

Bike Thief River Falls

Notes

January 14, 2021 Zoom meeting
8-9 AM

Folks present- Ted Duepner- BikeMN, Andy Mueller, Cheryl Lee, Mark Borseth, Meg Kolden, Kjelsy Stueber, Glen Kajewski, Fran Tougas, Karl Hedlund- BikeMN, Sue Johnson- MN DOT TZD Region Coordinator (hopefully I caught everyone)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82462532397>

1. Ted introduced Karl Hedlund. Karl is the lead for the Bikeable Community Workshops for BikeMN. In 2021 they will be conducting the workshops virtually and on location in 2022. Past communities that participated will be eligible to participate. After discussion it was felt that we should apply for a 2022 workshop. The timing may fit well if Thief River Falls submits a Bicycle Friendly Community application later this year. Depending on our success it will help us develop ideas to strengthen future applications and work on 'weak' areas of the 5 E's that make a city and county bike friendly.
2. Update – Visit TRF ad compliments of support from Sanford Wellness- A big thank you to Kjelsy for leveraging an ad for BikeTRF with Sanford's ad in the Visit TRF guide which will be published late winter/early spring. The ad looks nice and the new guide will be more of a magazine feel, looking good!
3. Bike Map update- how are we doing? Glen will touch base with Troy to check on progress of the map updates. Mark Borseth provided updates of recent bike facilities to Troy earlier. Need to check to see if sharrowed streets will be shown. Could also potentially add locations of bike parking. The updated map will be printed in the VisitTRF guide.
4. Winter ride/ski/shoe/run event- Discuss winter event- fat bike ride, snowshoe, xcountry ski event – Carry on with event like last year, register with fee and shirts, do virtual, other?- Will delay until a possible February date with hope that we can do something in person as opposed to a 'virtual' event.
5. 2021 BikeTRF project ideas-Brainstorm- Bike to Business punch cards- Jake, more bike racks- need go update costs and coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce to reach out to businesses- also discussion on pursuing 'arts grant funds' to make some more artistic bike racks for featured locations, bike repair station(s)- group was supportive, need to get

cost estimates and initiate fundraising this winter/spring– place 2 around the city?, spring/summer bigger organized ride event- MEC 50/100 bike ride around the MEC trail and college, Bike to school day, Bike month events- Bike to work? Story book ride on Greenwood trail, Troll Roll ride, organized bike rides, Bike training- maintenance, riding in traffic, bike rules, etc. through community ed with Glen instructing.

6. Bikeable community assessment update on zoom meeting and scheduled report to city council- January 19 Recommended items to help strengthen application for Bicycle Friendly Community application- conduct sessions on basic bike maintenance, riding in traffic- (update from Dorian’s presentation, initial feedback is that based on what’s been done in the city and with key partners – businesses, city council, county and BikeTRF champions that we’d have a good chance to be recognized as a Bike Friendly Community. Main feedback is to do more outreach/training to adults (see above, along with driver’s ed, AARP over 55 bike/driver ed, etc.) and work to help incorporate Walk!Bike!Fun! curriculum into Challenger and Franklin schools.
7. Report on December Walk Bike Network Leadership presentation – no one was able to sit in on the zoom session so no report to share.
8. Next meeting- Feb 10 8 AM Here’s the zoom link- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87910954425>