

Resolution for support of the St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Resolution #2018-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF SOMERSET, ST. CROIX COUNTY, WI

IN SUPPORT OF THE

ST. CROIX COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset has a desire to provide its citizens, with safe, convenient, and more complete bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the town; and

WHEREAS, improving opportunities for physical activity contributes to and strengthens individual, family and community health, safety, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, vibrant, walkable and bikeable communities cultivate economic prosperity and positive neighborhood investment; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was developed to serve as a guide for the further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in St. Croix County and as a strategy to enhance opportunities for bicycling and walking across the county; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle and pedestrian planning process emphasized citizen engagement with non-traditional means such as meetings in a box at community festivals, online engagement, focused listening sessions with specific groups, and workshops with stakeholders and residents who live in St. Croix County; and

WHEREAS, partners identified a network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that, when fully constructed, will create an integrated system of bikeable and walkable corridors connecting the people of St. Croix County with key destinations in and outside of the county; and

WHEREAS, transportation corridors that cross municipal boundaries and jurisdictions require coordination and planning among responsible units of government, residents and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan addresses and incorporates local municipal bicycle and pedestrian plans and future needs and as such is a regional plan for purposes of local municipal applications for state and federal grants; and

WHEREAS, the region will be more effective at implementing the plan and seeking funding for projects with an adopted plan for a walkable and bikeable county;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Somerset hereby supports the 2017 St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as a guide for the further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the Town of Somerset; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the Town Board directs the Plan Commission to incorporate the St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, where appropriate, into the next comprehensive plan update in transportation, parks, public health and other related areas.

Adopted this 1st day of August 2018 by the Somerset Town Board:

Ed Schachtner, Ed Schachtner, Chair

Larry Rauch, Larry Rauch, Supervisor

Shane Demulling, Shane Demulling, Supervisor

Douglas Plourde, Douglas Plourde, Supervisor

Tim Witzmann, Tim Witzmann, Supervisor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2018-02 was duly adopted by the Somerset Town Board at a legal meeting held on the 1st day of August, 2018 by a vote of 5 to 0.

Attest: Jeri Koester, Jeri Koester, Clerk