

**Minutes of the
Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council (NRTTC)
January 14, 2015, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Teleconference**

1. Meeting was called to order by Dana Johnson. Members in attendance: Dana Johnson, Joel Patenaude, Debbie Peterson, David Phillips, Geoff Snudden, Rod Bartlow, Blake Theisen, William Hauda, Anne Murphy. Staff: Jill Mrotek-Glenzinski (Department of Transportation), Brigit Brown (Department of Natural Resources). Guest: Jeff Curry (Great Headwaters Trails Association).
2. Meeting minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting approved.
3. Guest Jeff Curry of the Great Headwaters Trail Association briefed the council on the Vilas County Conover trail project, which is currently funded by the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The project retained its funding but subsequently received public pressure to include ATV use on the trail. It was determined by WisDOT that the project was too far along to change trail uses without losing the TAP funding and having to repay the \$81,000 already spent on the project. Curry requested that the council support the efforts of GHTA, including increased visibility and communication on their issues. Council discussed potential ways to assist GHTA, including providing information such as the results of the recent NRTTC survey and via Facebook.
4. Committee Chair Reports.
 - a. **Funding.** Hauda noted that we are waiting for the state budget to be released. The Wisconsin Bike Fed, of which Hauda is a board member, recently released a blog post on funding proposal (http://wisconsinbikefed.org/2015/01/09/bike-fed-kicks-off-legislative-campaign/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Bicycle+FederationOfWisconsin+%28Bicycle+Federation+of+Wisconsin%29), which included a copy of a letter sent to Governor Walker about bicycle funding.
 - b. **Outreach/Education.** More than 5,000 people responded to the nonmotorized trail use survey, and 1,977 of the respondents provided an email address to stay informed and in communication with the council. More than 60% of respondents said that after using a trail they spent money at local businesses (e.g. restaurants). Next steps will include Blake Theisen mapping the zip code data and favorite trail responses (4200 in total). The survey will now be officially closed. Theisen will work on summarizing the data. The email addresses received from the survey will be merged with the existing nonmotorized stakeholders email list.

5. Dana Johnson attended the November 12 planning meeting of the 2050 Vision Task Force on Non-Motorized Transportation, a group led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission as a part of their larger Vision 2050 project (<http://vision2050sewis.org>).
6. The 2015 meeting schedule was discussed. The March teleconference meeting will be moved to April 8 (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.). The June meeting will be held on June 17 at the Schmeeckle Reserve in Stevens Point (<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeeckle/Map/>). The final meeting of 2015 will remain on September 16, 2015, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30p.m., by teleconference.
7. Adjourned 12:30 p.m.