

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Borgen, Jenny Bordon, Bill Dooley, Tony Drollinger, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyr Dahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Nick Mason, Tyler Pederson, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Elissa Schufman, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Steve Elmer (excused), Matthew Hendricks (excused), Hilary Lovelace (excused), Nathan Pentz (excused), Greg Sautter, Scott Snelling (excused), Sarah Stewart

Others Present: Simon Blenski, Millicent Flowers, Virginie Nadimi, Frances Stevenson

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Oak Street Protected Bikeway** project (Phase 2) as presented.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the current design for a **1-way protected bikeway on 4th Street** and buffers added to the bike lane on 3rd Street, and encourages improvement of the connection to the Hiawatha Trail from 3rd Street. We anticipate that when 3rd Street is reconstructed in the near future, the 1-way bikeway on 3rd Street will be protected.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee thanks the City and Hennepin County for the presentation on the **Hennepin Avenue/1st Avenue NE Transportation Study** and resurfacing project and supports bike lanes on Hennepin Avenue from Nicollet Island north to the project limits.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda was unanimously approved. The October Minutes will be approved next month.

1. **Sensors on Metro Transit Bus Bike Racks** led by Tony Drollinger
 - Project started last year to help bicyclists know whether the bike racks on an approaching bus are available.
 - An automated system would be needed – to collect info without involving bus drivers.
 - Vancouver buses have sensors on the bike rack hinge, recording when up and down.
 - The Tech Systems group within Metro Transit worked with a vendor to design an electronic system to record when bike racks are full in real time in a way that could be shared with people and be archived.
 - A pilot project for 23 buses was funded: all A Line ABRT vehicles + 8 more (only 3 buses in Minneapolis).
 - System uses sensors with 2 magnets that record when they are separated.

- System records route, time of day, bus # and stop when bike rack is used.
- Wires travel through the bus bumper connecting to a radio cabinet behind the driver.
- Early results from May and June, 2017 were presented.
- Data available in real time. Shows where people boarded and average distance travelled.
- Next step: identify funding so program can be expanded to all buses.
- Question: how to make info available to users: on sign at bus stop?
- Goal to incorporate bike sensor data into mobile and desktop interfaces.
- Richard asked how they will know when people can't board because rack is full?
- They will see patterns of use as data is accumulated.
- Maximum possible number of racks/bus would be 3.
- Could add more stationary bike racks at high use bus stops.
- Chris L asked about correlating usage with weather.
- Real time data could also track whether wheelchair spot is occupied and how full bus is.

2. **Historic Streets – Access Minneapolis Update** led by Virginie Nadimi

- Public Works is gearing up to revise Access Minneapolis, the city's transportation policy.
- Meanwhile, amendment defining historic streets as a street design type and updating the city's design guidelines for streets and sidewalks to include historic streets.
- Short term amendments needed to support upcoming projects such as N Loop.
- Around 20 or so streets identified to be designated Historic Streets.
- Updated design guidelines would include reducing travel lane widths.
- 10 streets identified to be restored and preserved.
- 7 streets identified for historic salvage; streets that are badly deteriorated, where restoration not feasible. 4 of these streets are in NE Minneapolis; 3 in N.
- Amendment going to Transportation and Public Works for approval on Nov 28.

3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Chris Linde – ***ACTIONS***

- **Oak Street Protected Bikeway Phase 2 – ACTION**
 - Improvements include a floating bus stop, bikeway protected with concrete curbs, and making pedestrian crossings at Delaware perpendicular.
 - Chris presented a motion to support the project and study making the curbs mountable.
 - Matthew D said staff discussed mountable curbs and advise against it.
 - Following discussion, mountable curbs were removed from motion.
 - Nick said we should have a future discussion about where mountable curbs make sense.
 - The revised motion passed unanimously.
- **4th Street Reconstruction – ACTION**
 - City recommending 1-way bikeway for better connections with side streets.
 - 3rd St will get a mill & overlay and a buffer will be added to its bike lane.
 - The City will explore a 2-way connection to Hiawatha Trail.
 - Chris presented a motion to support this design.
 - Robin said the best option for the future would be protection on both 3rd and 4th.
 - The motion was amended to include future hopes for 3rd St and was passed unanimously.

- **Hennepin Avenue/1st Avenue NE County Resurfacing – ACTION**
 - City working with other parties on redesign.
 - Hennepin Co doing concrete repairs on Hennepin from the bridge to 8th St SE.
 - Jordan K said that while there have been studies on significantly improving Hennepin and 1st in the future, this is just a basic concrete repair project.
 - Chris presented a motion to support the restriping of bike lanes in this project.
 - The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Jordan Kocak.
- **Upper Harbor Terminal – Preliminary Master Plan**
 - Early presentation on possible plans for this area.
 - Area is isolated by river and highway, so plan includes improving access.
 - Matthew D urged us to follow this project closely since it includes an important gap in the river bike trail.

4. **Hennepin County Budget** led by Nick Mason

- A coalition of organizations is encouraging the County to increase funding for bicycling and pedestrians in the upcoming budget.
- Nick considered making a motion, but instead urged us to reach out to our County Commissioners to let them know we support increased bike/ped funding.
- Increased funding is needed to implement the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans.

5. **Meeting Time Survey** led by Nick Mason

- Nick previously sent out a PDF of the survey results; 16 people responded to the survey.
- Most people said the current time works best for them; no other time worked better.
- Executive Committee recommending that for now, we keep the current time.
- Speak to Nick if you think the data should be interpreted differently.
- Some interest in a call-in option, so that should be pursued.
- Nick suggested the issue be raised again at the outset of the next term and a meeting time question could be included in applications.

6. **Announcements**

- Robin G: pointed out that some appointing authorities changed after the November election. People should reach out to them if they want to stay on the BAC.
- Wes D: upcoming Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan Open Houses to present proposals: Dec 2, Dec 5, Dec 9 & Dec 11, and opportunity for online input after Nov 20. Go to website: Minneapolis2040.com
- Jenny B: \$33 million shortfall in Minneapolis Public Schools budget. The City is taking suggestions from citizens about cutting the budget.
- Juana S: Next 5E Subcommittee meeting on Dec 7 will include discussion of Vision Zero. Subcommittee might also discuss meeting at a different time.
- Matthew D: Open Streets on Dec 16, 11 am – 5 pm, downtown on Nicollet Mall.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner