

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Nathan Pentz, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Lindsey Wallace, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Joe Bernard, Chris Linde (excused), Hilary Lovelace (excused), Ciara Schlichting (excused), Peter Wagenius

In Memoriam: Roy Hallanger

Others Present: Simon Blenski, Steve Brandt, Ethan Fawley, Janice Gepner, Jenifer Hager, Hökan, Jonette Kuhnau, Craig McCann, Kathleen Mayell, Greg Sautter, Kurt Wayne

Actions

1. The **Chair of the 5E Subcommittee** of the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee will be Juana Sandoval.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that the City Attorney investigate whether the **law defines a bicycle lane** as part of a shoulder or part of the roadway and under what circumstances, and also investigate why State Patrol believes **school buses** are forbidden to **stop in buffered bicycle lanes** during “8-way stops” (Ref: Minnesota Rule 7470.1000).
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the provision of **accommodations** for people, arriving at all kinds of venues, **to store their bags and other personal belongings** when security concerns ban bags, recognizing that many people do not arrive in cars, and requests City staff to find the best course of action to accommodate bags at venues and report back to the BAC.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda, April Minutes and June Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Introductory Business** presented by Nick Mason
 - Roy Hallanger, long time BAC member, passed away since our last meeting.
 - Nick spoke briefly about Roy’s contributions to the BAC.
 - There will be a Memorial Service for Roy on Saturday in Roseville.
 - Nick will present a donation from the BAC from members contributions.

- Nick encouraged us to think about how best to celebrate Roy's memory.
- Nick welcomed new BAC members: Nathan Pentz, Mackenzie Turner Borgen and Steve Elmer.

2. **20-year Street Funding Plan** presented by Kathleen Mayell

- This spring, the City Council passed an ordinance nearly doubling capital funding for street infrastructure.
- Kathleen is working with Jonette Kuhnau from Kimley-Horn and Jenifer Hager to frame the discussion on prioritizing how to spend the money.
- Current process is continuous throughout the year. 5-year CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) funded through CLIC.
- Data gathered to assess condition of infrastructure and input coordinated with many departments, regional partners, groups and policy makers.
- Potential projects are scored based on many criteria including infrastructure condition, compatibility with current design guidelines, transit projects, outside funding opportunities, usage and geographic balance.
- Bicycle and pedestrian stand alone projects are scored on readiness and risk, usage and design, public support, coordination and geographic balance.
- Typically, streets need to be reconstructed after about 50 years and many Minneapolis streets are that old.
- City spending on street reconstruction has steadily declined since the 70's.
- Park Board already created a good model for prioritizing their increased spending. It's called "Community + Park Characteristics."
- "Park Characteristics" include assets, life span, condition, value, how much previously invested.
- "Community" includes where located, poverty in area, youth, how many people use the park and safety.
- City will create a similar assessment model to include racial and economic equity.
- Timeline: create draft recommendations for 2017-2021 CIP early this fall.
- These criteria will apply to all CIP funding moving forward.
- Upcoming meetings: Aug 5 meeting with PAC and BAC members on draft criteria. Aug 4 public meeting focused on racial and economic equity.
- Criteria will not be formally adopted by the Council, but rather will continue to evolve.
- Improvements to protected bikeways are already being considered. Paint and bollards are interim.
- Nick Mason and Ciara Schlichting will represent the BAC at Aug 5 meeting; let them know if you are also interested in attending.

3. **Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan Transportation Research Group** presented by Juana Sandoval

- City is working on a Comprehensive Plan for 2040. This is one of many Groups.
- Juana is the BAC representative on the Transportation Research Group.
- She handed around a draft listing 6 key directions, or "Buckets" being studied.
- Nick asked what Juana needs from us and when.
- Juana asked BAC members to share comments on draft with her.

- Upcoming meeting in the fall will focus on bicycling.
- No policy yet. Now gathering ideas on what the issues are.
- Janice Gepner asked whether feedback should be discussed at an upcoming 5E Subcommittee meeting.
- Potential issue for the future could include policies on electric-assist bicycles.

