

Comprehensive Policy Plan  
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Policy Letter 306: Pedestrian Plan

**BACKGROUND:**

Non-motorized methods of travel in Fargo continue to become more popular for various interest and age groups of citizens. Balancing the provisions, and accommodating the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians in the City is done in part by the Metro COG, the City of Fargo, the Fargo Park District, the Fargo School District, and various other interest groups. The goal of any entity is to encourage the provisions of facilities for non-motorized movement, including sidewalks, where it is appropriate to provide safe and convenient access between properties and facilities.

The citywide plan for pedestrian walkways, skyways, or crossings will overlap with bikeway planning due to funding and practicality, but greater emphasis must be placed on identifying the Fargo pedestrian system for the future. Additionally, the minimum standard of 8-foot wide bike paths must be maintained along all arterial and collector streets, and a 10-foot width should be encouraged when feasible. In coordinated efforts between entities represented in the Fargo-Moorhead Bikeway/Pedestrian Committee, committee members currently monitor and recommend changes to the Metro COG Pedestrian Plan. As the committee identifies the range of pedestrian needs, the overall pedestrian plan for Fargo continues to develop with the continuity and diversity of features that the citizens of Fargo desire.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

**The City of Fargo should ensure proposed subdivision plats serve the pedestrian needs of the community in coordination with the recommendations of the Fargo-Moorhead Bikeway/Pedestrian Committee as it relates to the Fargo Pedestrian Plan.**

**CONCLUSION:**

A complete design of the future pedestrian system in Fargo should be identified that includes trails to show the public what the City is doing for the next 20 years. A single entity is not able to address the complex issues of this plan without enhanced citizen involvement and support. Portions of the plan have been implemented, but Fargo's pedestrian trails have the potential to reach all areas and interest groups of the community more expeditiously by utilizing the City's existing land use development processes.