

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Nathan Pentz, Ann Postera, Ciara Schlichting

Members Absent: Jenny Borden, Bill Dooley (excused), Steve Elmer, Tyler Pederson, Juana Sandoval (excused), Greg Sautter, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart (excused), Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Others Present: Billy Binder, Ethan Fawley, Alexis Pennie, Kurt Wayne

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee approved the following **Work Plan for Engineering**:
 1. Encourage the City and partner agencies to consistently use the best available guidance and build capacity in designing bikeway projects, particularly at intersections, bus stops, and curb-level bikeways.
 2. Identify opportunities in capital projects that improve connections to planned or existing bikeways.
 3. Coordinate with the City and partner agencies to ensure that the BAC will have a meaningful opportunity to review all bikeway projects in Minneapolis at the appropriate time.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Emerson & Fremont Protected Bikeway Project**. The BAC would like Public Works to explore the potential costs of adding curb stops with flexible posts as the vertical protection element of this bikeway where applicable. The BAC also recommends the following intersection modifications:
 - at N 7th, Plymouth and Emerson, implement 2-stage turn queue box,
 - at Plymouth and Fremont, provide a left turn bike lane between the left turn motor vehicle lane and the through/right turn motor vehicle lane, and
 - at Broadway and Fremont, provide a double buffer on the bike lane.
3. For the **bikeway layout** proposed for **Glenwood Avenue** between Aldrich and Xerxes Avenues North, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the removal of parking on one side in areas to provide a dedicated bicycle facility in both directions.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that Hennepin County reduce vehicle lane widths adjacent to the proposed **Glenwood Avenue bikeway** to 10 feet and use that space to maximize consistent buffered bike lanes on both sides along the entire corridor,

using existing gutter pan space where possible, and if possible, install flexible posts in the bike lane buffer on the side without parking.

5. For the **Hennepin Avenue South Reconstruction** Project, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports concept 1A from Lake Street to 31st Street and Concept 2A from 31st Street to 36th Street with 10-foot travel lanes and a 6-foot bicycle lane.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **3rd Avenue/Central Avenue Protected Bikeway** concept as presented.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and February Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **5E Subcommittee** presented by Hilary Lovelace – ***ACTION***
 - **Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Update**
 - Attend April 1 conference for an opportunity to be involved.
 - Draft policy sent out; send comments.
 - **Results Minneapolis: Transportation Equity Report**
 - Looking for ways to measure inclusion of equity principles in decisions.
 - Hilary is going to a meeting in April and will report back.
 - Kurt provided handouts on findings so far.
 - **Engineering Subcommittee Goals for the BAC Work Plan – *ACTION***
 - Ciara presented a motion of Engineering goals for Work Plan.
 - Motion mentions most challenging design issues specifically.
 - It has been useful to have multiple opportunities for input.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Implementing the BAC Work Plan** presented by Hilary Lovelace
 - Please send Juana input on the Comprehensive Plan before tomorrow PM.
 - 5E Subcommittee now working on achieving Work Plan goals.
 - Next 5E meeting will discuss Enforcement & Evaluation.
3. **Engineering Subcommittee** presented by Ciara Schlichting – ***ACTIONS***
 - **Emerson Ave N/Fremont Ave N Protected Bikeway – *ACTION***
 - Converting bike lanes to protected and moving to left side of the road to not conflict with buses and future BRT.
 - Subcommittee spent a lot of time discussing intersections.
 - Intersection of N 7th, Plymouth and Emerson: need to transition to continue straight and bike box needed for left hand turn.
 - Discussion of options including a bike signal, mixing zones, good signage.
 - Nick emphasized the importance of getting this intersection right.
 - T-intersection at Fremont & Plymouth: shared left hand turn lane for bikes and cars.