4. **5E's Subcommittee** Report presented by Juana Sandoval – **ACTIONS**

- **Subcommittee Chair – ACTION**
 - Due to Roy's passing, the 5E Subcommittee needs a new Chair.
 - Nick moved that Juana be Chair.
 - The vote to elect Juana was unanimous with one abstention from Lindsey Wallace.
 - The Subcommittee will now need a new Vice Chair.
- **School Bus Stops and Buffered Bike Lanes – ACTION**
 - At the Subcommittee meeting Nick and Hōkan explained that school bus drivers have been ticketed when they pull over onto the protected bike lanes to prevent cars from passing on the right.
 - Juana presented a motion to find out why the drivers are being ticketed and to clarify the law defining bicycle lanes.
 - The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Lindsey Wallace.
- **Bags and Backpacks Accommodations – ACTION**
 - When venues prohibit bags and backpacks, people without cars have no place to store them.
 - Robin presented a motion requesting City staff look into this problem and report back.
 - The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Lindsey.
 - We will try to coordinate with the PAC on this issue.
- **Open Streets 2016 – Behind the Big Wheel**
 - This program helps people see the “Big Wheel” blind spots.
 - More volunteers needed to sign up.
 - Matthew Dyr Dahl will provide an electronic copy of the sign-up.
- **Training Commercial Drivers**
 - The Bicycle Alliance is putting together a module for training Trainers.
 - Robin Garwood said it would be good to require the training for contractors during the permitting process.
- **Open Streets 2017 -- Update**
 - Matthew Dyr Dahl said the city is close to choosing an organizer.
 - In the past, the organizer has been the Bicycle Coalition.
 - After organizer chosen, then will post an application for routes.
 - Ethan Fawley said there is more demand than slots for routes, so applications will provide a way to make the process more open and accessible.
- **Follow-up on Engaging Law Enforcement**
 - The BAC has had difficulty filling its position for a MPD representative.
 - Nick said that after we update our work plan, we can meet with police staff about how best to accomplish our goals.

5. **PAC/BAC Coordination on Engineering Subcommittees** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl
 - Kelley Yemen said that staff suggested the BAC and PAC combine their Engineering Subcommittees.
 - Advantages would be that staff don't have to present the same projects twice, and the two subcommittees would have a chance to work out conflicting ideas together.
 - Paul Frenz pointed out that Engineering Subcommittee meetings already take too long.
 - Juana Sandoval said that with increased infrastructure spending, there will be more to discuss, too.
 - Only 80% of projects discussed by both Subcommittees, so joint meetings would discuss more projects.
 - Since BAC Engineering Subcommittee meetings are well attended, joint meetings might have too many people for a working meeting.
 - Kurt Wayne suggested combining presentation but splitting up for discussions; which discussion would presenter attend?
 - Matthew Hendricks pointed out that providing information ahead of time shortens discussion time needed.
 - Nick suggested the Engineering Subcommittee discuss this.

6. **Updating Traffic Signals for Complete Streets** presented by Robin Garwood
 - Robin said that the new Complete Streets policy applies to operations and maintenance as well as infrastructure.
 - There are many traffic signals that currently prioritize cars. Some don't even change unless a button is pressed.
 - Robin said that the city needs to start a process for changing signals.
 - Joshua Houdek pointed out that updating signals is already in the 2017 Capital Budget Requests.
 - Robin suggested we form a task force to talk about this; Volunteers included: Hōkan, Scott, Matthew, Lindsey, Juana, Robin, Joshua, Bill and Ethan.
 - We should coordinate with the PAC on this.

7. **August BAC Meeting Bike Ride Planning** presented by Nick Mason
 - Typically, in August, the BAC has a group bike ride with a short business meeting, if needed.
 - Matthew Dyrdaahl outlined a possible route that would include routes in the latest CIP such as: 1st, 24th St, 3rd Av, Grant, 26th/28th, 36th St, the Cedar Lake Trail, Glenwood Av, 7th St back to downtown, and 6th Av N, ending at Fulton.
 - Kelley Yemen suggested adding Lake St and E Calhoun Pkwy.
 - We can start inside or outside City Hall, depending on need for a short meeting.

8. **Announcements**
 - Nick: both Subcommittees should have someone assigned to take Minutes.
 - Nick: information coming soon about mentoring new BAC members.
 - Nick & Paul: Indeed Brewery will be donating a percentage to the Bike Alliance tonight.
 - Joshua: Sign the petition to make the Hiawatha/E Lake Bridge area more bike and pedestrian friendly.

- Kurt: Forrest Hardy told him there will be a Cedar Lake Trail detour at Linden Yards.
- Robin: the City Council voted unanimously to support the nomination for the new Public Works Director.
- Joshua: Met Council Transportation Services Director position is now open, too.
- Juana: Remember to give her comments for the Transportation Research Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.