



**COMMUNITY SAFE ROUTES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, November 15, 2021 6:00 PM**

Meeting will be held in-person.

Council Chambers, City Hall  
75 N Bonson Street, Platteville, WI

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes: October 18 meeting
- 3) Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions
- 4) New Business
  - a. Main Street Crosswalks & Intersection Concerns
- 5) Old Business
  - a. Sidewalk Plan/Map – *final approval*
  - b. Grant Updates
- 6) Adjourn



## Minutes

Prepared by Howard Crofoot, 10/21/21

CSRC Attendees: Cindy Tang, Maureen Vorwald, Robin Fatzinger (6:07), Danica Larson, Eileen McCartney, Jason Artz

Staff Attendees: Howard Crofoot, Adam Ruechel

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Cindy Tang
2. Approval of Minutes: August 16 meeting: Motion to approve as written by Danica, second by Maureen. Vote passed unanimously.
3. Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions: None
4. New Business:
  - a. Howard discussed the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The grant submissions are due by January 28, 2022. The minimum project cost is \$300,000. There are different categories including Safe Routes to Schools, but the focus has to be on transportation, not recreation. The following are the three proposed projects.
    - i. **Dog Park to Downtown:** Paving and possibly lighting the old railroad bed from the Dog Park on Valley Road to E. Main Street by the Skate Park. This would connect the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail to the sidewalks and streets on Main Street just east of the Museums and Downtown businesses.
    - ii. **NAPA to Eastside Road:** Paving the old railroad bed from the back parking area behind NAPA, get up the slope to the old railroad bed and follow it east until it connects with the trail on Eastside Road near Evergreen Road. This would provide alternative transportation to the Industry Park and Hospital.
    - iii. **JN Stone to Fairfield Drive:** Paving and possibly lighting the existing gravel path from the Rountree Branch Trail by the bridge behind JN Stone to Mitchell Hollow Road, continuing behind Moundview Park to Broadway, then up the easement west of Faherty's where it connects to the dead end of Fairfield Drive. This would provide an alternate Safe Route for the High School.

The consensus was to place these on the Sidewalk/Trail Map. The map will come back for approval at the November meeting. The CSRC will also propose a priority order for funding these grant proposals.

5. Old Business

a. Sidewalk Plan/Map – There was feedback from the Plan Commission regarding the Sidewalk Plan/Map and some questions.

i. Questions: Should the wide sidewalks/paths on Water Street, Eastside Road and in Smith Park and Moundview Park be labelled as sidewalks or trails? The Committee believed the determining factor was whether there is an expectation of experienced bicycle riders using the trail. The Committee felt that the trails along Water Street and Eastside Road are used by experienced bicyclists to get to a destination and should be labeled as trails. The paths in Smith Park and Moundview Park are circular and used more by walkers and inexperienced bicyclists (small children, etc.) and these paths should be labelled as sidewalks. Howard will have Chris make those changes to come back in November for approval.

ii. Feedback: The Plan Commission had three suggestions:

1. Upgrade the block of Jefferson Street between Lewis and Dewey as Tier 1 instead of Tier 2. Jefferson Street is on the list for reconstruction in 2023 and this will complete the sidewalk from Cedar to Madison.
2. End the proposed sidewalk along Water Street from Business 151 to the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail. The rationale is to have a connection to a trail instead of leading people to Knollwood Way – a street with blind curves and no sidewalk.
3. Continue the Tier 3 sidewalk from Mineral Street to Sherwin-Williams along Business 151. This has been a longstanding goal of the CSRC. It must have been overlooked.

The CSRC directed Howard to include the suggestions on the proposed map to come back in November for approval.

6. Adjourn at 6:42 pm, motion by Cindy, second by Maureen. Motion passed unanimously.

## Debi Sigwarth

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**From:** Rosa Scobey Moore <rosascobeymoore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 8:09 AM  
**To:** Howard Crofoot  
**Cc:** Debi Sigwarth  
**Subject:** Safe Routes issue

Good morning,

I'm writing to express concern to the Safe Routes Committee about intersections and crosswalks on Main Street after witnessing an incident on Wednesday morning, when a vehicle struck a pedestrian in the Main Street and 4th street crosswalk by Badger Brothers. I spoke with the pedestrian, who made a police report, after the incident and was relieved that she wasn't seriously hurt. However, she was clearly shocked, and I also felt shaken up to think about how serious it could have potentially been.

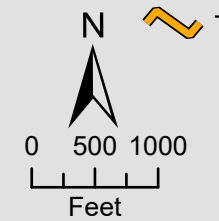
The extremely poor visibility at this and other crosswalks on Main Street present significant safety challenges for pedestrians and drivers. I live on 2nd Street, so I frequently drive south on 4th, but I almost always turn off before getting to Main Street, because it's so challenging to either turn or cross at that intersection. I have also found crosswalks on Main Street challenging as a pedestrian lately, as vehicles so infrequently heed the crosswalks or speed limit on Main Street.

Thank you for considering this issue. I hope the Safe Routes Committee will consider possibilities for improving pedestrian safety and driver visibility at these intersections.

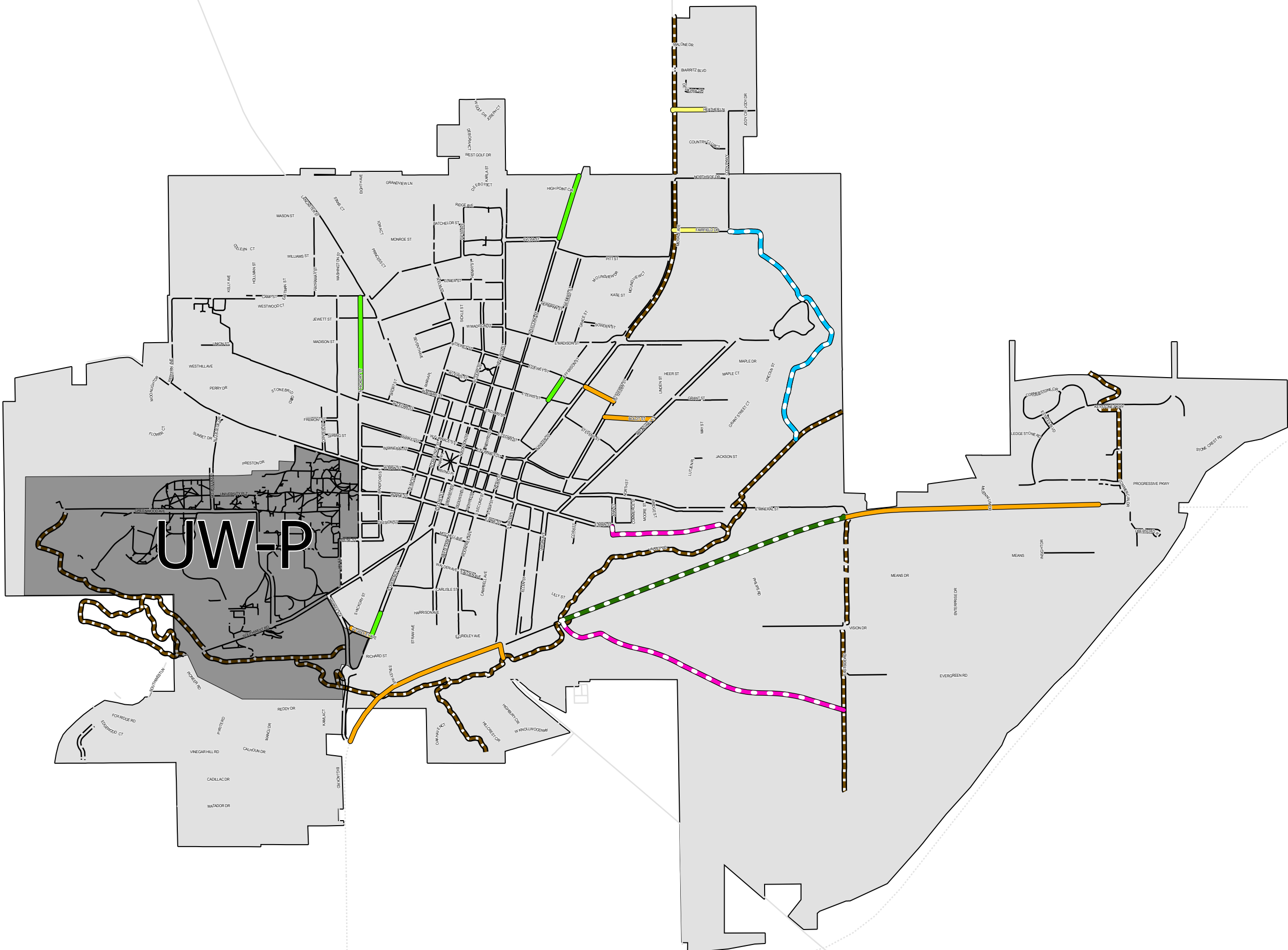
Rosa Moore  
690 N 2nd Street

## Platteville Sidewalks

- | Sidewalk Type          | Priority              |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sidewalk               | Tier One              |
| Trail/Multiuse         | Tier One; In Progress |
| Proposed Trail Upgrade | Tier Two              |
| Proposed New Trail     | Tier Three            |











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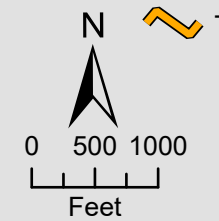


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