



## August 2020 E-Newsletter

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### Sign up for the BikeMN Classic!

Sign up for the new FREE, statewide, virtual BikeMN Classic! This race is replacing the Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour, and everyone is invited to enjoy the simple joy of biking over the next few weeks.

There are fantastic prizes to win each week! \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 in gift certificates to the bike shop of your choice, an assortment of \$100 prizes, and, at the end, a grand prize of a \$2,000 gift certificate to Erik's Bike Shop - to enter, simply complete a ride, anywhere of any length that follows the weekly themes, snap one or more photos, and upload them to the registration page!

Race dates open from:  
**Monday August 17th - Sunday September 13th**

For more details, go to the [BikeMN Classic](#) website.



## Thank you Katie!

We want to extend a warm thank you and farewell to Katie Kitowski, our GreenCorps member who has wrapped up her work with PartnerSHIP 4 Health. She has worked closely with Patrick Hollister on a number of projects centered around bicycle safety and transportation projects.

One of her big projects involved working with the City of Dilworth in progressing to the next level in the GreenSteps Cities program. Congratulations to Dilworth for moving from Step 1 to Step 2! Dilworth achieved this by implementing and reporting sustainability best practices.

Best of luck, Katie! Thank you for your hard work over the past year!



Left: Katie Kitowski, MN GreenCorps Member  
Right: New crossing sign in Dilworth, part of the GreenSteps Cities project.

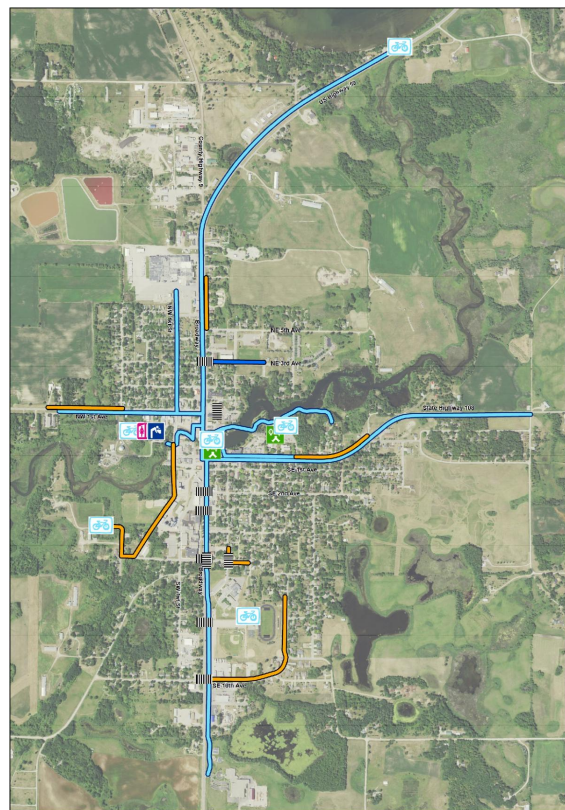
## Pelican Rapids Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

PartnerSHIP 4 Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Center for Prevention, MnDOT, and the City of Pelican Rapids are creating a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the entire city!

Thank you, everyone who participated in our Zoom meetings on June 23 and 29! Special thanks to Christopher Hovden for recording the meetings. You can watch a video of the three meetings on [Chris' YouTube channel](#) (Christopher Hovden):

And please visit our new website to learn more about the Pelican Rapids Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. You can also provide input into the [plan on our website](#).

We will have a second round of public input meetings on Zoom in September, which we will advertise in next month's city newsletter! Please join us!





## Fergus Falls Bicycle Pedestrian Plan

We're glad to announce that work on the City of Fergus Falls' Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has begun! A Request for Proposal process has been completed and a consultant has been selected and hired.

The consultant is working with the newly-assembled Project Steering Committee ([PSC](#)) and City Staff to develop an initial inventory of existing walk / bike assets in the City, engage Fergus Falls residents in providing guidance to the plan, and prepare recommendations for improving walking and biking in the City.

Please visit the [Fergus Falls Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#) website to stay updated and learn how you can be involved! An online survey will be coming soon to gather comments to guide the plan's recommendations.



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