

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, May 6, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Public Inp2**

**Council to receive a presentation from the Tri-City Active Living Advisory Council.**

**Staff Contact: Nathan Johnson, City Manager**

# Tri-City Active Living Advisory Committee

City of Scottsbluff participation  
formalized with resolution 17-06-02  
on June 19, 2017



# RESOLUTION: Purpose of the ALAC

- To provide a **forum for community collaboration** and input to the tri-cities of Scottsbluff, Gering, and Terrytown: Public Works, Parks and Recreation Departments, Law Enforcement, other city staff, and Elected Officials about “active living” community development and design principles.
- **Active living** is a way of life and a community culture that **integrates physical activity into daily routines** through transportation, recreation, and neighborhood choices that support walking, biking, active play, and healthy options for all abilities and ages.
- The committee supports the tri-city’s ongoing efforts to **improve sidewalks and intersections, calm traffic, and expand the network of bike routes and walking trails** and stands ready to serve as a resource and liaison among all groups seeking input and diversified group representation.

# RESOLUTION: Selection of Members

- Committee will consist of members representing broad segments of the community with expertise and interest in active living **community design, public health, health care, and multi-modal transportation**, including biking, walking, and transit.
- Geographically diversified community representatives will be appointed by each of the three city councils for a total of eight-an ideal makeup of three from **Scottsbluff**, three from **Gering**, and two from **Terrytown**, with the allowance that this combination may not always be possible.
- A representative from **City Planning, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, or Law Enforcement** shall serve on the Committee.

# Participation

- 44 people on email list – to join contact Janelle Visser [jvisser@pphd.org](mailto:jvisser@pphd.org)
- Facebook group
- Meetings occur monthly, generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at noon
- On average, there are 8 participants at ALAC meetings

# Participation

- Most frequent meeting participants
  - City of Gering Council
  - City of Gering Planning
  - City of Gering Tourism
  - City of Scottsbluff Council
  - City of Terrytown Council
  - Disability Rights Nebraska
  - North Platte Natural Resources District
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe
  - Panhandle Public Health District
  - Regional West Community Health
  - Western Nebraska Bicycling Club
  - Western Nebraska Community College

# Participants

- Examples of project collaborators (not exhaustive list)
  - Community organization / nonprofit
    - Bike Walk Nebraska
    - Disability Rights Nebraska
    - Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
    - NEXT Young Professionals
    - Our Lady of Guadalupe
    - Panhandle Partnership
    - Western Nebraska Bicycling Club
  - Private company
    - Panhandle Coop
    - Sonny's Bike Shop
  - Government
    - City of Gering: Engineering and Planning, Police Department, Tourism
    - City of Scottsbluff: Police Department, Public Works
    - Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
    - Panhandle Public Health District
    - Scotts Bluff County: Handy Services

# Activities & Accomplishments:

## Accessible Pedestrian Signal Testing

These APS signals, installed at 27<sup>th</sup> Street at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Avenue B, provide audible and vibrotactile WALK indications to help people who have trouble seeing the pedestrian signal.



# Activities & Accomplishments:

## Safe Routes To School

Work with school officials, transportation professionals, law enforcement officers, advocates and parents to identify ways to encourage and support safe walking and biking to school.

- 2018: Roosevelt
- 2019: Lincoln Heights, Westmoor, Lincoln, SHS
- 2020: BMS, Northfield
- 2021: GHS, GJH, Longfellow
- 2022: Geil, St. Agnes





# Activities & Accomplishments: Making Connections, Info Sharing

In an effort to enhance safe community walking and biking, the City of Scottsbluff has been updating “continentals” with a fresh coat of paint and adding in some locations. Here are some facts:

- Also known as “ladder” or “zebra-striped” crosswalks, these make people more visible to drivers when they’re crossing the street.
- Studies show they are more effective at getting drivers to yield the right-of-way.
- The ladder-style striping helps drivers distinguish the crosswalk from other roadway markings much sooner than the old fashioned double lines.
- This is one example of a quick, cheap, and smart way to prevent pedestrian injuries.



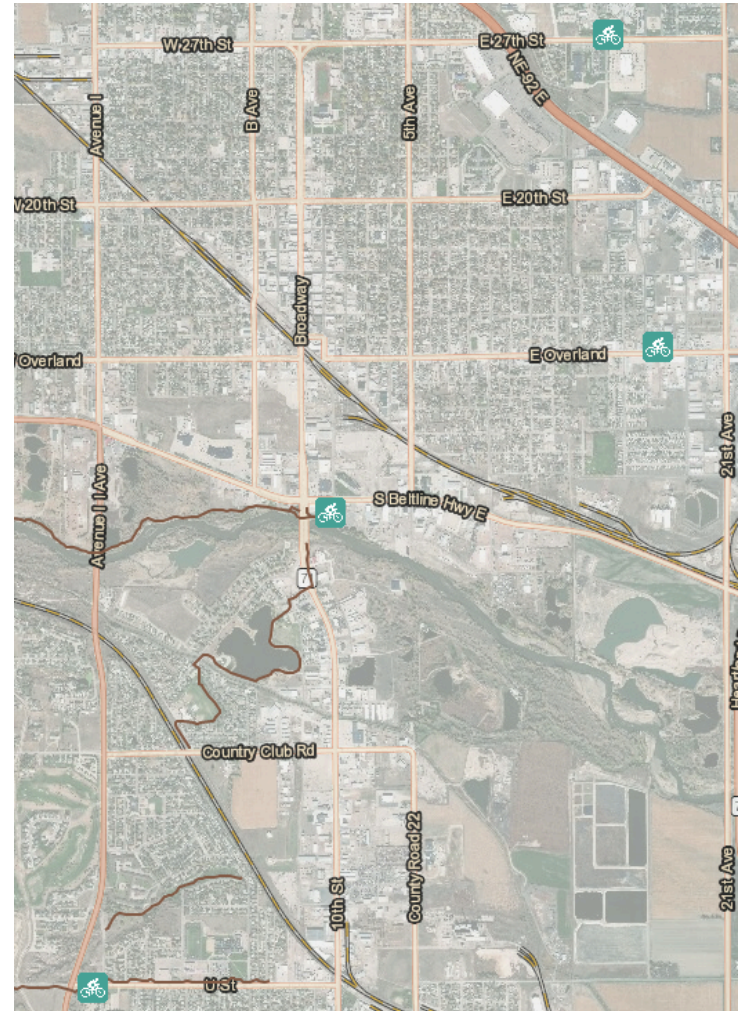
This graphic and information is brought to you by the Tri-City Active Living Advisory Committee.  
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# Activities & Accomplishments:

## Bicycle Repair Stations

- Four publicly accessible bicycle repair stations to make it easier for people to maintain their bicycles and ride them more often.
- Supported with Tri-City Roadrunner bike racks on buses



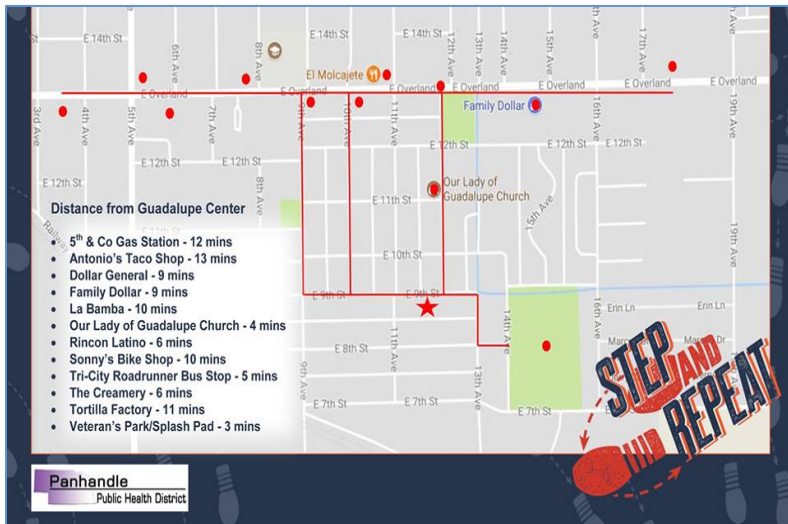
# Activities & Accomplishments: Bicycle Safety Education



# Activities & Accomplishments:

## Safe Bike / Walk Routes

- Supporting and encouraging walking routes and signage
- Assisting in development of sidewalk problem reporting systems



### Report a Walkability Problem

The City of Gering is committed to helping solve walkability problems in the community because often times those same issues are also city ordinance violations. These violations can include:

- Vegetation blocking sidewalks
- Vehicles or objects blocking sidewalks
- Broken sidewalks
- Sidewalks with accumulations of snow, ice, gravel, dirt, etc.
- Loose dogs that threaten passersby

Please use the form below. Staff from the City of Gering may follow up with the reporter in an effort to ensure the problem is correctly identified. Please include your contact information as the City of Gering will not act upon anonymous complaints, and we may need to clarify the issues you have identified in your contact with us.

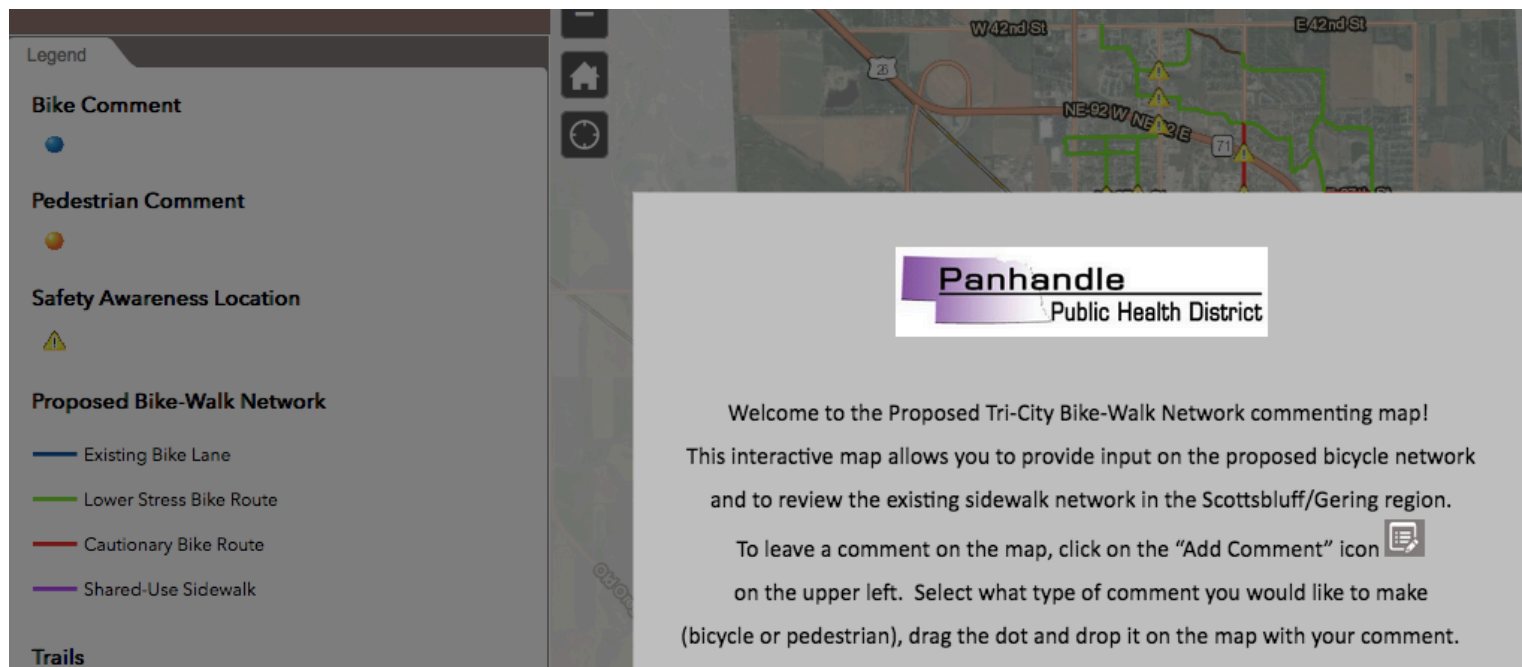
Please identify the issue that City Staff need to look into: \*



# Activities & Accomplishments:

## Safe Bike / Walk Routes

- Assisting in development of sidewalk problem reporting systems
- Developing “recommended bike routes” map



# Activities & Accomplishments: Sharing Info on Active Living Events



Walk at work



Walk to school



Running events



Biking events

# Activities & Accomplishments: In the News: NET and NBC



**NET Good, Healthy Life: Worksite Wellness and Prevention, 2**  
**NBC Walk to School Day**  
**NBC Pedestrian Safety**

# Activities & Accomplishments: Ongoing Conversations

- ADA parking
- Blocked sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Curb cuts
- Loose dogs
- Snow clearing
- Sidewalk maintenance
- Vehicle speeds