

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Members Present:** Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Joe Bernard, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Tyler Pederson, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

**Members Absent:** Jenny Borden, Bill Dooley (excused), Robin Garwood (excused), Joshua Houdek (excused), Nathan Pentz, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval (excused), Elissa Schufman, Peter Wagenius

**Others Present:** Ethan Fawley, David Gepner, Mae Hanzlik, Hōkan, Connor Phelan, Kurt Wayne

**Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **2017 sealcoat and resurfacing bikeway projects** with the following clarifications:
  - The BAC strongly prefers dedicated buffered bike lanes that are uninterrupted in both directions on the **38<sup>th</sup> Street E** project.
  - The BAC asks Public Works to examine signal timing at Hennepin on the **8<sup>th</sup> Street SE** bikeway project.
  - The BAC would like further traffic calming treatments to be applied to the **42<sup>nd</sup> & 43<sup>rd</sup> Street** bike boulevard proposal in the future.
  - The BAC recommends examining the feasibility of a bike box treatment at **Richfield Road and William Berry Parkway**.
  - All other bikeway projects are supported as proposed.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that the bicycle facility layout of **Washington Ave S** from 5<sup>th</sup> St S to 35W be restriped as a parking-protected bicycle facility.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to move forward with the list of **Recommendations for the 2018-2022 CIP** (see APPENDIX) and note that we would like to see the Protected Bikeway Plan continue to be funded at at least the current level.

**Summaries of Discussions**

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

1. **2017 BAC Calendar** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl
  - Matthew distributed Calendars.

- All full BAC meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday except for November and December.
- Some meetings shifted when the month starts on a Thursday.
- Calendar will be up on the website.

2. **5E Subcommittee** Report presented by Hilary Lovelace

- **BAC Work Plan**
  - Homework assigned for action plans for 4E's besides Enforcement.
  - Action plans will be based on brainstorming by full BAC.
  - Forward suggestions to Hilary or Juana.
- **Minneapolis Complete Streets Policy Overview**
  - Nathan Koster provided an overview to the Subcommittee.
  - Implementation still evolving.
  - Subcommittee discussed Checklist.
- **Minneapolis Bicycle Citations and Arrests Report**
  - Melody Hoffmann and Anneka Kmiecik presented study they did for Coalition.
  - Some bicycle stops show strong disproportionate racial element.
  - They will be updating report soon.

3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Ciara Schlichting – *ACTIONS*

- **Resurfacing/Sealcoat Bikeway Projects – ACTION**
  - 38<sup>th</sup> St W: 2 block segment; postponed until 38<sup>th</sup> St E is done.
  - 42<sup>nd</sup>/43<sup>rd</sup> Ave Bikeway: few changes since last reviewed; would like to see traffic calming and intersection treatments in the future.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> St SE: few changes since last reviewed; would like bike signal detection at Hennepin.
  - Richfield Rd/39<sup>th</sup> St Bikeway: bike lane proposed; bike box needed.
  - Bloomington Av: buffered bike lane preferred if parking can be removed.
  - 38<sup>th</sup> St E: buffered bike lane proposed. Discussed parking demand near Riverview Theatre.
  - 60<sup>th</sup> St S: standard bike lane proposed.
  - Ciara presented a motion to support the projects with suggestions.
  - Paul Frenz said curb cuts are needed at Bloomington Ave and E 54<sup>th</sup> St to access bike path around Lake Nokomis.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Hiawatha LRT Gap**
  - Gap for bikes from 28<sup>th</sup> St to 32<sup>nd</sup> St.
  - Simon Blenski presented early stage of 2018 project to fill gap to Subcommittee.
  - Matthew Hendricks said plan will improve connection from Midtown Greenway to 32<sup>nd</sup> St on the E side of Hiawatha.
  - Matthew H. shared 3 possible design improvements: make Lake St Crossing safer by making it narrower, add greenspace and narrow ramp to improve buffer and slow cars, and improve pedestrian crossing of Hiawatha at 32<sup>nd</sup> St.
  - We would like Simon to return to Subcommittee as plans develop.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Street South**
  - Downtown from freeway ramp to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
  - Early planning stage of reconstruction project.

