

ATTACHMENT 1
Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Mackenzie Turner Borgen, Jenny Borden, Carrie Christiansen, Bill Dooley, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Tyler Pederson, Ann Postera, Ciara Schlichting, Elissa Schufman, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Richard Anderson (excused), Nathan Pentz, Juana Sandoval (excused), Greg Sautter, Scott Snelling, Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Ethan Fawley, Millicent Flowers, Kurt Wayne, Rachel

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the funding and creation of a **City of Minneapolis Bicycle Fleet** for city employees in 2018.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **18th Avenue NE Trail Gap** project as presented. In addition, the BAC would like to see Public Works address the geometry of the 18th Avenue, Adams Street, and Washington Street intersection and enhance wayfinding in future work.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **26th / 28th Street Protected Bikeway** layout. In intersections with right turn lanes, the BAC supports design options with angled-crossing mixing zones that minimize bicycle exposure to turning cars and carry the bike lane predictably through the intersection. The BAC would like to maximize the number of bollards per block and minimize the queueing distance for right turns per block. The BAC also supports the variance request by Public Works to allow for single lane one-way auto traffic on 26th and 28th streets as shown in the proposed layout.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **U of M Protected Bikeway Project** in concept.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee urges all stakeholders to approach the alternatives study for the proposed **University Ave SE and 4th Street SE protected bikeway** without preconceived support or opposition for either alternative. A two-way protected bikeway on University Ave SE may present unique design challenges, but it also may be the safest, most comfortable and most direct alternative for people on bikes.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and March Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **5E Subcommittee** presented by Hilary Lovelace – ***ACTION***

- **Minneapolis Bike Month Activities**
 - May is Bike Month.
 - There will be themed days, events, free bike lights.
 - Be a “Workplace Champion” by sharing info with co-workers.
- **Let’s Roll MPS** presented by Jenny Borden
 - It’s a 5 mile group bike ride sponsored by Minneapolis Public Schools.
 - Community members are invited to participate along with students and their families.
 - It’s on May 10 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm and starts at the Nutrition Center at 812 Plymouth Ave.
 - Wear Spandex and ride in the back to honor Roy Hallanger.
- **Minneapolis Greenways**
 - Matthew D said that in the near future, the city will consider how to define Greenways and prioritize them.
 - Several Greenways are being proposed/explored by residents.
 - Matthew H summarized the Southside Greenway currently being considered.
 - A resident will come to the 5E Subcommittee next month to discuss the Southside Greenway.
 - The Park Board has already put the route on their Southside Master Plan.
- **Updates: Community Connections Conference and Results Minneapolis**
 - Hilary provided brief updates on both meetings.
 - At the Community Connections Conference, she learned about streets funding and small groups discussed how to define transportation equity.
 - At the City Results meeting, staff discussed how to quantify equity and measure progress.
 - Tyler P said the Park Board is also working on equity and he can share their work with Kurt.
- **Enforcement**
 - Nick M will be taking the lead on pursuing our first two “actionable” goals: Events and Education. He will work on the “Ride With the Chief” and quick education at roll calls at each precinct.
 - Robin said it might be a good time to try again to get a police BAC rep.
- **Bike Fleet Survey and Focus Group Results – *ACTION***
 - Bharat Balyan provided an update for the Subcommittee on a city Bike Fleet proposal.
 - It would be a fleet for city employees to use for work related trips.
 - Next steps are determining how to make it happen and to get it in the 2018 budget.
 - Fleet services can’t meet warm weather demand for cars.
 - First step might be a pilot fleet of 10 bikes in downtown area for 2018.

- Biggest barrier is doing the work needed to start it up.
- Robin's motion to support the funding and creation of a City Bike Fleet passed unanimously with one abstention from Sarah Stewart.
- **Electric Vehicles on Trails**
 - Tim Donahue reached out to the Subcommittee to explore why Segways are allowed on nonmotorized trails.
 - Hilary talked to Public Works staff about this.
 - Main annoyances are Segway tours, not necessarily individuals on Segways.
 - Topic will be discussed at next month's 5E meeting.
- **Next month, May 11, at 5E: Encouragement**

