

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Mackenzie Turner Bargen, Jenny Bordon, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Nathan Pentz, Juana Sandoval, Ciara Schlichting, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Richard Anderson (excused), Bill Dooley (excused), Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Hilary Lovelace (excused), Nick Mason (excused), Tyler Pederson, Ann Postera, Greg Sautter, Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Millicent Flowers, Tony Resnick

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports City staff working to define a regulatory framework to allow **dockless bike share** in Minneapolis. The BAC also requests that staff present recommendations for this framework to the 5E Subcommittee as soon as possible. We hope and expect that this framework will reflect a priority on equity.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the concept of the **Southside Greenway**, and in order to move the concept forward, we support short term spot enhancements and the reduction of barriers to improve accessibility and safety.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports Phase 1 of the **Oak Street Corridor** project as presented with the following suggestions:
 - Remove buffer in front of the accessible parking space and shift the parking space to the south.
 - Remove the detectable warning field on the south side of the accessible parking space median.
 - Add a crosswalk from the accessible parking space median to the SE corner of Oak/Essex.
 - Add a crosswalk across Essex St.
 - Remove the detectable warning fields from the driveway on the west side of Oak St.
 - Carry the concrete sidewalk through the driveway on the west side of Oak St.
4. The Minneapolis **Bicycle Advisory Committee** would like to add one additional item to its **Workplan** under the **Engineering** category:
 - Prioritize funding requests for bicycle projects as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), regional solicitation for federal funding, and other funding sources.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and chaired by Paul Frenz. The Agenda and April Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **BAC Administration Update** presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl

- Kurt Wayne no longer works for the City. Direct questions about this to Matthew.
- The organization of the BAC and PAC in Public Works is being revised.
- From now on, Millicent Flowers will handle the administration responsibilities for both committees including agendas, meeting planning and maintaining the website.
- She will be the primary contact person, so send emails to her with a cc: to Matthew.
- An Associate Transportation Planner will be responsible for “content” and attend Subcommittee meetings.

2. **Dockless Bike Share** presented by Tony Desnick – ***ACTION***

- Tony works for Bluegogo, a Chinese company that would like to bring dockless bike share to Minneapolis.
- Dockless bike share would work like “Car To Go;” people download an app to find a nearby bike, reserve it, and then unlock it. The cost would be 99¢/half mile until the bike is returned.
- The company has 400,000 bikes in China; they average 3 million trips/day.
- They had a poor experience with their roll out in San Francisco, so are being more cautious here.
- They are in the process of expanding into Seattle.
- They are interested in negotiating with Minneapolis Public Works on possible parking areas.
- They would hope to be open 10½ months/year in Minneapolis.
- Built-in rim bike lock is solar powered.
- The bikes are lighter and cheaper than Nice Ride bikes and are blue.
- They hope to work alongside Nice Ride and not be a competitor.
- Tony would like parking spaces in every city park and business node.
- Users would need a smart phone and credit card to sign up; could have annual subscriptions, too.
- Sarah said these bikes could work as the City’s Bike Fleet.
- Nathan hoped that the North side could be well served with these bikes.
- Discussion on where best places to park would be.
- Scott suggested we make a motion to support this effort.
- Paul asked Tony to return to the BAC and/or 5E Subcommittee as plans develop.
- Robin presented a motion to support dockless bikeshare
- Sarah suggested the motion should support equity.
- The motion passed unanimously.

3. **5E Subcommittee** presented by Juana Sandoval – ***ACTION***

- **Southside Greenway – ACTION**

- Matthew H and 2 residents presented the proposal for a Southside Greenway to the Subcommittee.
 - The Greenway connects parks and is mostly on 10th and 11th Ave S: from downtown to Powderhorn Park to Diamond Lake/Pearl Park.
 - There were block parties to get input from local residents.
 - The Park Board included the Greenway in its Master Plan.
 - The extent of “Greening” would differ from block to block.
 - Matthew said that Public Works staff is looking at general Greenway policies.
 - Juana presented a motion to support the Greenway and short term enhancements.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - **Pedestrian Crash Study**
 - Similar to bike crash study. Public Works looked at past 10 years using police and hospital records.
 - Presentation used statewide data and other cities; Minneapolis data still being compiled.
 - Most common cause was driver inattention and driver failing to yield.
 - City staff will return to 5E when report complete.
 - Robin asked if there was enough data to look at the impact of improvements. Matthew said the numbers were too small to draw conclusions.
 - **Bicyclist and Pedestrian Count Report 2016**
 - Kurt Wayne presented the 2016 Count Report to Subcommittee.
 - Report is now online.
 - Total numbers down 3% from last year but mostly at Greenway locations.
 - Next count Tues – Thurs Sept 5-7 or Sept 12-14; volunteers needed.
 - Robin suggested the city look at whether counts from automatic counters also showed a decrease.
 - **E Review: Encouragement**
 - Discussed Goal #3 about thanking decision makers: is that getting into advocacy too much?
 - Next month will review Equity goals.
4. **Engineering Subcommittee** presented by Ciara Schlichting – ***ACTIONS***
- **Oak Street Corridor – ACTION**
 - Plan to expand improvements, which include piloting an ADA accessible parking space in the protected bikeway.
 - Plan will come back to Subcommittee for additional signal work.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the plan with suggestions.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - **Mid-City Industrial Reconstruction:** Subcommittee learned about this effort to fill in lots of missing sidewalks.
 - **Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety Initiative Update**
 - Matthew shared highlights of this use of “Safety” money.
 - Projects include some Safe Routes to Schools projects, the Pedestrian Crash Study, protected bikeway maintenance, and crossing improvements.
 - Plan to create a street crossing capital program in the future so this money can be used for small quick treatments.

- **35W/Lake Street Transit Station**
 - Bike/ped improvements are part of the larger 35W project.
 - Improvements include a new connection to the Midtown Greenway, vertical circulation, bike racks, waiting areas.
- **Engineering Workplan – ACTION**
 - Ciara presented a motion to add one more item to the Subcommittee Workplan: prioritizing funding requests.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Twin Cities Regional Bicycle Barriers Study** presented by Steve Elmer

- The Met Council is studying how large barriers, such as rivers, train tracks and highways, create gaps in bicycle networks and make getting around difficult.
- Steve had previously sent the link to this Wikimap Survey to BAC members.
- Steve demonstrated how to use the Wikimap to “add points” to highlight areas where existing crossings need improvement or to suggest new crossings.
- For each point added, there are questions and a place for comments.
- A technical advisory group with some BAC members is working on this.
- Factors being considered include connectivity, equity, demand and safety.
- Wiki is open through mid-June but first attempt at data analysis this Friday.
- Goal is to come up with a set of new crossing locations and improvements to existing ones; suggestions will be ranked by measures and grouped into tiers for prioritizing funding.
- Hope to identify 6 good demonstration locations for more concept planning development with input from public workshops.
- Steve offered to come back to the BAC as planning proceeds.
- Robin suggested enlisting City staff to promote Wikimap Survey.

6. **Announcements**

- Sarah S: Northside pilot greenway will soon end. She is hoping analysis from surveys and data will be available by the end of the summer.
- Jenny B: Minneapolis Public Schools bike fleet had a successful year, involving 1500 students. Look for an update to the Safe Routes to Schools strategic plan by the end of June.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner