

**CITY OF MONONA**  
**Ad Hoc Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee**  
**Thursday, May 30, 2019**  
**MINUTES - Draft**

1. **Call To Order:** 6:05 PM by the committee chair, Doug Wood.

2. **Roll Call:**

Ped/Bike Members Present: Chair Doug Wood, Chad Speight, Julie Byrnes, Mary Possin, Angie Fassl, Leslie Busse

Ped/Bike Members Absent: Larry Reed

City Staff Present: Lt. Curt Wiegel, Brad Bruun, Jeff Johnson, Doug Plowman

Professional Guests:

Other Guests:

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved March 20, 2019 Minutes; First – Leslie Busse, Second – Chad Speight

4. **Appearances:**

Kacey Kronenfeld – 5707 Winnequah Rd. to speak about sidewalks and the potential impacts to stone walls on Winnequah Road.

Tom Thompson – 5705 Winnequah Rd. to speak about sidewalks and the potential impacts to stone walls on Winnequah Road.

5. **Unfinished Business**

**A. Review of the Monona Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvement Plan – 90% Draft**

Staff member Brad Bruun asked the committee members to openly comment on the plan document.

**Executive Summary Section Feedback**

The Committee pointed out a couple jumbled sentences and grammatical issues that were corrected as they were brought to the attention of staff. Suggested revisions by Chairperson Wood had already been considered and added prior to the meeting and the committee members agreed to those changes.

**Introduction Section Feedback**

The committee members pointed out a couple small grammatical errors that were corrected as they were pointed out.

**Engineering Section Feedback**

Brad shared Madison Planning Organization feedback from Ben Lyman that the design suggestion listed in the engineering portion to include more on street striped walking lanes as being a substandard design. Ben Lyman adds that there could be a possibility that the City could be held liable for injuries obtained by pedestrians while using these pedestrian walk lanes. Doug Wood stated that these installations were meant to be a “stop-gap” measure until sidewalks can be installed. Some members agreed that this is a better option than nothing at all. Angie Fassl added that this option gives pedestrians a false sense of security, especially for kids. Doug Wood believes that this option gives guidelines for motorists to not drive farther out toward the curb line. Mary Possin added that this could be an option for street corridors that are considered low-volume streets according to the plan’s recommendations for certain volume roadways. Staff will review issues of liability with the City’s attorney. Mary added that the language “The existing conditions and recommended are shown” to the beginning of the descriptions for each corridor type in the engineering section to bring some clarity to the figures which describe possible types of improvements along those specific types of routes. Staff will add this language.

## **Enforcement Section Feedback**

On the topic of school “Walk Zones”, Angie suggested that staff reach out to Jerrud Rossing (MGSD Business Services Manager) or to Nelson Bussing. Angie is not involved in the process used to delineate these walk zones and therefore was unaware of how often they are reviewed by the school district. It is still unclear whether the school district has a formal Safe Routes to School Plan. The committee requested that this topic be looked into farther by staff, but there was a consensus that a formal plan does not exist. Based on the small overall area delineated by the Winnequah Elementary School walk zone, certain concerns arose questioning whether or not volume of traffic, locations of crossing guard, existence of sidewalks, or average speed of traffic were considered. Doug suggested that adding language recommending the development of a Safe Routes to School Plan (SRTS) be added to this section of the plan document. Chad Speight added that there have been recommendations in the past that the school district or the City should hire a consultant to draft a SRTS plan. Doug asked whether the City or school district would be able to receive funding if a SRTS plan did exist. Chad added that a SRTS program and funding may no longer exist in the state. Angie asked that staff send a reminder email to coordinate a discussion with the Mr. Rossing and city staff about the process of deriving Monona Grove’s walk zones and bussing program.

## **Education and Encouragement Section Feedback**

Staff focused to consider the Committee’s feedback from the prior meeting in this section. Brad summarized revisions made based on this prior feedback. The Committee did not have anything to add to this section.

## **Evaluations Section Feedback**

It was recommended that nutrition and any recommendations that did not directly relate to metrics associated with safety or accountability of the recommendations listed in the prior sections should be eliminated from this section. Also, the Committee agreed that the recommendation to form a standing Pedestrian and Bicycle Advocacy Committee should be eliminated. There was a consensus that there this is in the purview of the Public Works and Public Safety Committees.

## **Motion**

The Committee motioned by Mary Possin and seconded by Chad Speight that the plan be approved with the listed recommendations and contingent on the final approval by the committee chair Doug Wood. There will be no need for a follow up review by the Committee.

- 6. New Business**
- 7. Next Meeting: None**
- 8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM. Motion – Leslie Busse, Second by – Angie Fassl

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