

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4 PM

Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Dan Boody, Jennifer Bordon, Tony Drollinger, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyr Dahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Heather Gillich, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Nick Mason, Dan Miller, Tyler Pederson, Elissa Schufman, Aaron Shaffer, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Barga, John Barobs, Liz Johnston, Chris Linde (excused), Jaime Makepeace, Greg Sautter, Emily Smoak (excused), Anthony Taylor

Others Present: Joe Bernard, Millicent Flowers, Liz Heyman, Chris Hong, Ethan Johnson, Amy Morgan, Mike Samuelson, Emily Wade

Action

The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the city's **Regional Solicitation Applications** list as presented.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The December Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Regional Solicitation Applications** presented by Mike Samuelson – **ACTION**

- Regional Solicitation happens every two years.
- It's the process for distributing federal funds via the Met Council.
- The projects on the current list are for construction in 2024 & 2025.
- Applications are due in April. Projects are approved in summer/fall.
- Design and engineering plans happen 1-3 years before construction.
- City chooses projects based on citywide policies, asset condition, filling gaps, and geographic distribution.
- Projects on the current list include the following:
 - Johnson St at I-94 near The Quarry; working with MnDOT to fix intersection.
 - Hennepin & Dunwoody: to connect bikeways to new LRT Station.
 - I-94 Bridge at Augsburg
 - Safe Routes to School project near Green Central Elementary School
 - Pedestrian project at 24th St, 26th St & 28th St on high injury network.
 - 42nd St reconstruction from Nicollet to Cedar
 - Nicollet reconstruction from Minnehaha Pkwy to 61st St.
 - Safe Routes to Schools: 34th St from 3rd Ave to 10th Ave and 10th Ave from 34th St to Midtown Greenway.

- Project to enhance ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems, to improve things like signal timing and video camera detection.
- Jordan said that the County also applies for projects in Minneapolis.
- Robin presented a motion to support the list as presented.
- The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Steve E and Elissa S.

2. **Queen Avenue Bicycle Boulevard** presented by Amy Morgan

- This was an Update on this federally funded project to be constructed in 2021.
- The Bike Blvd extends from Bassett's Creek Park north to 44th Ave N.
- In addition to Bassett's Creek Park, it connects to Willard Park, Cleveland Park, Lucy Laney School and other bikeways.
- Timeline: currently initial design concept; redesign in Feb based on feedback; March layout approval by City Council; detailed design in the summer/fall.
- Includes some bike blvd, some trail, some medians, a few traffic circles and a flashing beacon at Golden Valley Rd.
- Focus was to make major intersections safer for bikes and peds.
- Plan includes the following:
 - Contraflow bikeway along Queen from Olson Memorial Hwy to Golden Valley Road; it will be 2-way for bikes.
 - At Broadway: Left turns prohibited from Broadway onto Penn in both directions; 2-way bikeway on McNair; protected bikeway on Broadway for one block back to Queen.
 - At Lowry: 4 to 3 conversion on Lowry between Oliver and Queen with large bike lane buffers; open median at Queen.
- There was discussion on preventing cars from using bike buffer on Lowry for turns.
- Resolution should wait until next month when they return with revised plan.
- Dan M asked about timeline for Park Board connections where blvd goes through parks.
- Connections are on Park Board Master Plan, but funding not yet approved.
- Plan has blvd detouring one block east to cross Olson Memorial Hwy at Penn; discussion on how people will probably try to cross at Queen.
- Discussion of beacon at Golden Valley Road; will crossing be safe?
- Dan M asked about providing a safe connection at Broadway to Great Northern Greenway.
- Nick M summarized our concerns: getting people ready for busy intersections, other options at Golden Valley Rd, better solutions for the Olson Memorial Hwy crossing, possible unsafe turns at Lowry, and winter maintenance especially through parks.
- Tyler P asked that the design team talk with the Park Board. Park Money might be available in 2023.

3. **Annual Report to Transportation & Public Works** presented by Nick Mason

- This was our annual report to the City Council, done jointly with the PAC.
- Matt D will send us a link to the video of the presentation.
- Nick quickly went through the slide show presented to the Council.
- In addition to successes of the past year, the report also emphasized the hard work ahead in implementing city policies.
- The beginning of the report recognized Don Pflaum and Sarah Stewart for their work.
- Some of our biggest challenges are Hennepin County projects.
- Council President Bender added that we are getting behind other cities.

4. Announcements

- Elissa S: announcement from Emma P calling for volunteers for the Park Board CAC Selection Committee. Applicants must be available Feb 25 and Feb 27. Let Elissa know if you'd like to be the BAC rep. If no one else volunteers, Elissa will be our rep on the Selection Committee.
- Dan B: Update on the Police Department Vision Zero task force work group. It will be tasked with developing outcomes, metrics and best emerging practices for Vision Zero based traffic enforcement. Dan is on work group plus BAC and PAC members will be involved. They will meet monthly in 2020 to come up with recommendations in the fall.
- Jenny B: Feb 5 is Public Schools Winter Walk Day.
- Robin G: BAC Membership is changing. 2 new Park Board members will start in June and we still need members from Wards 4 and 10.
- Nick M: Registration is open for the 2020 Minnesota Bike/Walk Summit on March 5. Maria Gonzales will be there. Our policy bill passed the House but stalled in the final bill. There are also several additional initiatives to work on.
- Dan M: The Governor's bonding bill includes something for the Grand Rounds and the 26th Ave N Overlook so we should work to support those items.
- Matt D: announcement from Mackenzie: applications are due tomorrow for a Senior Transportation Planner working on bicycling.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner