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NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROGRAM

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NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

Recent Project Funding...Who Got Dibs on the Remaining \$?

After roughly four years of planning, public participation, and information gathering the Joint Planning, Resources, Agriculture, Extension, & Transportation Subcommittee of the Sheboygan County Board allocated what is likely the remainder of available Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NMTTP) monies. At their January meeting, the committee allocated \$1,786,701 on multiple projects in three different municipalities.

The Village of Kohler received \$926,651 for a number of projects scattered throughout the entire village. The award was based on an impressive application jointly written by the Village of Kohler, Kohler Company, and the Kohler School District. The project provides sidewalks for Ebben Field, an updated crossing between Ebben Field and the school campus, a trail system running through the Kohler Company campus, and widened shoulders on CTH PP and CTH Y, making those roadways much more bicycle friendly.

Working with the Sheboygan Area School District and the Sheboygan Police Department, county planning staff crafted an application to construct traffic calming solutions around many of the Sheboygan Area School District school's. Examples of the calming measures are speed tables, chicanes, radar speed signs, and curb bump-outs. The suggested solutions are based on a previous NMTTP funded grant administered by the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin which identified hazardous areas within 1/2 mile of each of the county's public schools. The award amount was for \$451,950.

Lastly, the City of Plymouth received \$408,100 to widen the shoulders on CTH E and CTH PP to provide more friendly corridors for cyclists biking from Plymouth's residential areas to the city's largest industrial centers.

All told, roughly 85% of the funds were allocated for 39 projects. Roughly 4% was set aside in a contingency fund. If monies are left in the contingency fund, those monies will then be put towards more projects. The remaining 11% was allocated towards administering the program, promotion, federal take-downs, and state construction and process reviews.

So what happens now??

Over the next three years or so, many of the projects will be going through the design stages and finishing construction. We anticipate the last projects will be constructed in 2012...at least according to the current WisDOT schedule. These final projects will be large, complex projects like the Taylor Drive multi-use pathway, the Union Pacific rails-to-trails conversion, and Eisner Avenue.

If you would like more detail on all of the funded projects check out: http://www.co.sheboygan.wi.us/html/d_planning_nonmotorized_approved_projects.htm

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Bike & Walk to Work Week

Our schedule of events has taken shape for Bike & Walk to Work Week (BWTWW), and we have a lot of fantastic opportunities for folks to get out of their car and participate. BWTWW Sheboygan County takes place May 16th through May 22nd this year.

Last year, as a trial run, we ran a BWTWW public employee mileage contest between County, City of Sheboygan, & Sheboygan Area School District employees. Over three hundred employees participated and tracked over 2,500 nonmotorized miles. We will have this contest again, but this year, we hope to expand the success of the contest by hosting a countywide employer challenge as well. On our website, www.co.sheboygan.wi.us/bwtww, employees from all over the county can track their mileage throughout the week. The employer with the most mileage per employee wins bragging rights as well as a traveling trophy designed and constructed by John Juckem’s Sheboygan North’s shop class. There will also be small individual prizes for most total mileage by a biker and walker, longest distance by a biker and walker, and one random prize among all participants. Get your employer involved if they are not already and win the trophy!

What do you do on the Saturday and Sunday of BWTWW? We struggled with that question last year. Other than our kick-off events, we really did not have much going. This year is different.

On Saturday, May 16th, we have organized a Bike & Walk to Shop Day. Thus far, we have about 65 merchants and restaurants in Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, Kohler, & Plymouth lined up to participate. Patrons who bike or walk to shop that day will receive a tally card at the first store they visit. After patrons get the tally card stamped at three stores, they will receive one of a limited number of free tote bags. The bags have straps and handles so you will be able to bike or walk and carry your purchases home. Each merchant and restaurant will offer some type of incentive to those patrons who bike or walk that day. Some will even offer the incentive throughout the week! Participating merchants and restaurants along with their incentive will be listed on our website and we will have future announcements in the media.

In addition to the Bike & Walk to Shop Day, we will also have a number of kick-off events taking place including free bike tuning, a bike rally, a nonmotorized scavenger hunt, and a bike rodeo. The tuning, rally, and hunt will start at about 4pm at Paradigm Coffee. The rodeo, organized by the Sheboygan Police Department, will start at 9am and be conveniently held along the Urban Recreational Trail in the parking lot of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. The rodeo will also have free helmet fittings and a limited number of helmets provided by St. Nicholas Hospital, both adult and child sizes, available for a nominal price.

On Sunday, May 17th, we have encouraged area churches to promote a Bike & Walk to Worship Day. We have also contacted a number of restaurants to participate in Bike & Walk to Brunch Day. Many will offer a biker & walker special of the day.

Throughout the week, we will again organize commuter stations where nonmotorized commuters can stop by and grab a cup of donated coffee and perhaps some baked goods and/or fruit. The schedule is as follows with the times all being 6am-8:30am:

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Bike & Walk to Work Week continued....

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Weeklong May 18th thru May 22nd – Brewed Awakening at the Woodlake Market, Kohler.

Monday May 18th – Fountain Park, sponsored by Paradigm Coffee.

