

To: Minneapolis City Council
Minneapolis Public Works

From: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: February 3, 2016

Subject: 26th & 28th St Pedestrian Improvement Redesign

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Background:

In 2015, concrete medians were installed at several locations along the new E 26th and E 28th Street protected bikeways, acting as both an intersection protection for cyclists as well as a pedestrian refuge island. Minneapolis Public Works removed these in late 2015 due to plowing constraints. Minneapolis Public Works is planning to install new calming infrastructure at the same intersections (26th and Bloomington Ave, 28th and Bloomington, Park, and Portland Avenues) in the spring of 2016, and presented several possibilities to the PAC, with the recommended design being a curb bump-out on the far-side of the protected bikeway.

Recommendation of the PAC:

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee supports the design of the bump-outs as proposed. While the crossing distance is larger than the median refuge islands presented, it mitigates potential conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists within the protected bikeways while still calming motor vehicle traffic and reducing the crossing distance relative to the pre-bikeway street cross section.

Given the anticipated rollout of protected bikeway facilities over the coming years, the PAC is eager to work with Public Works to proactively come up with a protected bikeway intersection treatment that works for both people on bikes, pedestrians, and all city services (such as plowing and maintenance).