

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

All Members Present: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargen, Joe Bernard, Jenny Borden, Bill Dooley, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Tyler Pederson, Nathan Pentz, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Ciara Schlichting, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Member Absent: Matthew Hendricks

Others Present: Bharat Balyan, Ethan Fawley, Connor Phelan, Ken Slama, Kurt Wayne

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee approved a **Work Plan for Equity, Education and Encouragement** that is included in the Appendix.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports Concept 2 for the **5th Street SE Bridge** and prefers the most gradual turns possible at all corners including the bridge deck.

Summaries of Discussions

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

1. **5E Subcommittee** Report presented by Juana Sandoval – ***ACTION***
 - **BAC Work Plan – *ACTION***
 - Work Plan for Enforcement already approved.
 - Work Plan consists of goals we can accomplish by May, 2018.
 - We will vote on all 3 Work Plans as a package.
 - **Equity**
 - Discussion on whether to include specific language about types of Equity.
 - Jordan Kocak suggested adding “representation” with processes.
 - **Education**
 - School bicycle education involves a lot more than learning to ride a bike.
 - Providing temporary signs at infrastructure projects suggested because residents often find new infrastructure confusing.
 - **Encouragement**
 - Think about our role as the BAC. Where can we be most effective?
 - Work Groups already happening.
 - Thank you to decision makers could be a thank-you card from BAC.

- Robin Garwood suggested adding bullet #5.
 - Richard Anderson made a motion that we approve the Work Plan.
 - The motion passed unanimously. See Appendix for Work Plan.
 - Work Plan for Evaluation will be discussed at next month's Subcommittee meeting.
 - Is the Engineering Subcommittee going to pass a Work Plan, too?
- **City Bike Fleet Proposal**
 - Bharat Balyan presented a preliminary proposal for a city bike fleet to the Subcommittee.
 - He is working on this with BAC Health Dept representative, Sarah Stewart.
 - City already has a large fleet of cars for employees to use for work related trips.
 - He surveyed other cities and is meeting with decision makers to find out what is feasible.
 - There is a significant potential for cost savings in addition to health improvement since bikes are much cheaper to maintain and use than cars.

2. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Ciara Schlichting

- All projects discussed in early stages. No resolutions but projects will be discussed in more detail soon.
- **University/4th Ave SE Bikeway Study**
 - Two possibilities presented for protected bikeways: 1-way on both University and 4th or 2-way on University.
 - Resurfacing project in 2018, so protection would be delineators.
 - The City will return with concepts in March.
- **Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction – Lake to 36th St**
 - Project moved up due to new funding.
 - Upcoming Open House at Bryant Sq Park Rec Center.
 - Connects to bikeway on 36th.
 - Lots of options will be presented when they return in February or March.
- **Oak/Delaware Bus Stop Improvements**
 - 2-way protected bikeway on Oak St through existing Bus Stop.
 - Options being considered to reduce conflict and improve ADA compliance.
 - Floating bus stop is a possibility.
 - Layout will be discussed in February for approval in March.
- **Calhoun/Harriet Master Plan Input**
 - Plan now out for public comment. 45 day comment period.
 - We have commented on this in the past: asking for 2-way bike travel around all of the lakes and to maintain bike trail under Lake Street.
 - Volunteers to divide up and read the Plan: Paul Frenz, Scott Snelling and Joshua Houdek.
 - Tyler Pederson said that, in addition to commenting as the BAC, individual members can comment on the plan. Here's the link:
 - https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/news/2017/01/18/2346/draft_calhounbde_mak_a_ska-harriet_master_plan_available_for_public_review_and_comment
 - Public hearing on Plan April 12.
 - Subcommittee will discuss BAC comments on the Plan next month.