- Subcommittee preferred no gap and suggested consider bikeway at curb level.
- **Washington Avenue South Bike Lanes – ACTION**
  - County project. Not a reconstruction.
  - Continue buffered bike lanes from project at 5<sup>th</sup> Av S to 35W.
  - Ultimate goal would be a protected bike facility.
  - Issue: would on street buffered bike lanes be comfortable with high volumes of traffic?
  - Ciara presented a motion to ask the County to consider a design with a parking protected facility.
  - Jordan said the County is concerned about jamming too much in limited space.
  - Matthew D said parking protection doesn't change the space needed.
  - Hōkan said bikes must be visible at intersections.
  - Nick said it could work if the details are done correctly.
  - The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Jordan Kocak.
- **Minneapolis 2016 Bikeway Accomplishments** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl
  - Matthew presented a slideshow of the 2016 bikeway additions and upgrades within Minneapolis.
  - There were 16 miles of new or improved protected bikeways and bike lanes.
  - The presentation included pictures and details on each of these segments.
  - Green zebra stripes at intersections are becoming standard practice.
  - Matthew highlighted some innovative new experiments such as the pilot floating bike lane at 7<sup>th</sup> St N, the 29<sup>th</sup> St W “public shared street,” the N Mpls Greenway Pilot and a new bike counter at Franklin Ave Bridge.

4. **CIP Bikeway Recommendations** led by Matthew Dyrdaahl – **ACTION**

- Small group met to come up with Draft list (see APPENDIX).
- Projects are not prioritized – no particular order.
- Capital Long-range Improvement Committee (CLIC) reports and budget requests are publicly available online.
- Our suggestions go to Public Works; then to CLIC; CLIC scores and ranks and recommends to Mayor; Mayor presents to City Council.
- Process starts in January for action in December; then starts again.
- Discussed projects on list in APPENDIX.
- Bridge/River/Rail category there to be ready for opportunities.
- Georgianna pointed out that N Mpls should be included in Great Northern Greenway Gaps.
- Ethan Fawley emphasized the importance of continuing Protected Bikeway Funding beyond the 5 years of CIP.
- Georgianna presented a motion to approve the draft list noting we would like to see funding for protected bikeways continue at at least the current level.
- The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Task Forces on Signals & Detours/Closures** led by Matthew Dyrdaahl – **ACTION**

- Nick said Lindsey Wallace will soon send an email asking for volunteers for joint PAC/BAC task forces on these to topics.

- Public Works staff needed, time frame and expected outcome will be discussed at first meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.

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## **APPENDIX: Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Project Recommendations for 2018-2022 CIP**

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### **New Program**

- Develop a new bicycle boulevard capital program

### **Protected Bike Lanes**

- Make improvements to existing protected bikeways (East River Trail connection to Oak St, for example)
- 26<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> St W (Portland Ave S to Hennepin Ave)
- Plymouth Ave N (Lyndale Ave N to Fremont Ave N)
- Oak St SE/University Ave SE Bikeway (10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to Washington Avenue)
- Grant Street E (12<sup>th</sup> St S to Willow St)

### **Safe Routes to School**

- 29<sup>th</sup> Ave South Bike Boulevard (extension to Minnehaha Avenue)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue N Bike Boulevard (Aldrich Ave N to Xerxes Ave N)
- Presidents Bike Boulevard Enhancements – (E Hennepin Ave and a shared use path along E Hennepin between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and Pierce St NE)
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> St W – (Improve street crossings, particularly routes to Whittier and Jefferson Schools)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ave NE BB (Central to Stinson Pkwy)
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE BB (Central to Stinson Pkwy)

### **Stand Alone Connections (Mostly Trails)**

- Great Northern Greenway Gaps in N and NE Minneapolis (formerly known as the 18<sup>th</sup> Ave Protected Bikeway)
- East River Trail (Bridge 9 to Stone Arch Bridge)
- Prospect Park Trail
- Cedar Ave S (Hiawatha Trail to Franklin Ave E)

### **Bridge/River/Subject to Active Rail Operations**

- Mississippi River Crossing (18th Ave NE to 26th Ave N)
- Midtown Greenway Phase Four (River Crossing)
- Central and Upper Riverfront gaps
- Grand Rounds missing link