continued implementation of approved greenway plan based on the greenway network proposed in the adopted Bike and Pedestrian Facilities Plan, majority of signs installed
- Recommended closure of slip lanes at intersection of North Ave/Wauwatosa Ave
- Safe Streets Input website

GOALS

- Continue to work with staff to increase GIS data and printable maps related to bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the city's website
- Provide recommendations on updated standards/ordinances related to bike racks
- Implement project(s) to install additional bike racks and benches
- Continue to develop the webpage; including tools to solicit public feedback/issues (specifically close-calls)
- Continue education efforts, including the Bike Rodeo, Bike to Work Week, community fair, informational booth at farmers market, and information table at library (focus in 2025 on staff/alder participation in Week Without Driving)
- Work with city staff on creation of Bike-Ped Plan Update
- Work with city staff to promote safety for all street users through social media and website
- Utilize feedback from Bicycle Friendly Community application process to improve various facets of bicycle culture (education, outreach, infrastructure) in City, reapply for higher status
- Bring forward more rapid implementation pilot projects