

# MINUTES Trail Coalition Hwy 64 Corridor Committee

City of New Richmond Civic Center, 156 East First Street, New Richmond, WI Sept. 26, 6:30pm  
Call to Order – Susan Heuiser called meeting to order by consent

Statement of Public Notice – Agenda was posted at the Town of Somerset Town Hall

Roll Call – present Susan Heuiser, Ben Heuiser, Mark Vanasse, Kyle Lindstrom, Jim Remington, Andre’ Johnson, Lee Pederson, Gary Knudson, Tim Witzman, and Janet Lindstrom.

Adoption of Agenda – agenda adopted by consent

Public Comment – no comments

Susan Heuiser, St. Croix Bike & Pedestrian Trail Coalition Board member, is leading the initial meeting. Participants were asked to describe their expectations in two words

Susan	Coalition representative	share information
Ben		public awareness
Mark		corridor map
Kyle	St. Joseph Township	community alliance
Jim	Pathways Member	corridor happen
Andre’	Town of Star Prairie	trail building
Lee		ride safely to Stillwater
Gary	Town of Richmond	trail availability
Tim	Town of Somerset	priority tap grants
Janet		other funding

Susan went over the ground work for the committee. This is a sub-committee of St. Croix Bike & Pedestrian Trail Coalition, a non-profit organization. This committee is set up to provide research and information to Coalition communities and members. Susan reviewed the Charter Purpose, Organization and Goals.

Discussion on Bike Trail from Loop Trail to New Richmond by community.

St. Joseph Township Kyle Lindstrom starting at the Loop Trail to the new Hwy 64 connection. This area is being reconstructed in 2018 and turned back to St. Joseph Township. Chance to put in a Bike Trail at the time of reconstruction. From the new 64 Road St. Joseph Township will pursue trail along Hwy 64 to 150<sup>th</sup> Street bridge that crosses Hwy 64.

Somerset Township Tim Witzman has talked with Adam Wood(Tool Design) and sees Landing Hill as a priority connection. VV into Somerset is the preferred route with an alternate of 38<sup>th</sup> St and 180<sup>th</sup> Ave. Susan said that there was a priority on the St. Croix County Plan for Landing Hill. It is one of 5 areas in the county that Tool Design will study and look into depth. County Map shows the Bike Trail on north side of Hwy 64 at Landing Hill. Wrong side!  
Andre’ agreed Landing Hill was a key connection.

Village of Somerset representative not present map of Somerset Village sidewalk and Bike plan shown  
Talk of a bike bridge across rail road tracks entering Somerset from west, depends on money available

Star Prairie Andre' Johnson Hwy C has narrow shoulders Wall Street has 4 foot shoulder  
Susan commented that Adam Wood(ToolDesign) said 3 ft. shoulder not enough. Need 4 to 5 ft.

Pathways Jim Remington need safe routes example: New Richmond to Star Prairie  
Wall Street has heavy traffic 110<sup>th</sup> Street one way and back on 150<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pathways has been active in the New Richmond community setting goals and prioritizing. They were the  
lead organization in developing a St. Croix County Bike Map. Brought together many Organizations:  
Jim Heebink and Irv Sather with Pathways Dave Larson and Bob Heise with St. Croix County  
Glen Hills, Hudson, New Richmond and River Falls Chamber of Commerce  
New Richmond Area Community Foundation St. Croix County Parks Department  
The importance of networking to get things done.  
600 ft. trail on 140<sup>th</sup> St. - border of City of New Richmond and Town of Richmond cost \$80,000  
Funded by City of New Richmond, Town of Richmond, Pathways, New Richmond Area Community  
Foundation, and DNR

Town of Richmond Gary Knudson cost \$13,000 per mile for pavement extension of 2ft on town  
roads 4 ft. shoulders too costly for townships town roads posted at 45 mph but traffic drives at 55  
mph Town of Richmond is willing to work with county and state on Bike Trails

City of New Richmond north 4<sup>th</sup> St. will be reconstructed next year and is now on the County Bike Map  
Jug Handle upgrade of Hwy 64 between Somerset and New Richmond to Expressway Status  
Bridge will accommodate a Bike Trail Looking forward to a New Richmond representative

Susan brought up changes in Complete Street Program. Communities and Townships have to pass  
resolutions telling WISDOT that they want planned Trails. We need to be prepared.

St. Joseph Township TAP Grant Kyle informed us that grant was not approved. By applying we are now  
on WISDOT radar.

Susan brought up Communication Protocol The committee is not the connection to the county. Each  
city or township needs to contact Brett Budrow with St. Croix County Planning on Bike Trails paths for  
their area. The Coalition will be involved in drafting resolutions and facilitating communication and  
coordination for communities and townships.

Next Meeting Date November 7 6:30pm Civic Center New Richmond

Elect Chair and Vice Chair at next Meeting proposing to meet every spring and fall  
Adjourn by consensus

Mark Vanasse, Secretary