

# **Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**

## **Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 4 PM – 6 PM**

### **[Online Meeting via Microsoft Teams]**

**Members Present:** John Barobs, Jennifer Bordon, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Janice Gepner, Heather Gillich, Kadence Hampton, Matthew Hendricks, Jordan Kocak, Kyle Larson, Chris Linde, Nick Mason, Dan Miller, Tyler Pederson, Arman Rajaeian (for Tony Drollinger), Elissa Schufman, Aaron Shaffer, Jesse Thorsen, Georgianna Yantos

**Members Absent:** Richard Anderson, Dan Boody (excused), Robin Garwood (excused), Liz Johnston, Jaime Makepeace, Greg Sautter,

**Others Present:** Millicent Flowers, Joshua Houdek, Chris Kartheiser

### **Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee resolves that the **University and Fourth Bikeway** improvements project must prioritize safety by (a) creating a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of University Avenue, with a first preference for an at-grade, physically protected bikeway, and second preference for a sidewalk-grade physically protected bikeway, and with specific consideration for protected intersection design options (a combination of geometric changes and signalization) for the two-way bicycle operation, especially signalized intersections and by (b) reducing both University Avenue and 4th Street to two motorized travel lanes to encourage legal and safe travel speeds throughout this corridor. In working towards meeting City and University climate change and sustainability goals, this corridor should prioritize walking, biking and transit over vehicle level of service.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Hennepin Avenue South** project with our preferences as follows: our first choice is two one-way bike lanes on Hennepin and our second choice would be a two-way bike facility on Hennepin. We would like to thank the City for including us in this early stage of the process.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Lyndale Avenue N Safety Improvements** project as presented. The BAC strongly recommends adding bollards along the route and especially at the Broadway intersection.
4. To support the Park Board Master Plan process and in the interest of improving diverse use and access to the parks, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly recommends a dedicated bicycle facility along the entire length of the **Franklin Ave W** project, including a connection to the north end of Lake of the Isles.

### **Summaries of Discussions**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The July Minutes were unanimously approved with abstentions from Steve E and Jordan K.

#### **1. Welcome to new Minneapolis Park Board Members led by Nick Mason.**

We welcomed two new Park Board citizen members, Kadence Hampton and Kyle Larson.

## **2. Recognition of Joshua Houdek, outgoing member presented by Nick Mason**

Joshua will be leaving the BAC after 10 years as a Park Board member.

Nick thanked Joshua for his service as a member.

## **3. Protocol for contributing to meetings when you're absent presented by Nick Mason**

In depth discussion on issues happen at Subcommittee meetings so it's important for members to attend at least one per month.

If you want to provide input but can't make it to a meeting, one option is to email your comments to all members.

Another option is to ask a member who will be present to share your comments.

Shared comments should be brief.

Elissa S suggested you check with Subcommittee Chairs for help finding someone to be present.

## **4. 5E Subcommittee Report presented by Elissa Schufman**

### **Vision Zero Update**

Ethan Fawley provided the update to the Subcommittee.

New speed limit signs are up on City streets.

The City is hoping to improve 20 intersections identified on the High Injury Network.

The City is the process of updating its Street Design Guide. The BAC should be able to provide input.

### **CIP Update Highlights**

\$1 million provided for Vision Zero in 2021 and 2022. That's a big improvement.

Funding for Phase 1 of the Northside Greenway was included.

We appreciated that specific explanations were provided in response to BAC suggestions.

**Open Conversation and Social Time** was a good way to end the Subcommittee meeting. We'll continue to build this in.

## **5. Engineering Subcommittee Report presented by Chris Linde – *ACTIONS***

### **Osseo Road Reconstruction**

Extent of project is from Penn Ave N to 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

Goals of the project are to reduce speeding and improve pedestrian safety.

Multi-use trails are planned for both sides of the street.

Project now at 0%; we'll make a motion when it's at 30%.

Dan M reported that the project has a good website with a survey which may close soon.

He wants us to ensure that the trail is well marked for bikes.

### **University Avenue/4<sup>th</sup> St SE Bikeway – *ACTION***

Extent of this project near the U is from 35W to Oak St.

\$5.5 million in regional solicitation funds will be used.

Plans to be completed in early 2021 for construction in 2022.

Tentative plan includes 1-way protected bike facilities on both University and 4<sup>th</sup>.

The BAC prefers a 2-way protected bike facility on University.

Matthew H presented a motion stating our preferences.

Robin felt strongly that leaving 3 travel lanes would be a big mistake given the City's climate action goals.

There was discussion in the Subcommittee about the fact that even if the facility on University is meant for 1-way, it will be used in both directions anyway.

Important to make sure intersections are safe and that bike facility is well designed.

3 BRT (E line) Stops are planned and plan shouldn't have them stopping in bike lane.

Jordan K said that traffic modeling showed 3 lanes needed to prevent congestion.

The motion was slightly revised to include climate wording and passed unanimously with abstentions from Jesse T and Jordan K.

#### **Hennepin Avenue S Update – *ACTION***

Extent of project is from Lake St north to Douglas Ave.

The City presented four options for bike facilities: Bryant Ave only, Hybrid #1: Bryant from Franklin to 24<sup>th</sup> to Hennepin and south on Hennepin, Hybrid #2: Bryant from Franklin to 26<sup>th</sup> to Hennepin and south on Hennepin, or along Hennepin.

Suggested bike facility on Hennepin was a 2-way bike lane on the east side.

Chris presented a motion with our preference for bike lanes on Hennepin.

Matthew H said that it's important to have a bike lane on Hennepin to be consistent with City policies, such as Complete Streets.

The motion was amended and passed unanimously with abstentions from Jesse T and Arman R.

#### **Lyndale Ave N Safety Improvements – *ACTION***

Section from just N of Plymouth to just N of Broadway.

Project is a 4 to 3 conversion with buffered bike lanes.

Chris L presented a motion to support the project as suggested.

There was discussion on whether the project included bollards and bollards were added to the motion.

The amended motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Jesse T.

#### **W Franklin Avenue Restriping Project – *ACTION***

Project is from Hennepin to Oliver Ave S and is now at 0%.

Project presents an opportunity for a bike lane.

Aaron S is on the Cedar Lake/Isles CAC and said that one of their main goals was for the parks to be more accessible to people from all parts of the City.

He said Franklin is a gateway to the Lakes from the eastern parts of the City, and a bicycle facility on Franklin could be important.

His motion recommending a bicycle facility on Franklin passed unanimously with abstentions from Jesse T and Kadence H.

#### **W 31<sup>st</sup> Street Pedestrian Safety Project**

Project is at Dupont and Emerson and is currently at 0%.

Temporary bumpouts will be replaced by larger permanent bumpouts.

#### **6. Announcements**

Millicent F provided the "Oath of Office" to Heather G, John B, Jesse T and Steve E. She will send them and the City Clerk notarized copies.

Dan M: there's a new bicycle facility on 37<sup>th</sup> Ave between Central and University.

Nick M: encouraged people to sign up for the BikeMN virtual Classic.

Nick M: thanked Tyler P for improvements to the project on Hiawatha.

Jordan K: encouraged people to take Hennepin County's survey on the pilot project on Glenwood that includes mumble strips separating bikes and cars.

Chris K: told people to sign up to volunteer for bike/pedestrian counts during the week of Sept 14, from Tues – Thurs. He'll send out a form for signing up.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner