

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Jenny Bordon, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Tyler Pederson, Nathan Pentz, Ann Postera, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Wes Durham, Matthew Hendricks (excused), Joshua Houdek (excused), Greg Sautter, Juana Sandoval (excused), Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Ethan Fawley, Millicent Flowers, Phil Longenecker, Kate Matusinec

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Blue Line LRT Extension Project** as presented.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **5th St NE Bikeway Upgrade** as presented with further exploration of a dedicated bike lane from 1st Avenue NE to 3rd Avenue NE.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **40th Street W Bikeway Upgrade** as presented.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports a new **dedicated bikeway on 24th Street W** from Hennepin to 3rd Avenue S.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports a **dedicated bikeway on Lyndale Avenue N** from Webber Ave N to 49th Avenue N with improved connections to 2nd Street and the trail to North Mississippi Regional Park, and improved pedestrian access along the east side of Lyndale, north of 44th Avenue N.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **North Loop Paving Project** as presented.
7. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **University of Minnesota Bikeway Project** as presented.
8. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that Public Works staff explore options for improving the **bike lanes on 5th Avenue** downtown as part of the current (2018) Street Maintenance Program.

9. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that Public Works staff restore the **bike lanes on 5th Avenue** downtown to the block between 8th street and 9th street, where the bike lane was eliminated in the course of a construction project.
10. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that Public Works staff explore options for a **2-way bikeway between Chicago, Park or Portland Avenue and the Hiawatha LRT trail extension.**

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and was initially chaired by Nick Mason. Paul Frenz took over at 5 pm. The Agenda and August Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Meeting Time Discussion** led by Nick Mason

- Nick opened a discussion on whether our current BAC meeting time (4 pm on a Wednesday) precludes some people from being able to attend or be members.
- We acknowledged that people who couldn't make this time weren't present for the discussion.
- Afternoons seemed better than a former meeting time during the morning.
- Hilary has heard input that after 5 pm would be better for people with day jobs.
- Several people pointed out that many evenings are taken up by other meetings.
- Scott said that our meeting time may be a good compromise between missing work and needing childcare.
- Richard said it's important to meet in City Hall and wondered whether the building closing time would be a constraint, but evidently there are evening meetings in City Hall.
- Matthew D said city staff often do not want to stay later than necessary.
- He pointed out that our meetings are usually well attended now.
- Nick said he would follow up our discussion by sending out a member survey about meeting times and then will report back on the results.
- Hilary said that "who" is represented is as important as having many be able to attend.
- Elissa said that we could increase accessibility by providing child care.
- Subcommittee meeting times could also be discussed.
- We could ask about time availability when people apply to be on the BAC.
- Sarah suggested thinking about allowing people to participate via a Conference Call.

2. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Scott Snelling – ***ACTIONS***

- **Bottineau LRT Project Update – *ACTION***
 - Project will be at 90% in November and has been discussed by us before.
 - Subcommittee mostly discussed intersections at 55 and pleased with design.
 - There's a bike trail most of the way from downtown to the Brooklyn Park Target.
 - Robin thought the road should be reduced from 6 to 4 lanes in Golden Valley.
 - A motion to support the project as presented was approved unanimously with abstentions from Mackenzie and Hilary.
- **2018 Bikeway Resurfacing/Sealcoat Coordination Projects – *ACTIONS***

- Non-downtown projects presented to the Subcommittee.
 - 5th St NE facility being upgraded; lanes wider and some buffers added.
 - New bike lane on 24th St S from Hennepin to 3rd Ave S.
 - Lyndale Ave N resurfacing from Webber Pkwy to 49th Ave N includes 4 to 3 conversion and pedestrian improvements, too.
 - Scott presented a motion to support the **Lyndale Ave N** project.
 - Chris suggested adding improved connections to the motion.
 - The amended motion passed unanimously.
 - Scott's motion to support the **5th St NE bikeway upgrades** passed unanimously.
 - A motion to support the **40th St W bikeway** upgrade passed unanimously, as did support for the new **bikeway on 24th St W**.
 - **North Loop Paving/Pedestrian – ACTION**
 - Project mostly for pedestrians; not much bicycle facility.
 - Scott's motion to support the project passed unanimously.
 - **U of M Protected Bikeways – ACTION**
 - Simon Blenski presented this project in detail to the Subcommittee.
 - Chris elaborated on the project.
 - Project has 2 sections of protected bikeway.
 - Pair of 1-way protected lanes on 15th Av SE; parking removed.
 - Other section is a 2-way protected lane down 10th Ave S and across the bridge.
 - Project is at 30% so now is a good time for input.
 - Robin pointed out there are good connections on both ends since it connects to the NE diagonal trail and the new Hiawatha LRT trail.
 - The motion to support the project passed unanimously.
 - **Additional Motions – ACTIONS**
 - The rest of the meeting was chaired by Paul Frenz.
 - Robin presented 3 motions provided by Matthew Hendricks.
 - Robin presented a motion about improving bike lanes on 5th Av downtown.
 - Both 5th Ave and 3rd St are on the bike map.
 - Reducing travel lanes on **5th Ave** provides room for a bike lane and buffer.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - A motion to restore bike lanes on **5th Ave S** downtown passed unanimously as did a motion to explore a **2-way bikeway** on a N/S street west of the Hiawatha LRT.
3. **2016 American Community Survey (ACS) Data Update** presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl
- According to the latest survey, bike modeshare dropped from 5 to 3.7%.
 - The people commuting by car remained constant; transit, working at home and “other” increased; walking remained the same.
 - ACS uses census data.
 - Robin said there is a large margin of error.
4. **Announcements**
- Hilary L: The next 5E Subcommittee meeting will discuss Education.
 - Matthew D: A few people still need to do Ethics Training. He will send you the email link.

- Matthew D: If you see a BAC Agenda item about a project your employer is working on, be sure to fill out the Conflict of Interest form.
- Scott S: encourages people to check out the pilot project of a new treatment on 7th St & Chicago Ave. Share your opinions on 3-1-1.
- Phil L for Sarah S: the Health Dept is advertising several positions. One will be to focus on biking and walking at Cedar/Riverside; info session at Cedar/Riverside 3 pm, Tues Oct 3.
- Jenny B: Oct 4 is International Walk to School Day; lots of schools and students participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner