

MINUTES

CSRC Attendees: Robin Fatzinger, Danica Larson, Gary Lindahl, Paul Malischke (via Teams), Eileen McCartney (via Teams), and Tom Nall.

CSRC Not Present: Maureen Vorwald

Staff Present: Howard Crofoot

Public Attendees: Alyssa Schaefer – SW Wis Regional Planning Commission

1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Danica to approve the January 20, 2025 minutes, seconded by Tom. Motion passed.

3) Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions:

a. Howard presented a concern from Connie Gronemus regarding conflicts between right-turning traffic at Pine Street onto Chestnut Street not yielding to pedestrians with a Walk symbol. See Pedestrian-Bicycle Plan item C.17 to install leading pedestrian intervals when signals are upgraded.

b. Eileen presented a concern about the LED sign at the First English Lutheran Church at Pine and Chestnut. The person was concerned that the green LED sign could cause confusion with the traffic signal. No action. Traffic signals are up in the air and round versus lower to the ground with letters.

4) Old Business

a. Bike-Pedestrian crash history follow up discussion. None in January per the PD.

b. East Main Street: Review of Options and recommendation:

Howard presented the Options as designed by Jewell Associates and presented at the Public Involvement Meeting on February 5. Howard noted that Gary attended the meeting.

Option 1: Same as it is now. 44 feet wide with 7 foot sidewalks, 12 foot driving lanes and parking lanes on both sides, adding north – south crosswalks at Ellen and Virgin, no bike accommodations.

Option 2: Slightly wider street (46 feet) with 6 foot sidewalks, narrower driving lanes (11 foot), with narrower parking lanes (7 foot) on both sides, adding north-south crosswalks at Ellen and Virgin, with 5 foot bike lanes in both directions.

Discussion in favor of Option 1 included the fact that there is little bike traffic, the trucks have plenty of room and same with parking.

Discussion in favor of Option 2 included the fact that there are sharrows

on the 15 mph section of Main Street west of Water Street where bikes can ride at the same speed as traffic. This section at 25 mph has a higher speed of traffic and a greater need to protect bikes. There is a future project to connect the Skate Park on East Main Street with the Dog Park and Rountree Branch Trail. This could increase bike traffic between Downtown and the trail system.

Concerns about Option 2 are the narrower driving and parking lanes. The example of narrow bike lanes and parking lane on Ridge Avenue were brought up such that committee members were concerned about people parking into the bike lane.

There was a third option to remove parking on the south side of the street from Water to Virgin. Use the additional space to provide wider traffic lanes, an 8 foot parking lane on the north side and widen the sidewalk.

Motion by Robin, Second by Danica to recommend the third option. Remove parking on the south side of Main Street from Water to Virgin. Keep two bike lanes. Widen the parking lane on the north side to 8 feet. Widen the driving lanes to 12 feet. Widen the sidewalk to make up the difference. Motion passed.

c. Review of Bike-Pedestrian plan progress: Alyssa Schaeffer from SW Wis RPC reviewed a spreadsheet of Short Term, Medium Term and Long Term actions from the Bike-Pedestrian Plan. She noted that many Short Term items were completed. Some should be reviewed for either abandoning, or move to Medium or Long Term actions. Committee members were asked to review the list, make suggestions for changes or updates to current status to either Howard or Alyssa. Alyssa said she would be back in July to review projects to request be included in the 2026 CIP.

5) New Business:

a. None

6) Adjourn - A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Eileen to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Motion passed.