

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Jenny Borden, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Matthew Hendricks, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Nathan Pentz, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Ciara Schlichting, Elissa Schufman, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Joshua Houdek, Tyler Pederson, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart (excused), Peter Wagenius, Kelley Yemen

Others Present: Bill Dossett, Ethan Fawley, Janice Gepner, Jenifer Hager, Meg Hanslick, Kurt Wayne

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports forming a **joint task force** with the Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) to work **on policies and practices for detours and road closures** and requests that the task force report back to the BAC by January, 2017.
2. Towards the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) goals of **working with the Minneapolis Police Department** to increase safety for bicycling through crash reduction, enforcement, and education and to build community through positive outreach opportunities, the BAC endorses the following agenda:
 1. Standardize police training in “bicycle law and facilities basics” and provide to all precincts by the end of 2017.
 2. Work with the Bicycle Rapid Response team to maximize public outreach at events including Ride with the Chief, Open Streets and Bike/Walk to School days.
 3. Create a standard enforcement campaign for new bicycle facilities when installed and/or when high crash corridors are identified. Identify criteria for prioritization.
 4. Address racial disparities in bicycle related stops.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **27th Ave NE Protected Bikeway** project with the following suggestions:
 - We prefer Alternative B with two one-way protected bike lanes.
 - Consider making the stoplight permanent at University.
 - Improve the surface at the railroad track crossing.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout for the **5th Street South/Samatar Crossing** and requests that improving the 15th Avenue crossing for bicycles be examined.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that city staff consider the **15th Avenue crossing of the Hiawatha Trail** for the upcoming CIP.

6. Whereas, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) supports facilities that encourage new riders who do not ride in standard bike lanes,

Whereas, the BAC supports Complete Streets that create safer spaces for bicyclists and safer intersections for pedestrians,

Whereas, the BAC supports evaluation of long-term reconstruction projects that may not be in the current protected bikeway plan, because they are long term projects,

Whereas, the local stakeholders support this change,

The BAC supports protected bike lanes on **Glenwood Avenue N** where feasible, including a total roadway width of 26-feet having 2-foot curb reaction zones to maximize the pedestrian and bicycle space.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and October Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Programs in Public Works** led by Jenifer Hager

- As part of the Public Works (PW) reorganization, the Division of Transportation, Planning and Programming (TPP) was formed with Jenifer as director.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian program is now within that Division.
- Jenifer said no changes were made to the bike/ped organizational chart except for moving it to the new Division.
- Goal is to increase the expertise of the entire Division on bike/ped issues and planning.
- Matthew D. is still the key bike/ped person relied on by the Division and acts as the point person between the BAC and Public Works.
- There are two Managers in the Division, Nathan Koster and Kathleen Mayell.
- Paul Frenz requested an organizational chart of the Division.
- Jenifer said the chart doesn't explain how the Division functions since there is a lot of overlap and coordination.
- New Transportation Planners, Forrest Hardy and Liz Hayman; both have bike/ped experience.
- Bike/Ped Coordinator is Grade 10 and reports to Kathleen Mayell, Grade 12.
- In response to a question from Robin, Jenifer said all staff are encouraged to work across divisions and city departments and that Matthew works with all PW divisions.
- Nick highlighted many bike/ped issues that need to be addressed including public education, working with law enforcement, crash reduction and the winter maintenance study, and asked how they will be addressed and prioritized.
- Jenifer said they are only now almost fully staffed and they will bring in outside help as needed, including for the winter maintenance study.
- Where do BAC recommendations go? Matthew is working on improving the city website and it's his job to get our motions to the correct people.
- Jenifer said our resolutions are attached to RA's (Requests for Council Action); Robin pointed out we had requested that.

- Matthew said it is his job to check with Project Managers on progress and to provide our input.
- Bill Dooley also expressed interest in the Organizational Chart and stressed the importance of the winter maintenance study, give the likely increase in winter cycling.
- Matthew H. asked which staff can veto or override BAC suggestions.
- Robin said it's easy for ideas to get stopped; what's hard is getting them going again.

2. **5E Subcommittee** Report presented by Hilary Lovelace – *ACTIONS*

- **Comprehensive Plan Input**
 - The Subcommittee made several specific suggestions.
 - Juana will share our suggestions at meeting tomorrow afternoon.
 - Matthew H. asked that airport access be specifically mentioned.
- **Bike Detour Practices and Protocols – ACTION**
 - We should soon hear from staff who are working on this.
 - Bill Dossett of Nice Ride said that it's a big concern for them, too; use of Nice Ride was way down this year due to Nicollet Mall construction.
 - More needs to be done to protect bicycling access during construction.
 - Systemic approach needed; adjust contractor regulations and fees?
 - What can be done to shorten construction time and minimize impact?
 - This issue impacts pedestrians even more than bicyclists.
 - Standards needed for construction zone multiuse paths.
 - Robin said we need a recommendation before next construction season.
 - Nick said we could work on this in 5E or assign a specific task force.
 - Raising fees on contractors justified due to loss of revenue from construction.
 - Robin made a motion to form a joint task force with the PAC.
 - Nick said meetings should be publicized so people interested can attend.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - BAC Members volunteered for the task force: Ciara, Robin, Juana, Hilary, Paul, Bill Dooley, Nick, Joe, Ann, Kurt.
- **Complete Streets Policy** was briefly reviewed.
- **Law Enforcement Bicycle Agenda – ACTION**
 - Came up with a list of 3 achievable goals to present at a meeting with law enforcement.
 - Standardize police training about bike laws.
 - Work with Bicycle Rapid Response team on public outreach.
 - Create a standard enforcement campaign for new bike facilities.
 - Nick said we should focus on achievable goals for each of the E's.
 - Nick read a statement of the overall enforcement goal: to work with the MPD to increase safety for bicycling through crash reduction, enforcement, and education and to build community through positive outreach opportunities.
 - Robin mentioned that the Coalition did a study that found significant racial disparities in stops for minor bicycle offenses (sidewalk riding and riding without lights).
 - Nick presented a motion to endorse the 3 specific goals plus disparities.
 - Steve Elmer said that cars running red lights pose a huge problem for bicyclists.
 - In some cities, enforcement focuses on most dangerous behaviors.

- The motion passed unanimously.
 - Nick and Robin will schedule a meeting to present our goals.
3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Ciara Schlichting – *ACTIONS*
- **27th Avenue NE Protected Bikeway – ACTION**
 - Bike facility on Master Plan; protected bikeway proposed for striping project between Marshall and University.
 - Neighborhood providing 50% match and had hoped for a trail.
 - 3 alternatives presented; two with 2-way bikeways and one with two 1-way bike lanes.
 - 2-way bikeways require coordination with the railroad.
 - Currently a temporary stoplight at University which works well and surface across railroad tracks is badly in need of repair.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the project with our preference for Alternative B and suggestions.
 - The motion passed with an abstention from Juana.
 - **5th Street/Samatar Bridge – ACTIONS**
 - Previous version of the plan included cars but neighborhood objected.
 - Current plan for wide sidewalk and protected bike facility.
 - Lots of discussion at Subcommittee about dangerous crossing at 15th Ave.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the project.
 - Joe suggested we pass a separate motion about 15th Ave.
 - Motion to support project passed unanimously with abstentions from Joe and Juana.
 - Nick presented a motion to request that staff look at improving the crossing at 15th Ave.
 - Nick’s motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Juana.
 - **BAC/CIP Process Setup**
 - Matthew will set up a meeting in the next week for a task force to meet about this.
 - At the Subcommittee meeting, he updated last year’s list.
 - **Glenwood Avenue North – ACTION**
 - County reconstruction from Aldrich to 7th St.
 - In April, BAC supported plan that included buffered bike lanes.
 - Community learned about project late and came to us requesting protected bike lanes.
 - County says protected bike lanes require pedestrian tradeoffs.
 - PAC doesn’t meet until tomorrow and we’d like to have a joint position.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support protected bike lanes.
 - Nick proposed amending language to explain our change in position.
 - Ethan pointed out that similar roads have narrower driving lanes.
 - Nick re-read his motion with specific road dimensions.
 - The revised motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Jordan and Juana.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.