



*City Council Memorandum*

**To: Mayor Fasbender & Councilmembers**  
**From: Chris Jenkins, Parks & Recreation Director**  
**Date: April 5, 2021**  
**Item: People Movement Plan**

**Council Action Requested:**

Approve and Adopt the Hastings People Movement Plan.

**Background Information:**

City staff, steering committee members, and our hired consultant have been working to develop a People Movement Plan. This plan is similar to the more traditional Pedestrian & Bicycle Plans, however differs in that the focus is on all non-motorized movements of people with the City of Hastings.

This plan is funded through Dakota County's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), and as such is required to focus on SHIP priorities of physical activity and consumption of healthy foods, as well as priority populations (low income, senior, minority).

Hastings' planning process involved a thorough examination of existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities, locations of grocers and business districts, and most importantly the barriers and infrastructure gaps which impede or discourage pedestrian movements as they seek both physical activity and access to healthy foods.

Steering committee representatives, staff, and online survey and mapping sources solicited information from SHIP priority populations to learn more about how Hastings' pedestrian facilities are used, and what barriers and gaps they encounter. This information was added to the list generated by staff and consultant to provide an accurate picture of Hastings' current challenges.

Ultimately, a wide range of recommended actions and projects were developed and prioritized, and are intended to be used in conjunction with Hastings' existing CIP, Pavement Management, Comprehensive Plans, Development Plans, and Corridor Plans as both motorized and non-motorized infrastructure projects are planned and executed.

Staff has reviewed the plan, and ask City Council to Approve and Adopt the Hastings People Movement Plan.

**Financial Impact:**

Unknown at this time, but anticipated to be included with trail, sidewalk, and road construction projects included in the City's CIP and Pavement Management Plans.

**Council Committee Discussion:**

None

**Commission Discussion:**

The Parks & Recreation Commission reviewed this plan on a couple of occasions, most recently forwarding their unanimous support to City Council for plan adoption at its March 9, 2021 regular meeting.

**Attachments:**

- Link to the People Movement Plan:  
<https://www.hastingsmn.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=9507>
  - Located on the City of Hastings Website: Parks&Recreation/Park Projects/People Movement Plan