



Meeting Minutes – Transportation Working Group

Date: November 08, 2017

Time: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Location: Prior Lake City Hall

Work Group Members:

Bob Crawford	x	Beth Mathews	x	Jon Ulrich	x
Josh Johnson	x	Jane Victorey		Kyle Sobota	x
Rich Crawford	x	Jane Wiley	x	Melissa Jensen	

Staff Members:

Troy Beam	x	Alan Hermann	x	Brad Larson	x
Lisa Freese	x	Angie Stenson	x	Kathy Nielsen	x

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

1. Updates

Jon Ulrich provided an update on Marnita’s Table who will be running public engagement meetings for the 50 x 30 initiative in January, February, and March.

2. Pedestrian Connection Plans/Policies from Savage, Prior Lake, and Shakopee

Greg Boatman presented the City of Savage’s newly begun pedestrian plan. Boatman stated the goal is to identify gaps in the system and develop a 10 year maintenance plan. Nielsen commented that previous information reviewed by the group indicated there were areas of Savage where a significant number of people do not own cars. She recommended looking at these areas while gathering data. Ulrich stated that he hoped this is a countywide conversation, and pointed out that there remains a significant gap at 42 and 13. Freese noted that the gap would be resolved when Co. Rd 42 is redone next summer, and that it is more cost efficient to do streets and trails together. She also noted that the State does not have a lot of resources for trails.

Jason Wedel stated that the City of Prior Lake did a gap study on their system in 2014. A lot of gaps will be filled with new development. He noted that the city has 80 miles of trail, but does not have a formal trail maintenance plan. Ulrich asked if the trails were used as much as parks. Wedel stated they were, and maybe more.

Sobota said that the City of Shakopee started a Bicycle Advisory Committee in 2015 to address some of these issues. They applied for a Bike Friendly Community designation, but came up a little short. The response letter identified several things they could do to improve their status. Sobota stated that the report card that came back recommended more outreach and engagement. Since then the BAC has been working on wayfinding signage and submitting a grant to install bike racks. Sabota did say that there is a policy that states internal routes need to be pedestrian friendly.

3. Agenda Planning

Larson stated that the Marnita's table initiative would like the working groups to identify their priorities for the public engagement sessions.

There was also a question as to how older suburbs like Bloomington address gaps in their pedestrian system.