

105th Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting
January 23rd, 2019 – 3:00pm
Metro COG Conference Room

Members Present

Dan Farnsworth, Chair, Metro COG
Jason Gates, Citizen representative
Peyton Mastera, City of Dilworth
Tyler Kirchner, Fargo Park District
Bob Walton, NDDOT Fargo District
Christine Holland, River Keepers
Barrett Voigt, Cass County
Patrick Hollister, PartnerSHIP 4 Health
Kim Lipetzky, Fargo Cass Public Health
Jonathan Atkins, City of Moorhead Engineering
Maegin Elshaug, City of Fargo Planning

Others Present:

Luke Champa, Metro COG
Jason Carbee, HDR (via phone)
Mandi Johnson, Fargo Cass Public Health
Wade Kline, KLJ
Scott Schwandt, MN Green Corps

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began at 3:00 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Minutes from December 5th, 2018 meeting

No quorum was present so the December 5th minutes were not approved. Approval will need to occur at the next meeting.

3. ND Moves (statewide active & transportation Plan) update

W. Kline presented information regarding the ND Moves (statewide active & transportation Plan). ND Moves is the first Plan conducted by the NDDOT addressing specifically bicycle & pedestrian needs since the 1990s. The Plan is in its final stages and should be finalized in the near future. ND Moves will provide guidance for NDDOT as they implement projects across the state by considering bicycle, pedestrian, and transit as they program and design projects.

4. Public input opportunity

An opportunity was given for any members of the public to provide any comments or input. No public was represented aside from two individuals representing their consulting firms. No public input was given.

5. 2045 FM Metro Transportation Plan discussion

J. Carbee presented draft goals, objectives, and prioritization for the 2045 Fargo-Moorhead Metro Transportation Plan. Objectives pertaining to bicycle & pedestrian projects were presented. There was then presentation and discussion of proposed project scoring criteria. J. Carbee also presented maps developed to show the walkability of neighborhoods around the FM area. The maps were based on street connectivity, access to employment, and access to services.

It was discussed that future correspondence with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee would occur to better refine the goals, objectives and prioritization of projects. It was requested that Metro COG email the presentation to the Committee as time did not permit the presentation to be presented in its entirety.

J. Carbee notified the Committee that there will be a public open house for the Plan on February 8th at the Stone Building (613 1st Ave N, Fargo) from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.

P. Hollister provided a comment that he would like to see Fargo-Moorhead's Bicycle Friendly Community logo shown somewhere on the 2045 Metro Transportation Plan, preferably on the cover if possible.

6. Bicycle/electric scooter ordinance presentation

D. Farnsworth and L. Champa presented their findings of case studies of other cities as well as findings of local ordinances regarding electric scooters and dockless bikeshare bicycles. Case studies were presented on electric foot scooters for the cities of Meridian, ID, Boise, ID, and Minneapolis, MN. Case studies were then presented on dockless bikeshare bicycles for the cities of Minneapolis, MN and Green Bay, WI. Following the case studies, existing local ordinances regarding electric scooters and dockless bikeshare bicycles were presented. The current local ordinances are not favorable for a successful implementation of electric scooters, so if electric scooters were to have a presence in the Fargo-Moorhead area, either the ordinances would need to be updated or the scooters would more-or-less be operating against the existing ordinances.

It was discussed that it would be wise for the Fargo-Moorhead area to prepare for the possible introduction of electric foot scooters and dockless bikeshare bicycles in the near future. While changing ordinances at this time would not be the best idea, it was the will of the Committee to make top city staff aware of the possible introduction of these transportation devices, the impact they might have, and the need for possible revisions to

city ordinances. The Committee suggested developing a summary of the case studies, the impacts to cities, and example ordinances which could be provided to top city staff.

7. Other business

P. Hollister mentioned that a project has been proposed next to Madison Elementary School in Fargo which could involve a donation of numerous trees along with a walking path.

Meeting adjourned 4:50pm.