

State of Wisconsin Governor's Bicycle Coordinating Council

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Wednesday June 17th, 2026

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting: In-Person at the Wisconsin Capitol and Online via Teams

Council Members Present

Andrew Potts, Council Chair
Chris Squires, Dept. of Transportation
Scott Peterson, Public Member
Jessica Wineberg, Public Member
Chris Stindt, Public Member

Lexi Davis, Dept. of Health Services
Sara Rigelman, Dept. of Natural Resources
Erick Blasing, Dept. of Public Instruction
David Spiegelberg, Dept. of Tourism
Representative Lee Snodgrass

Others in Attendance

Justin Sargent, Senator Larson's Office
Kate Sand, Dept. of Transportation
Colleen Hoesly, Dept. of Transportation
Kathleen Spencer, Dept. of Transportation, BOTS
Kirsten Finn, Wisconsin Bike Fed
Mike Ridgeman, Wisconsin Bike Fed
Ben Lyman, Greater Madison MPO

Jessica James, Dept. of Tourism
Chris Jennings, Dept. of Tourism
Will Keenan, Dept. of Transportation
Renee Griswold, NICA
Mike McGarry, NICA
Shawn Koval, Bike Fed

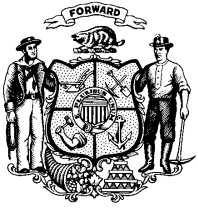
Meeting was called to order by Andrew Potts at 9:32am.

March Minutes Approved

One correction was requested by Erick Blasing from DPI regarding his title. Sarah Rigelman moved to approve the March 2026 minutes, and the motion was seconded by David Spiegelberg. Minutes were approved.

Legislative Initiatives

- Representative Snodgrass: Legislative Updates –
 - Highlighted the "Bike Partisan" trails event at Peninsula State Park, which included the opening of a new mountain bike track with bipartisan participation from Representative Joel Kitchens
 - Legislature is in recess with members back in their districts. Already looking ahead to the next legislative session. Encouraged members to bring forward ideas now as legislation is being drafted for the next session.
 - E-bike usage continues to be a hot topic for the constituents. Municipalities are implementing their own e-bike regulations, creating a patchwork of local laws where riders may be legal in one community but breaking the law in another. Emphasized the need for state-level action to establish consistent regulations.
- Justin Sargent, Senator Larson's Office: Legislative Updates –
 - Now is the time to draft legislation for next session. Encouraged advocates to contact their representative or senators with proposal ideas.



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Municipal Guidance for E-Devices - Ben Lyman, Greater Madison MPO

- Ben Lyman from the Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization presented on municipal guidance for e-devices.
- The presentation is linked to the GBCC website, linked [here](#).

The Role of the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads - Ben Lyman, Greater Madison MPO

- Ben Lyman also presented on the issues with the Wisconsin Office of The Commissioner of Railroads and problems arising from their decisions that have impacted bicycle path projects.
- The presentation is linked to the GBCC website, linked [here](#).

National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) - Renee Griswold and Mike McGarry

- Renee Griswold and Mike McGarry presented on the work of NICA.
- The presentation is linked to the GBCC website, linked [here](#).

Bike Event Toolkit Update –

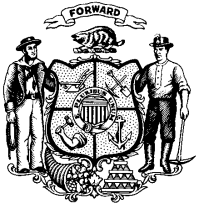
- Sarah Rigelman has added links for trail passes and event permits.
- Chris Squires is working on Sarah's edits. After those updates have been made and approved by the group, they will be posted to the council webpage.

Council Business Items

- Council Membership Update: There are no updates.
- Council Members Share Key Highlights and Activities: There are no updates.
- Council Members decided to add a standing item for future meetings to track ongoing developments related to E-Motos.

Agency and Partner Updates

- Dept. of Tourism: David Spiegelberg and Jessica James
 - Travel Wisconsin updates are provided to the council members by David Spiegelberg, Jessica James, and Chris Jennings, and written updates are linked [here](#).
 - The Trail Report is linked on the Tourism website, linked [here](#).
 - You can check out the new Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation website here: [Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation](#)
- Dept. of Natural Resources: Sarah Rigelman
 - DNR updates are provided to the council members by Sarah Rigelman, and written updates will be sent out to the council members following this meeting, linked [here](#).
- Dept of DHS: Lexi Davis (in Chat)
 - Continuing to implement our Community Design for Physical Activity strategy under a CDC grant. This includes Technical Assistance to local partners on assessments, walk audits, plan and policy development, and built environment improvements. Members are encouraged to reach out if they have an interest in connecting public health partners to some of their efforts.
- Dept. of Public Instruction: Erick Blasing
 - Erick will now be a permanent member.
 - DPI is in the early stages of developing e-bike educational resources for schools with the Office of School Safety.



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- Dept. of DOT: Kathleen Spencer
 - Working on annual Enforcement Grants.
 - Continuing to work on outreach with communities with highest accidents/fatalities.
 - Planning to start new initiatives on e-bike education.
 - There is an upcoming conference on Highway Safety: August 24-25 at Kalahari, linked [here](#).
- Dept. of Transportation: Will Keenan, TAP, Transportation Alternatives Program
 - Statewide selection committee met on June 16 and finalized recommendations for the 2026-2030 program cycle. Award announcements are coming summer 2026 pending WisDOT Secretary approval.
- Dept. of Transportation: Chris Squires
 - The Active Transportation Plan draft is going to the secretary's office for approval, then to public comment. The Timeline is uncertain but moving forward.
 - Work continues on the Multimodal Design Guide update. The updated drafts from the consultant are being reviewed. Publication in the WisDOT Facilities Development Manual is expected in late 2026 or early 2027.
 - The updated methodology for the State Bike Map has been approved. The new methodology will provide increased granularity and user-friendliness for less experienced cyclists. The next step is creating an inventory for paved shoulder widths for county highways. This process will take several months. The final deliverable will be an Online GIS version, then printed copies.
- Bike Fed: Mike Ridgeman
 - Working with People for Bikes and should have a draft of e-moto legislation which will be ready as a template in the next two weeks.
 - Bike is Fed is accepting applications for the first ever Department of Dirt grant. The application closes at the end of the month and is available on the website.
 - Ride across Wisconsin in Eau Claire on July 11. The webpage is linked [here](#).
 - Bike Fed has sent a request to all candidates for governor to participate in a policy questionnaire related to active transportation, and five have responded that they would participate. Their responses will be published verbatim on the Bike Fed website.
- City of Milwaukee: Jessica Wineberg (in Chat)
 - The City of Milwaukee just held a successful Vision Zero Summit with over 200 people. A visual summary of the event is linked [here](#).
- Andrew Potts:
 - Next Meeting is Sept. 16.
- Upcoming agenda items:
 - Bike Toolkit update.
 - Bikes for Kids Presentation.
 - Race Day Presentation in December.

Motion to Adjourn: David Spiegelberg moves to adjourn. Chairman Potts seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:29 pm.