

**Minutes of The
City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee Meeting
October 31, 2023**

The Meeting of the City of Waterloo Complete Streets Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:32 pm October 31, 2023, by Vice-Chairperson Durant in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at Waterloo City Hall.

Roll Call: Members present: Kathryn Gilbery, Aric Schroeder, Paul Huting, Curtis Young, John Dornoff, Oumie Ceesay, Kyle Durant, and Dwight Diercks.

Members absent were: Felicia Cass, Jessica Rucker, David Sturch, and Ray Feuss.

Other attendees: None.

It was moved by Huting and seconded by Gilbery to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan

- Durant went over the plan.
- The plan needs to be updated every 5 years, and the plan needs to be for 25 years out.
- Performance metrics are mandatory.
- The new plan strengthens the role of complete streets.
- The updated bikeway plan is included.
- There are four goals: Safety, Preservation, Efficiency, and multi-modal, and there are sub-objects and measures with the goals.
- Vehicle Miles Traveled has gone down due to COVID-19 but is not really recovering.
- However, fatalities have stayed steady, and non-vehicle fatalities have gone up.
- 35% of roads are in good shape, and 25% are in bad shape.
- There are currently 10 structurally deficient bridges, but 2 are currently being replaced (Park Avenue and 11th Street).
- Bikeway plan is switching to more on-street accommodations from trails.
- It was suggested that the goals should be broken down into 5-year blocks, for example, to measure success.
- The city would prefer signs over paint on the roads since it is a hassle and costs a lot of money to paint regularly.
- The area is seeing more year-round riders.
- It was noted that there are basic counters on the trails to count the number of bicyclists/pedestrians, but they cannot distinguish between a biker, a pedestrian, or a deer going by the counter.
- Trail use is still strong and went up during the COVID-19 period.
- The study used the Iowa Crash Analysis tool and showed most pedestrian-bicycle accidents occurred in the downtown area.
- INRCOG has a Vision Zero grant of \$60,000.
- INRCOG hopes to have the Long-Range Transportation Plan approved on November 9th.

2. Discussion of Priorities for Bicycle Accommodations and Future Planning.

- There has not been a priority list for bicycle accommodations.
- Discussion of development on East 4th Street north of Donald.
- Access from new apartments to Gates Park is important.

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- Will new residents cross Heath to access Hy-Vee with no traffic light?
- Should the developer be asked to put in a trail to Hwy 63?
- Is it time to create a master list of projects and find the most priority projects?
- Work as a group to come up with the priority projects.
- Decided to send out an email to the group and ask everyone to bring their top three projects and it will be discussed month.
- Discussion of Shaulis Road gap and how to get funding to fill in the gap.
- Difficult to find local funding right now, and complete street projects are very low on the list right now.
- Further discussion on finding funding.

3. Walnut

- Meeting to be held on November 13th, no further update at this time.

4. Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Near East High.

- Volunteer at the school is pushing for improvements.
- Went over the alternatives discussed last month.
- The school district is proceeding with updating the sports fields.
- Consider contacting the volunteer to come to Complete Streets.
- Durant noted the bikeway plan can be amended, although it is rare.

5. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Review

- Schroeder went over the Planning Commission agenda.

6. Other Project Status Updates

- **Park Pools**
 - Work is proceeding on the Gates improvement.
 - Basketball courts are completed.
 - Waiting for MidAmerican to put power lines underground.
 - Bids for the Byrnes pool project came in under budget, and the project will be awarded on November 6th.

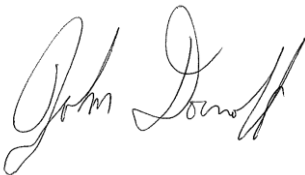
Discussion Items:

- Durant noted that the MPO currently does not have a Complete Streets Policy but Durant is working to get one approved.

Adjournment

Durant adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
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