

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Mackenzie Turner Borgen, Jenny Borden, Bill Dooley, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Nick Mason, Tyler Pederson, Nathan Pentz, Ann Postera, Ciara Schlichting, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Richard Anderson (excused), Joe Bernard (excused), Matthew Dyrdaahl (excused), Hilary Lovelace (excused), Juana Sandoval (excused), Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Others Present: Janice Gepner, George Norris, Greg Sautter, Kurt Wayne

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Broadway Ave NE** reconstruction concept as designed.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Cedar and Portland Avenue Bridge** designs with conditions – recommending a reduction of lane widths back to 13 and 11 feet on the Portland Bridge, and giving the extra space to the bicycle lane and the buffer. Also, the BAC recommends replacing the buffered bicycle lane with a physically-separated protected bicycle lane, and continuing a 2-lane configuration south of the bridge. The BAC would like to see the plans again at the next phase of the project.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee would like the Park Board to present an option that includes a **2-way bicycle path under Lake Street** as part of the Lake Calhoun/Harriet Trail Access Improvements.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout for the **Anderson School Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements** with the following suggestions: minimize the grade changes at driveways for the one block segment, carry over the crosswalk through the southwest quadrant at 28th & 12th, additional wayfinding signage at 28th & 11th, and show conflict markings across driveways where possible.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The slightly revised Agenda and August Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Ciara Schlichting – *ACTIONS*

- **Broadway Ave NE – ACTION**

- Temporary treatments went up between Stinson and Industrial.
- Full reconstruction of the corridor includes a multiuse shared path on the south side and a sidewalk on the north side.
- Layout approval is next month.
- Subcommittee wanted bike lanes extended in both directions and enhanced lighting, but both suggestions are beyond the scope of the project.
- Ciara's motion to support the project as presented was approved unanimously.

- **Portland & Cedar Ave Bridge Reconstruction – ACTION**

- Currently, Portland bridge has a bike lane and Cedar is not on the Bike Plan.
- The Portland bridge over the Greenway has been slated for a road diet: there will be only 2 through lanes, the sidewalk will be expanded, and the current bike lane on the east side of the bridge will be replaced with a buffered bike lane.
- Subcommittee suggested also reducing width of central travel lane and increasing the width of the bike lane and buffer.
- This project presents a great opportunity for a curb separated bike lane which might eventually appear on Portland, too.
- Ciara presented a motion to support the project and recommending the lane width changes and a physically separated protected bike lane.
- The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Lake Calhoun/Harriet Trail Access Improvements – ACTION**

- The Park Board is moving ahead with implementing improvements.
- They will return to the BAC in October after concepts get feedback.
- Public meeting presenting concepts on October 4.
- Discussion focused on the SE Corner and NE Corner of Lake Calhoun.
- NE Corner currently has lots of conflict including path under Lake Street and the concession area.
- Proposal to have path under Lake Street for pedestrians only and create a new trail crossing at ground level along E Lake Calhoun Pkwy.
- Agreement that new bike trail must be really good so people will use it.
- Preferred concepts will be presented at a meeting on Nov 9.
- One concept expected to include a 1-way bike trail under Lake St.
- Discussion on importance of bike connection under Lake Street for families and slower bicyclists.
- Scott Snelling made a motion that the BAC prefers to maintain a 2-way option for bicycles under Lake Street.
- Matthew Hendricks pointed out that the bike lanes could be widened if the pedestrian side is narrowed.
- The motion passed unanimously.

- **Anderson School Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements – ACTION**

- New bikeway proposed as part of a Safe Routes to Schools project.
- Proposal is for a Bicycle Blvd on 12th and curb level raised 2-way bike trail on 28th connecting to the Greenway.

- The Subcommittee provided comments on right-of-way, minimizing up and down around driveways and adding signage.
- Ciara presented a motion to support the layout with our suggested revisions.
- The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Discussion of the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Program** presented by Nick Mason & Robin Garwood

- As a prelude to inviting Public Works (PW) leadership to discuss changes to the Bike/Ped Section next month, we should have a discussion on our concerns, priorities and questions.
- When Public Works reorganized its structure in the past year, Bike/Ped planning was moved from the Traffic section to a Transportation and Planning (TPP) section.
- A Bike/Ped section is important to make sure Bike/Ped issues are not overlooked and that we get information in a timely fashion.
- Are our recommendations being implemented? If not, why not?
- What is the vision of current PW leadership on bike/ped issues?
- Who does the bike/ped coordinator report to? Where is he or she in the leadership hierarchy?
- How are bike/ped issues coordinated between PW and other city agencies?
- How many people can veto recommendations from the bike/ped coordinator?
- What does the PW leadership chart look like? How has it changed?
- If no dedicated bike/ped staff, how will bike/ped work get done?
- It's impossible to expect everyone to be bike/ped experts. Discussions require lots of people with different perspectives.
- Bike/ped expert needed to keep up with new ideas.
- Nick said that he and the PAC Chair will set up a meeting with the new PW Director and ask her to come to a winter meeting.
- Since our mission is to advise the City Council, it's legitimate for us to be concerned with the structure of the bike/ped section within PW.
- Who within PW will get our input now? What is the role of the bike/ped coordinator within the new structure?
- What new bike projects are being proposed with the \$20 million in extra infrastructure spending?
- How will individual Project Engineers and staff consider bike/ped needs?
- Nick and Robin will compile questions and send them to the BAC and the TPP manager ahead next month's meeting.

3. **BAC Workplan Working Session** led by Ciara Schlichting

- We came up with a work plan after a visioning exercise in September, 2014.
- We need to update the work plan now. What are our biggest priorities? What things can we accomplish?
- Ciara broke us into 6 groups – each group tasked with coming up with the top 3 priorities for an “E.”
- She distributed the work plan from 2014 and the list from June of the ONE thing each BAC member said they hoped to accomplish in the next year.

- The list of top 3 priorities is attached to these Minutes as Appendix I.
- A representative from each group reported that groups' summary: Kurt on Education, Chris on Encouragement, Jenny on Enforcement, Mackenzie on Engineering, Robin on Equity, Scott on Evaluation.

4. **Announcements**

- Nick Mason: There will be several activities celebrating Roy Hallanger on October 14 & 16, including a bike ride on October 16. More info coming via email.
- Nick: Public Open House tomorrow night from 7 – 8:30 pm at the Normandy Inn to talk about the Samatar 5th Street reconnection.
- Nick: Volunteers still needed for the Behind the Big Wheel sponsored by the BAC this Saturday. We have a County plow, a U of M bus, a City dump truck, and might still get a semi from the MN Trucking Association.
- Paul Frenz: Three Rivers Park District ribbon cutting Sat 10:45 am at Taft Park. It includes a trail ride and pizza.
- Ciara Schlichting: from Juana: Bike policy for the (TRG) Transportation Research Group of the Comp Plan will be discussed at the next 5E Subcommittee meeting. The Open Houses to discuss this will be on Oct 25 and 27th 5-7:30 pm. Details at: <https://www.minneapolis2040.com/minneapolis-2040-open-houses>.
- Robin Garwood: He would like to form a time-limited joint subcommittee with some PAC representatives to work on a comprehensive plan to change the City's traffic signals so that they are consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.

APPENDIX I: WORK PLAN PRIORITIES BY THE E'S – SEPT, 2016

Education

1. Continue to make resources available for public schools and build on the success of bicycle-related curriculum so that all school age kids can have training opportunities.
2. Integrate bicycle education into driver education, driver manuals, City website, community meetings, and events.
3. Train civic leaders, corporations, neighborhood organizations and police in bicycle education.
- (4. Integrate youth voices. Add a graduate requirement or statewide guidance for core bicycling education, including rules of the road.
5. Education standard for city staff.
6. Study the effectiveness of walk/bike-to-school initiatives. How can they be improved?)

Encouragement

1. Coordinate with outside community groups.

2. Use the city's marketing agencies, such as Meet Minneapolis, CPED, to promote a car-free lifestyle.
3. Use Healthcare groups to encourage a healthy life style through cycling.
- (4. Infrastructure, trails, parking, storage, perception of bicyclists.)

Enforcement

1. Work on automated speed and red light enforcement.
2. Reduce speed limit.
3. Have a planned system of enforcement when bike lanes are put in.

Engineering

1. Fully update Bike Master Plan or make a new one.
2. Look at gaps and barriers.
3. Innovate signalling technologies including intersections.

Equity

1. Identify the role of the BAC in addressing all types of equity issues.
2. Adopt an integrated Level of Service for intersections that prioritizes bicycles and pedestrians.
3. Look at all issues from the perspective of people who bike because they have to.

Evaluation

1. Improve metrics collection by reviewing existing metrics, investing in new counting technologies, and administering user surveys. Include metrics for winter cycling and snow clearance, and before-and-after data on projects, assessing accidents, speeding and usage.
2. Evaluate the Bicycle Master Plan to understand existing accomplishments and future priorities.
3. Follow up on why we didn't get Platinum Bike Friendly Community status from the League of American Bicyclists.