BayCountyTPO PedBikeTrail 2025 MASTER PLAN

MEETING OF THE BAY COUNTY TPO PED/BIKE/TRAILS 2025 MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

DATE: 03/25/2025 **TIME: 10:00 AM CST**

@ LOCATION: Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

Members Attending

Andrew White
Bay County Traffic
Ben Janke
Britney Mulholland
Cassidy Haney
Cheri Moon
Cheryl Joyner
Chris Truitt
Chris's Notetaker
Clint Murphy
Doug Smith
Gretchen Peoples
Jasmine Blais
Jeffrey Ehret
John Adair
Keith Bryant
Matthew DeVito
Michael Lewi
Misty Ehret
Rodney Friend
Teresa Lucas
Timothy Kessler-Cleary

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Others Attending
Ada Clark, ECRC Staff
Eric Christianson, ECRC Staff
Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff
Jasmine Blais, Kittelson and Associates
Jessica Walton, ECRC Staff
Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff
Tiffany Bates, ECRC Staff
Tyrone Scorsone, Kittelson and Associates

Handouts
Agenda, PowerPoint

Introductions and Welcome
Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff, welcomed everyone, explained the purpose of the kick-off meeting. She requested the participants to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.

Project Overview/Purpose of the Meeting
Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff, provided an overview of what a Transportation Planning Organization is and the requirements of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan. She continued by explaining that the Local Working Group Committee is to provide detailed reviews and feedback of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan along with the process prior to presentations to the public, TPO, and Advisory Committees.

Project Schedule
Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff, provided an outline of the project schedule and major deliverables associated with the Master Plan.

Review of Recommended Goals and Objectives
Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff, reviewed a PowerPoint that outlined the project planning process, and a draft of the Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives.

Area Profile
Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff and Tyrone Scorsone, Kittelson and Associates, reviewed Area Profile data collected for Bay County TPO including population, households, employment, income, and vehicle ownership before the ECRC Staff and Tyrone Scorsone, Kittelson and Associates, reviewed the data to be collected for the Area Profile section of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan.

Challenges and Opportunities
Jasmine Blais, Kittelson and Associates, conducted an open discussion on the challenges and opportunities that have emerged since the last update. Doug Smith mentioned the proposed multi-use path on Beach Drive. Ben Janke spoke of two things, one is that there seems to be reactive responses when it comes to sidewalk and construction activity, and that he is excited in the efforts to produce a master plan. The second comment mentioned why it is important

to produce such a plan. Cliff Johnson from Bay County suggested that it would be helpful to have a database that shows planned facilities not just in Bay County, but adjacent municipalities along with projects that would give the most for the amount of money. Rodney Friend mentioned that the use of bikes gravitates towards recreational use and not as a mode of transportation. He continued by suggesting adjusting the messaging. Rodney Friend also mentioned connectivity and funding being two challenges along with the amount of time it takes to complete the projects. Rodney Friend also mentioned long term plans and how it can be a challenge. He continued by asking if it is possible to consider short-term plans. Ben Janke circled back to connectivity opportunity and Greenway Trails. Britney Mulholland, Greenway, and Trails, spoke about potential connectivity opportunities with the Greenway Trails.

Jasmine Blais, Kittelson and Associates posed another question regarding technologies and innovation opportunities. Ben Janke made a recommendation regarding sharing highlights, techniques, and innovations from plans in other areas and other counties.

Jasmine Blais, Kittelson and Associates, addressed the short-term plans concern by mentioning there are projects, and that a link was posted in meeting chat. Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff, also addressed this concern by mentioning the Bay County TPO Transportation Improvement Program that also has a Bike Ped element in it.

Ada Clark, ECRC Staff, also added that as the plan is being created other best practices and plans will be included; however, they want to know what is working and what is not and is being seen as obstacles in the community. She also mentioned it may be wise to place the previous Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan on the landing page on the plan's website.

As the challenges and opportunities discussion ended Ben Janke mentioned the Sun Trail program and the no electric bike policy.

Discussion/ Questions/Next Steps

Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff, stated that the Local Working Group will meet throughout the duration of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan. She shared that there will be a Public Workshop in April with a follow-up on the location, dates and times of the meeting. She thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment:

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