2. **Engineering Subcommittee** presented by Ciara Schlichting – ***ACTIONS***

- **28th Avenue S Segment**
 - Reconstruction of a short, badly paved segment under 62 that connects the neighborhood to the airport, an MSP employee center and a dog park.
 - Main improvements are for pedestrians and travel lanes.
 - Bike lanes, not on City plan, on Hennepin County bike connections, could be useful for neighborhood and people who work at the airport.
 - Plan includes wide striped parking lanes that could be bike lanes in the future.
- **18th Avenue NE Trail Gap – ACTION**
 - Proposal to fill gap as part of the Great Northern Greenway.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the project with suggestions.
 - Early stage of project, so opportunity for more input later.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- **26th/28th Streets W Protected Bikeways – ACTION**
 - 1st phase extended to Portland; now considering extension to Hennepin Ave.
 - A couple of design options are being considered relating to right turn space.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the layout with our preferred turn option.
 - Matthew H said that in places without bollards, cars use bike lane space and bike lane feels less protected.
 - Maximizing bollards added to motion.
 - Robin suggested adding wording to minimize queuing space for right turns.
 - Amended motion passed unanimously.
- **University of Minnesota Protected Bikeways – ACTION**
 - Simon Blenski presented designs to the Subcommittee to connect U of M areas.
 - 2019 project mostly between curbs but some limited moving of curb.
 - Includes several segments: NE Diagonal Trail at E Hennepin to continue 2-way bikeway on 18th Ave, 1-way pairs on 15th Ave SE, 2-way protected bikeway from 5th St Bike Blvd at 10th St through 19th Ave S to 4th St to 20th Ave S.
 - More detail in coming months.
 - Robin made a motion to support this project.
 - The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Ciara.
- **University/4th Avenues SE Protected Bikeway Study – ACTION**
 - Simon provided an update to Subcommittee.
 - 1-way pairs and 2-way bike lanes on University are under consideration.
 - County concerned that 2-way bikeway might be too expensive.

- Robin presented a motion asking that both options continue to be considered.
 - The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Mackenzie, Ciara, Steve and Jordan.
3. **BAC Resolutions Process** presented by Kurt Wayne
- The BAC website is being revamped and now includes all of our resolutions.
 - Kurt wants to post our resolutions within a week of passage.
 - Janice was concerned that language in resolutions be approved before posting.
 - Kurt will project our resolutions on the screen during our meetings, so wording is set when motion is approved.
4. **Bikeways, Walking & Access Meeting Update** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl
- Matthew D provided an update from a meeting last night concerning ADA accessibility.
 - Input sought about new bikeway designs and impact on people with disabilities.
 - Matthew shared the PowerPoint presentation he used at the meeting which included accessible designs from other cities.
 - Discussed importance of predictable designs for people with visual impairment.
 - Ciara said research is needed on why Metro Mobility requires accessible parking.
 - Tyler said that the Park Board is working on this with a consultant.
 - Next steps: continue discussions.
5. **Announcements**
- Hilary: Greaserag fundraiser Saturday, May 6: showing documentary about Ovarian Psycos, an LA Latina bike community.
 - Nick distributed copies of the new Bicycling Handbook. You can order free copies.
 - Nick: thanked Matthew D and Greta on their presentations to the City Council.
 - Nick: thanked everyone plus Tyler for providing feedback on the Park Board plan for Lakes Harriet and Calhoun. Bike path in tunnel under Lake restored. At grade crossing at Lake removed but people working on putting that back. 2-way bike paths around lakes not dropped but needs further study.
 - Nick: he will follow up on vacancy for BAC Move Mpls representative.
 - Ethan Fawley: TC Bike to Work Day on May 19. Ask him for a packet to bring to work.
 - Joshua: rally May 16 about cuts to transit funding.
 - Joshua: new podcast “Here to There” about commuting,
 - Joshua: thanked Matthew and Public Works staff for bringing great proposals to CLIC.
 - Steve E: Met Council has an online “barriers crossing” study. Use the online wiki map tool to highlight problem barrier crossings and suggest new ones.
 - Mackenzie: Loring Greenway closed through May 4.
 - Nick: MN Bicycle Alliance Annual Meeting on Saturday. 3rd annual Bicycling Awards. Lifetime Achievement award going to Phyllis Kahn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner