

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT COUNTY-WIDE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

POLK COUNTY, Wisconsin, February 17, 2026— The Polk County Public Safety and Public Works Committee will be conducting a public hearing to discuss the draft Polk County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 at the Polk County Government Center in the County Board Room at 2:00pm. The Committee will hear comments on the proposed plan and will be taken into consideration for possible updates to the plan at the hearing.

Polk County began developing this plan in the fall of 2024. An Advisory Committee made up of local officials, bicycle and pedestrian advocates, and staff was developed to guide this process and provide recommendations for the draft plan. In addition to this committee, there were several public input opportunities, including two open houses, public survey, and municipal roundtable, to gather public sentiments to include in the plan. The result of this input is in the draft plan, which includes a vision statement, goals and objectives, identified routes and optional routes, and priority corridors. Key aspects of the plan were to connect the incorporated communities in the County and also connect to other important features like county and state parks and other recreation spots.

More information on the plan including the process used to develop the plan and the draft plan can be found at: <https://polk-county-bike-ped-plan-wcwrpc.hub.arcgis.com/>

The Public Safety and Public Works Committee welcomes comments on the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan from now until the Public Hearing. Comments on the plan for the hearing can be sent to: County Clerk at public.comment@polkcountywi.gov. Please submit all written comments by Monday, March 2nd at 2pm. Public comments are also welcome at the public hearing.