

Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Minutes
Geneva Public Works Facility Conference Room
January 14, 2026
6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Chair Schoedel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members and attendees did self-introductions. The following BPAC members were present: Megan Brandstetter, Alex Garbe, Sam Kraft, Michael Krass, Mary Carol MacDonald, Maxwell Schmitz, Carl Schoedel and Jennifer Siegele.

The following BPAC members were absent: Andrew Lee and Rachel Schreiber.

A quorum was present.

Others present included City of Geneva staff Brian Davids and Matthew Buesing, and James Kafer of SPAC. Resident Evan Link offered public comment.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

No amendments to the agenda were proposed.

4. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2025

Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Schmitz, second by Krass.

5. Bike and Pedestrian Committee

a. Bicycle Friendly Community Application

The final application is not yet posted on the League of American Bicyclists website. Therefore, Brian will not begin requesting information from other Departments and agencies until that time. We intend to resubmit an application in June with the goal of improving our level of recognition. One of the primary feedback items was the Complete Streets policy. (See discussion below under item 5.e.)

b. Bicycle Plan Update (City Comprehensive Plan Update)

The consultant, Lakota Group, is on board and will hold a kickoff meeting on January 23, 2026. Matt will inquire about the expectations for the involvement of our committee and other commissions.

c. Streets Program Update

City Budget should be approved in February and then staff will be able to describe the anticipated streets program.

d. Events: Spring Event Planning (Bike Rodeo), Other Events

BPAC plans to participate in the Earth Day event in April at Peck Farm. Handout and displays could include new bike maps, a flyer for our Bike Rodeo (May), and the laminated “Bike Laws” poster.

Bike Rodeo is planned for a Sunday in May. Megan has agreed to be the point person for this event and will work with Matt to secure participation from various community groups and partners. May 3 is World Bike Day and May 17 is another possibility. Need to secure participation from a bike shop (mechanic) and then plan around that date. Consensus was to ask for the Wheeler Park location again – same as last year. Work on bicycle course layout in advance. Work with the school district to get information out in the “backpack.” Add directional signage at the street. Secure participation from Police Department; Sgt. Jerdee if he is available. Secure safety vests and nametags for BPAC volunteers at the event.

Swedish Days in June. Work on the idea of providing and promoting a central parking location near the center of the activities, perhaps at the old library location next to City Hall. Discussed the possibility of a presence in the Parade, perhaps with the goal of promoting the bicycle friendly “community survey” which should be coming out around that time. Michael Krass will investigate deadlines for applying. For this and other downtown festivals, staff will investigate options for buying 1-2 racks for permanent use or borrowing racks for temporary use.

e. City Policy Discussion: Complete Streets

The draft policy will be presented to the Committee of the Whole on February 2, 2026. Meeting is 7 p.m. at City Hall. The recommendation on the policy will come from staff – Matt and Brian. Members of the Bike/Ped Committee are encouraged to attend.

6. Public Comment

Evan Link made several suggestions: (1) addressing the oblique angle of the pedestrian crossing where the Prairie Path Geneva Spur crosses North Bennett Street (IL 25), (2) incorporate a bike storage policy in to city code, similar to Lawrence KS, (3) consider the use of Hawk Signal (overhead traffic signals with red lights) at pedestrian crossings, (4) include security cameras wherever tunnels are constructed.

7. New Business

None.

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned by consensus at 7:17 p.m. The next BPAC meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026.