- Intersection of Broadway & Fremont: suggestion to buffer bike lane on both sides.
- Ciara presented a motion to support the project with specific intersection suggestions.
- Matthew Dyr Dahl said that staff were comfortable with suggested changes.
- The motion passed unanimously.
- **Glenwood Ave N Bikeway from Aldrich Ave N to Xerxes Ave N – ACTIONS**
 - Resurfacing project that removes parking on one side so there can be dedicated bike facilities on both sides of the street.
 - Neighborhood association met and passed a motion.
 - The Subcommittee supported the removal of parking to provide bike lanes.
 - Suggestion to widen buffer so that flex posts can be added.
 - Posts will help prevent people from parking and passing in the bike lane.
 - Suggestion to make bike lanes 1 ft narrower to provide buffer in both directions.
 - Robin suggested reducing travel lanes from 11 ft to 10 ft instead of reducing the bike lanes.
 - Discussion of the best strategies for safest bike lanes and reducing parking in bike lanes.
 - Jordan said that the County removes bollards in winter to enable plowing.
 - Nick emphasized the importance of consistent bike lanes through entire corridor.
 - Alexis said it was important to seize the opportunity for protected bike lanes.
 - Jordan asked that we break the motion into two motions: one to support the project and a second one with our suggested improvements.
 - Ciara's motion to support the removal of parking to provide bike lanes in both directions passed unanimously with one abstention from Jordan Kocak.
 - Nick's motion to support reducing driving lane widths to provide consistent bike lanes on both sides passed unanimously with an abstention from Jordan.
 - Agreement that parking in bike lanes and using bike lanes for passing is a problem. Ethan said there should be followup to assess these problems.
- **Hennepin Ave S from Lake St to 36th St – ACTION**
 - Full reconstruction from Lake St to 36th St in 2 segments.
 - 4 options presented for Lake to 31st: Subcommittee preferred Concept 1A, the option with dedicated bike lane, no parking and wide sidewalks.
 - 3 options presented for 31st to 36th: Subcommittee preferred Concept 2A with dedicated bikeways in both directions, parking on the east side and enhanced Bus Stops.
 - Concept 2A included 10 ft travel lanes and 6 ft bike lanes.
 - Ciara's motion to support Concepts 1A and 2A respectively passed unanimously.
- **3rd Ave S/Central Ave SE Protected Bikeway – ACTION**
 - Interim extension of bike way to reduce road width proposed.
 - Extends bikeway north to University.
 - Ciara's motion to support the bikeway project passed unanimously.
 - Robin asked if the PAC has seen this project since the bikeway will help pedestrians, too.

4. **National and Minnesota Bike Summits Recap** presented by Nick Mason.
 - The National Bike Summit included 400 people in Washington, DC.
 - The Minnesota delegation met with all 10 Minnesota representatives in Congress.
 - Two asks for the House: support bike/ped funding and Vision Zero support.
 - Senate ask: support bike/ped funding.
 - Minnesota Bike Summit took place last week with record attendance of over 150 people.
 - Increased representation from rural Minnesota.
 - New this year: Summit included breakout sessions in the afternoon.
 - Nick passed around a sample of the new Minnesota Bicycling Handbook.
 - It's free, downloadable, and includes tips for riding legally and safely.

5. **Detours Workgroup Update** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl & Robin Garwood.
 - Detours Workgroup met last week.
 - Workgroup discussed the obstruction permit system.
 - There are cost incentives to close sidewalks over travel lanes.
 - Workgroup had a conversation about when it would not be appropriate to allow closing.
 - Feedback needed about when standards are not being followed; 311 must take complaints about detours.
 - Complete Streets checklist can have a detour section.
 - More meetings planned with staff to find out what is reasonable.

6. **Announcements**
 - Nick Mason: He and Matthew D will be presenting the BAC Annual Report to TPW on Tuesday at 9:30. BAC members are welcome to join them. Presentation will include a tribute to Roy Hallanger and our Work Plan.
 - Matthew Dyrdaahl: City website for PAC and BAC has been updated and will include a section on Resolutions as well as Agendas and Minutes.
 - Nick: forwarded our resolutions on the Lakes to the Park Board and heard back from 3 Commissioners.
 - Joshua Houdek: 400 comments received on the bike master plan for Lakes.
 - Kurt Wayne: April 5 Roundtable. Let him know if you want to attend.
 - Ethan Fawley: Coalition Candidate Questionnaires being posted tomorrow. Bike to Work Day coming up on May 19 and May 10 Bike to School Day.
 - Robin Garwood: Washington Ave bikeway nearly finished but not yet open. Car lanes are often open before finished; we should come up with a policy on this at 5E.
 - Joshua: Open Streets dates and locations now posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.