- **Emerson/Fremont Protected Bikeways**
 - Pedestrian improvement project with a protected bikeway from Plymouth Av N to 33rd (flexible posts).
 - Transit improvements, too. D line going in there.
 - Possible removal of parking and/or removing a travel lane for traffic calming.
 - Discussion on moving bike lane to the other side.
 - Project would add a buffer to existing narrow bike lane.
 - Coming back next month with concept layout for approval in March.
 - Peter Wagenius said that the city is just starting to consider putting protected bike lanes and arterial bus transit together on a one way street.
 - **3rd/Central Avenue Bridge Protected Bikeway**
 - Formalize bikeable shoulder used now.
 - Plan includes restriping, adding delineators, and reducing travel lanes to 11 ft.
 - Only doing limited section because of short time frame.
 - **Staff Update on Projects:** information on upcoming projects without a bike component.
3. **Annual Report Discussion** presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl
- BAC by-laws direct us to check in with the City Council Transportation and Public Works Committee (TPW) at least once/year.
 - Aiming for March 14 or 28 – probably the 28th.
 - Present together with PAC.
 - Include Work Plan.
 - Opportunity to highlight BAC/PAC joint Complete Streets suggestions not followed.
 - Nick said that he'd present but all BAC members are encouraged to attend.
 - Nick mentioned that he would like to recognize Roy's service at presentation.
4. **5th Street SE Bridge Update** presented by Ken Slama – ***ACTION***
- Ken is Project Manager and he presented MnDOT proposal to replace current bridge over 35W just north of the river bridge.
 - Plan presented a year ago to Subcommittee.
 - Funding received to widen bridge and make it ADA compliant.
 - Two proposals: keep at existing location with switch-back ramps or move bridge ½ block north.
 - Paul pointed out that the Subcommittee preferred moving bridge because of the tight turns in the existing location plan.
 - Moving bridge makes distance across slightly shorter.
 - Suggestion to make turns as rounded as possible.
 - Robin made a motion that the BAC supports the plan that moves the bridge and that we prefer the most gradual turns possible.
 - The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Mackenzie Turner Bargaen.
 - Chris Linde will represent the BAC at a February 1 meeting on this.
5. **Protected Bikeway Update** presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl
- Nick had asked Matthew to provide an update on the BIK28 Protected Bikeway Program.

- Matthew said that 15.4 miles have been installed through 2016 and another 14.6 miles are programmed.
- He described the completed and programmed protected bikeway projects.
- Projects listed as “unprogrammed” are funded but no time frame yet.
- Hilary Lovelace asked Matthew to make the list available online.
- Joshua Houdek asked him to also make this PowerPoint available, too.
- Ethan Fawley asked how he computed miles: how were one-way and two-way lanes counted?
- Streets completed before 2016 should probably not be considered part of the Program.
- A few errors pointed out: E Bank Trail not listed and Marshall Ave cancelled.
- Peter said it’s important to know how many miles completed since the Program was implemented and which projects are funded with that money or with other money.
- Nick and Joshua stressed the importance of spending the money that was budgeted for protected bike lanes.
- Ciara reminded us that we need to revisit the Bike Master Plan.

6. **Announcements**

- Peter Wagenius said that a downtown Bike Center as part of a new YMCA building at the Gavidae site is being discussed.
- Peter reported that money was not approved for the Prospect Park Trail. Instead, money was approved for a Bike Blvd on Queen Av N.
- Nick: Winter Bike/Walk to School Day coming up.
- Jenny Borden: upcoming Winter Wellness Week in Mpls public schools.
- Joshua: Next Tuesday, TPW discussing whether to make 29th Ave closure at the Greenway permanent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.

APPENDIX: Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Work Plan: Equity, Education, Encouragement & Enforcement

Equity:

The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) will work with staff and partners to increase awareness of equity issues related to bicycling, and increase the use of equity as a factor when making decisions.

1. Create an equity statement and definition which will cover the role of the BAC in addressing equity.

2. Propose changes to the BAC processes and representation to address equity, based on the equity statement.
3. Support the City as they implement their Complete Streets policy.

Education:

The BAC will work with staff and partners to increase the reach of bicycle education both internally and externally to increase safety, comfort, and encourage more trips by bicycle.

1. Work with the Minneapolis Public Schools and partners to bring their existing bicycle education program to all Minneapolis Public School students.
2. Create and implement a standard for public educational outreach that is part of bicycle infrastructure projects. This educational outreach should be accessible on the city's website and using temporary signage on the site.
3. Implement a standard city bicycle education system for city staff, which should be expanded in the future to neighborhood organizations and business associations.

Encouragement:

The BAC will work with staff and partners to encourage more trips by bicycle.

1. Lead or support public bicycle rides for bicycle detours and new infrastructure projects.
2. Participate in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Signals Work Group and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Detour Work Group to implement solutions for these issues.
3. Thank decision makers for bicycle-friendly support.
4. Highlight existing encouragement programs and incentives that encourage bicycling.
5. Support new and existing policies that encourage bicycling.

Enforcement:

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.