Tuesday May 19th – Settler’s Park, sponsored by Blattner’s Piggly Wiggly.

Wednesday May 20th – North High School, sponsored by Caffe Kita & Sheboygan Pediatrics.

Wednesday May 20th – South High School, sponsored by Field to Fork & Sheboygan Pediatrics.

Thursday May 21st – Exchange Bank Coffeehouse, sponsored by themselves!

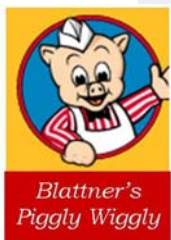
Friday May 22nd – Johnston’s Bakery, sponsored by themselves!

We want everyone to be safe throughout Bike & Walk to Work Week. So please follow traffic laws and use common sense. And, if you are a biker without a helmet, St. Nicholas Hospital Health Express will be providing helmet fitting sessions in several locations the week prior to Bike & Walk to Work Week. On Tuesday, May 12th, they will be set up at the Plymouth McDonald’s from 5pm-7pm. On Thursday, May 14th, they will be set up at the Sheboygan YMCA from 5pm-7pm. And, on Saturday, May 16th, they will be set up at the Road America Tailgate Party & Big Wheel Race from 10am-12pm. Buying a helmet is a lot less expensive than repairing a cracked skull. Get one!

Look and listen for future Bike & Walk to Work Week announcements in the media. Check out our website listed above. Get out and support your community. And, if you would like materials to distribute at your employer, or if you have questions, please contact Aaron or Mary in the County’s Planning Department at 459-3060.

Hope to see you out there!

Many thanks go out to the local businesses and merchants for their generous donations & discounts to help make BWTWW '09 a success.



Sheboygan County's Bike & Walk to Work Week 2009 Events

Weeklong => Employer Challenge

Monday - Friday => Commuter Stations, 6am-8:30am

Saturday 16th => Bike/Walk-to-Shop Day, Kick-off Events, & Rodeo

Sunday 17th => Bike/Walk-to-Worship Day & Bike/Walk-to-Brunch

**Monday 18th => Commuter Stations @ Fountain Park & Woodlake
Market/Brewed Awakening, 6am-8:30am**

**Tuesday 19th => Commuter Stations @ Settler's Park (Falls) & Woodlake
Market/Brewed Awakening, 6am-8:30am**

**Wednesday 20th => Commuter Stations @ North/South High &
Woodlake Market Brewed Awakening, 6am-8:30am,
Bike/Walk-to-School Day**

**Thursday 21st => Commuter Stations @ Exchange Bank Coffeehouse &
Woodlake Market/Brewed Awakening, 6am-8:30am**

**Friday 22nd => Commuter Stations @ Johnston's Bakery & Woodlake
Market/Brewed Awakening, 6am-8:30am
End of Week Celebration, 5:30pm-9pm**

See www.co.sheboygan.wi.us/bwtww for more info

2009 Spring/Summer Bike Corrals Announced

What's become the norm at many of Sheboygan County's summer festivities, will again happen this year. We again have seven bike corrals lined up where festival patrons can drop their bike off, not worry about locking it up, and have it watched for free. This has been an increasingly successful method to get folks to bike to the events rather than drive.

We always look for volunteers to help staff the corrals. Time requirements are typically two hour shifts. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering, getting some good people watching in, and getting a tan. We guaranty no rain at our corrals.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>
Earth Day	10am - 4pm	4/25
Harbor Centre Bike Race	9am - 6pm	6/25
4th of July (Lakefront)	2pm - 10pm	7/4
Ducktona 500	10am - 5pm	7/5
Kohler Arts Festival	10am - 5pm	7/18 - 7/19
Holland Festival	1pm - 8pm & 10am - 8pm	7/24 - 7/25
Earthfest	10am - 8pm	8/15



Harbor Centre Bike Race, '08



Ducktona 500, '07



JMKAC Arts Festival, '07

Contact Aaron at 459-3060 or braulacb@co.sheboygan.wi.us to volunteer.

Program Details

The nonmotorized program is no longer accepting applications. We currently have more funding requests than funds available.

If more funding becomes available, we will again open up the application process.



Check us out at:

http://www.co.sheboygan.wi.us/html/d_planning_nonmotorized_project.html

“When man invented the bicycle he reached the peak of his attainments. Here was a machine of precision and balance for the convenience of man. And (unlike subsequent inventions for man's convenience) the more he used it, the fitter his body became. Here, for once, was a product of man's brain that was entirely beneficial to those who used it, and of no harm or irritation to others. Progress should have stopped when man invented the bicycle.”

~Elizabeth West

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars, we plan to distribute this newsletter via email. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email Mary at:

ebelimre@co.sheboygan.wi.us

Thanks for your interest in this project and for your commitment to safe and efficient non-motorized transportation options.

Pedestrian & Bicycle Comprehensive Plan Vision

By 2035, Sheboygan County's pedestrian and bicycle facilities will be an efficient, connecting system of routes and facilities that provides a safe, convenient and viable transportation choice for Sheboygan County residents and visitors.

