

Bicycle Advisory Committee Resolution

To: Minneapolis City Council, Minneapolis Public Works

From: Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee

Date: November 18, 2020

Subject: University/Central PEL (MnDOT)

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The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the MnDOT University/Central Planning and Environmental Linkage study on how to mitigate excessive speeds, unsafe, dated and overbuilt road design which are barriers to pedestrian and bicycle use. We urge the study to expand beyond limited intersection study areas to consider significant issues especially along the study's Minneapolis roadway segments 4 and 8. The PEL study should give careful consideration to the City of Minneapolis 2040 plan and within it the draft Transportation Action Plan, All Ages and Abilities network, Street Design, Vision Zero and climate change goals.

Furthermore, we believe much can be learned from testing by realigning road markings, to create 4-to-3 lane conversions, buffered bike lanes and shorter pedestrian crossings that can inform fully programmed future road projects. Using the MnDOT Demonstration Project Implementation Guide as a reference, we ask that City staff identify demonstration projects along University Ave and Central Ave and work with community partners and MnDOT Metro District Staff to implement such projects in 2021.

Project Page: <https://www.universitycentralvision.com/welcome>