

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting  
Fitchburg Public Library  
Monday, July 24, 2017 @ 6:30PM

Attendees: Tony Hartmann, Bill Hauda, Joe Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Darryl Jordan, Jennifer Ullman, Liz Veler, David Vogt

1. **Introductions:** J. Ullman began the meeting at 6:33 PM.
2. **Approval of May 2017 Minutes:** Minutes from the June 26, 2017 meeting were distributed and approved. *Motion:* Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup>: David
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance: ~\$200.
  - a. Donations (\$20 each from David and Liz) at the meeting towards the banner purchase (~\$60 total) will make the updated balance around \$240 once it is deposited.
4. Discussion:
  - a. **"Bike Fitchburg"** banner for tabling events
    - i. Now that we have a banner, we should work towards being present at more Fitchburg events or along bike routes to make ourselves more known and visible (e.g., Farmer's Market. Note: The concerts at McKee Farms Park do not permit tabling).
    - ii. Most traffic is at roundabout if we'd like to go out along routes.
  - b. Update on **Leopold to the Library** (Matt)
    - i. Leopold Open house is Tuesday, 7/25 6 PM-7:30 PM (Opportunity to promote Leopold to Library) Matt and Tony, Darryl will try to attend.
    - ii. We hope to encourage parents and kids to keep riding to other destinations. (Encouraged by safe & abundant bike infrastructure!)
    - iii. Matt will send out updated flyer for August 5<sup>th</sup> in PDF format.
    - iv. Every Bike Fitchburg member is encouraged to take part in the season finale on **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** with guest rider(s) from City of Fitchburg (Mayor Gonzalez).
5. Update on **Fitchburg Station & Badger State Trail** (Bill)
  - a. Bill has been working on rebuilding website.
  - b. Flooding and downed trees on the Badger State Trail has prompted a lot of closures and unexpected work
  - c. The city needs to plan for more flooding and costs/infrastructure upgrades to handle future natural "disasters".
  - d. Meeting recommended with Scott Endl (Director, Parks, Recreation and Forestry).
6. Update on **!Pick me up at the Border!** – Friday, Oct. 6 2017
  - a. Webpage and Facebook posts should begin shortly.
  - b. Proceeds support the Badger State Trail (donations).
  - c. Ride Leader/Event Director still TBD; contact list should be collected from riders and emergency contacts distributed.
7. New Business
  - a. CIP (**Capital Improvement Plan**) <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/176/Capital-Improvement-Plan>
    - i. Review Process/Important Dates **in Red:**
      1. **PUBLIC HEARING – Common Council Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2017 (PUBLIC ENCOURAGED!)**
      2. Amendments Due to Finance Director (electronic format by 4:30 pm) **Thursday August 10, 2017**
      3. Summary Report and Amendment Details Posted to City's Website **Friday August 18, 2017**
      4. **PUBLIC HEARING – Common Council Meeting**

**Tuesday August 22, 2017 (PUBLIC ENCOURAGED!)**

5. Discussion and Action on Amendments, Adoption of CIP

**Tuesday August 22, 2017**

ii. Projects of Relevance to Bike Fitchburg:

1. Project # 3319: Streets Resurfacing Program (No issues here).
2. Project # 3427: Pedestrian and Bike System Improvements.  
Zeroed out: “2018-2027 CIP Update: On-going costs to retro-fit sidewalk improvements removed. Small system improvements moved to operating. Paved shoulders moved to a separate CIP project #3429”.
3. Project # 3428: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update  
“2018-2027 CIP Update: Plan to be updated in-house as needed to qualify for Bicycle Friendly designation, rather than utilizing outside consultants.”
4. Project # 3429: Paved Shoulders  
“This is being provided for discussion purposes on whether to continue with the addition of paved shoulders in the rural parts of the City. This CIP has been updated to reflect the addition of paved shoulders \*on uphill stretches\* of the rural roads that are scheduled for resurfacing and are identified as a primary bicycle route per the recently adopted 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.  
2018: \$-0- Whalen Road (no hills)  
2022: \$80,000 Irish Lane (includes extending shoulder 100' beyond the crest of the hill)  
Alternative: The alternate numbers reflected below are based on the addition of paved shoulders to both sides of the road for the full limit of the resurfacing project. The cost is assumed to be \$52/LF to add paved shoulders to both sides of the road.  
2018: \$306,000 Whalen Road  
2022: \$145,000 Irish Lane”
5. Project # 3486: Sidewalk and Path Maintenance  
Money added in 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> years (2023, 2027)

iii. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. Shoulder Paving, Project #3429; especially importance of Whalen Road – Important commuter path and on Ironman route. Previous “uphill only” shoulders were insufficient.
2. Old Fitchburg (New Project; kick start funding for Depot building)
3. Velodrome???

iv. TAKEAWAYS:

1. Matt has drafted a letter to the Bike Fed to help us with supportive information for the Proposed Amendments.
  2. Can we find outside funding sources to lessen the taxpayer burden?
  3. Need to talk with Aaron Richardson (council).
  4. We need to garner bi-partisan support for our proposed amendments as they are good for the city for tourism as well as general well-being of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. (Bike-partisanship!)
- b. Phone and E-Mails of group members are being collected for a contact list. (Liz)
- c. Joe spoke about his participation in a Polish “Slow Roll” ride in Milwaukee and recommended that we look into making more events like that happen here. Fundraiser opportunity!

8. **Meeting Adjourned** 8:27 PM *Motion*: Jennifer, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Darryl