

MINUTES

CSRC Attendees: Gary Lindahl, Tom Nall, Danica Larson, Paul Malischke, Maureen Vorwald, and Robin Fatzinger.
CSRC Not Present: Eileen McCartney
Staff Not Present: Howard Crofoot
Public Attendees: Mary Malischke

1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

The group welcomed Gary Lindahl. Gary gave us some background on his interest in joining Safe Routes.

2) Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Maureen to approve the August 19th, 2024 minutes, seconded by Danica. Motion passed.

3) Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions

a. Mary Malischke: Oak & Mineral – scooter tipped over at intersection. Mary was in attendance to address a situation involving Linda Schmidt, whose scooter tipped over after attempting to navigate the intersection at Oak and Mineral streets. Mary stated that an email and a photo has been submitted to the city. She is asking that the ramp at that intersection be repaired. Gary Lindahl discussed various places in town where two-way and one-way streets meet that he feels are not well marked and are confusing. For example, at the intersection of Madison and 4th street, near the Middle School. Gary asked that this item be placed on next month's agenda for committee discussion. Maureen and others commented on the loop path at Moundview Park and the terrible shape it is in. Maureen stated that she used to take many of her physical education classes to the loop for various activities but the trail is too unsafe for high school students to roller blade or use the trail for other activities. It seemed that the trail needs more than sealcoating, but probably to be replaced.

4) Old Business

a. Follow up on Bike & Pedestrian Plan

b. Bike & Pedestrian Plan “Short Term” items – follow-up discussion.

C.15. Discourage the use of bicycles on sidewalks downtown. Add signs prohibiting riding on sidewalks from Chestnut to Water and from Furnace to Pine. **Done.**

C.16. Extend the downtown 15mph zone past the library to improve safety, particularly with the new bus stop. **Working.**

Safe Routes reviewed the letter from City Manager Langreck. The committee still feels strongly that the speed limit in front of the library on Main St., from Chestnut to Elm be changed from 25 mph to 15 mph. As suggested by Mr. Langreck, Tom Nall, our Council Representative will continue action. Tom noted that the library director and Holiday Inn manager had mentioned concerns for speed of traffic in the area when initial discussions of adding a bus stop at the library took place.

C.17. Add leading pedestrian intervals and walking countdowns at busy intersections with traffic signals. Consider making walk signs automatic (with the countdown) and implementing no right turn on red **As we upgrade signals**

C.22. Ensure that stoplights can be triggered by bicycles, particularly along bike routes. **The question remains, how do we educate cyclists on how to trigger the stoplights?**

C.23. Ensure that the length of walk signs is long enough for low mobility pedestrians. **Done.**

C.24. Develop a schedule for repainting crosswalks and seal coating trails and side paths. The years of previous and future painting and sealcoating should be maintained. City staff should continue annual repainting of crosswalks. Epoxy should be reapplied to highway crosswalks every five years or as funding allows. **Done.**

C.34. Explore the addition of crossing guard(s) near the middle school. **Future. The committee asked what the source of this suggested action? It's in our plan but was it one community person's comment at a public forum, was there more information about this concern? Did it have to do with the bus traffic pattern?**

C.35. Consider strategies to improve visibility at intersections, such as: a. Evaluate ways to enforce the city ordinance on vision clearance at intersections (22.09.a). This includes fences and landscaping. b. Remove parking stalls near crosswalks, particularly on roads surrounding UWP (Ullsvik Hall and intersection of Greenwood and Longhorn). **Future. Mary Malischke commented on her concerns of drivers disregarding stop signs. That more should be done to be sure stop signs are visible and that violators suffer consequences.**

c. Bike-Pedestrian crash history follow up discussion. **The committee would like to set up a monthly reporting system where Bike/Ped crash information be sent to our committee or the City Staff representative on the last day of each month so the committee can review the incident in a timely manner.**

d. 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Items under considerations include:

Street Reconstruction:

1. Camp Street: DOT project from Elm to Lancaster.
2. Henry Street: DOT project from Jewett to Camp
3. Seventh Ave: City project from Camp to Ridge

4. Jefferson Street: City project from Cedar to Madison (if funding allows)

Other items:

1. Southwest Road: Culvert extension, headwall construction and sidewalk installation from the current end of sidewalk to Pioneer Road. This item was included in the budget, but discussion took place at Council that it should be removed so that those monies be allocated to moving forward with the pool project. Safe Routes would like the City Council to also look at other possible budget reduction areas thoroughly before slashing the Southwest Road project.

2. Trail Maintenance: Propose trail sealcoating for the Eastside Road trail as funding allows. No PCA trail sealcoating this year – propose waiting for 2 – 3 years before starting over. We can sealcoat trails every 10 years at a cost of about \$7,500/year (in 2024 dollars). Robin shared information of possible grant opportunities, as proposed by PCA, to help with the cost of sealcoating trails and other projects.

5) New Business:

a. SISP Grant: Standalone Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Signal Program. Submitted a 90/10 grant request to replace signals at Pine & Water in 2027 at the end of normal useful life.

6) Adjourn - A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Danica to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Motion passed.