

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee 2015 Report

Bicycle Advisory Committee Role

The role of the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is to promote both commuter and recreational bicycling, to advocate for bicycling infrastructure improvements, to encourage safe riding, and to involve people interested in bicycling issues throughout the city. The BAC functions as an advisory committee to the Mayor and City Council as well as the Park Board and serves as a liaison to people who bike, businesses, neighborhoods, other communities and agencies.

BAC Work Plan Priorities

The BAC membership conducted a visioning and work planning process in summer 2014 to identify its priorities for the city of Minneapolis bicycle program and plan that stretch across the 6 Es: Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, Equity, and Evaluation. The BAC also worked with the City in 2015 to apply to renew as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly Community.

BAC Summary of Policy Agenda Items – January 2015 through April 2016

- Recommends safety considerations when evaluating **CIP projects**
- Supports applications to the **Hennepin County Bikeway and Sidewalk Participation Program**
- Supports the draft **Protected Bikeway Update** to the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan
- Supports protected bike facilities in the **East Downtown Pedestrian Realm Augmentation Study**
- Requests Public Works staff to present the **Complete Streets Policy** outline to the BAC
- Requests that the city make sure **construction zone detours** for bike/ped meet city guidelines
- Authorizes a Working Group to recommend priorities for the **2017-2021 CIP**
- Supports the recommendations presented for the **West Lake Study**
- Invites the Park Board to BAC Engineering to discuss **the Lake Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan**
- Supports seeking federal money through the **Regional Solicitation process**
- Recommends to including **“Advisory Committee Review”** to RCA’s
- Prefers continuous 2-way bicycle trails around **Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet**
- Prefers Tier III Alternative 2, the **“Tight Diamond”** design from the **Hi-Lake Interchange Study**
- Largely supports the **Complete Streets Policy**

Other Work – January 2015 through April 2016

- Supports **Minneapolis Open Streets**
- Enthusiastically supports funding for **Minneapolis Bike Week**
- Supports the application for Minneapolis and St. Paul to host the **Winter Cycling Congress**
- Expresses gratitude to **Bicycle and Pedestrian Section** for their work
- Supports hiring a new **Director of Transportation Planning**
- Request staff to **send approved actions to T&PW Committee/MPRB**
- Requests that the City provide support for the **Prioritizing Bicycle Improvements**
- Recommends adding a **second Met Council** seat on this committee for its planning division

BAC Summary of Infrastructure Agenda Items - 2015 through April 2016

- Recommends revised plans for **Washington Avenue South**
- Supports **Washington Ave N Bike Lanes** from Hennepin Ave to Plymouth Ave N
- Supports the project on **26th and 28th St E** from Hiawatha Ave to I-35W
- Supports the plan for **6th Ave SE Bicycle Boulevard improvements**
- Supports the plan for **bicycle lanes on 45th Ave N**
- Supports the **2nd St N Bikeway** from Plymouth Ave N to 26th Ave N and **Oak St SE Protected Bikeway**
- Supports the **11th/12th St N-S Bikeway** and the **31st St E Bikeway**
- Prefers a full **bike lane on 54th St W**, willing to accept parking in bike lane by church
- Supports the **William Berry trail improvements** and Supports the **Queen Avenue N Bikeway**
- Supports the **Minnehaha Parkway non-grade separated bicycle** trail at Lyndale Avenue
- Supports w/comments on the **26th/28th St E Protected Bikeway**
- Supports the plan for the **reconstruction of 4th St SE** (Malcolm Ave SE to 29th Ave SE)
- Supports the plan for a **protected bike lane on Plymouth Ave N / 8th Ave NE**
- Supports separation of pedestrian space and protected bikeway on **Olson Memorial Highway**
- Does not support the **Queen Avenue North Bicycle Boulevard** as alternative to Penn Avenue N
- Supports **the Hiawatha Avenue & 28th Street E Bicycle Signal**
- Supports the plan for **Wayzata Boulevard N/S** and **Cedar Lake Road S** improvements
- Supports the plan for **Broadway Street NE** from Stinson Blvd to Industrial Blvd NE
- Recommends that **freight trains along the Southwest LRT** not block the bicycle trail crossing
- Supports the layout for **21st Avenue South** and **18th Avenue NE project**
- Supports the project on **29th Street West** between Lyndale and Bryant
- Approves of the general direction of the concept for **Franklin / Cedar / Minnehaha**
- Supportive of the process undertaken by Hennepin County for **46th Street East/West**
- Recommends [...action} w/the goal of building northernmost portion of the **Prospect Park Trail**
- Supports the preliminary concept section for **46th Avenue S from 46th Street E to Godfrey Pkwy**
- Recommends to remove Sharrows adjacent to shared-use path on **West Lake stop of SWLRT**
- Strongly prefers installing a curb protected bikeway on **Target Center Renovation**
- Supports the Preliminary Concept for the **3rd Avenue Redesign** [with considerations]
- Recommends dedicated off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities along **Vineland Place**
- Supports the **bikeway projects** included in the **2016 Street Maintenance Program**
- Supports staff recommendation for curb extension on **26th St/28th St E**
- Supports the conceptual design for the **42nd Avenue N Reconstruction**
- Supports recommended layout for **Franklin Ave SE** & reduce the posted speed limit to 25 mph
- Supports the **Protected Bikeway Program** projects for 2016
- Supports the layout for **the 5th Street Reconnection Project**
- Supports the transition of the protected bikeway on **1st Ave N** to a buffered bike lane
- Supports the **Nicollet Avenue South** project and the **Blaisdell Avenue South**
- Reiterates our support for improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities on **3rd Ave by City Hall**
- For the **Godfrey Bridge on 46th Street**, supports the “modified proposed section” w/trail
- Supports the original, three-lane layout proposed by Public Works staff for **3rd Ave S**
- Supports the layout for **Lake Street near I-35W** and **Glenwood Avenue**
- Supports the layout for **4th Street SE** and **E Franklin Avenue and 11th Avenue S**
- Supports the layout concept for **Hennepin Avenue**

Bicycle Advisory Committee Membership List

Voting Ward Appointees

Ward 1 Ciara Schlichting
Ward 2 Hilary Lovelace
Ward 3 Chris Linde
Ward 4 Will Lumpkins
Ward 5 Georgianna Yantos
Ward 6 Robert Hain
Ward 7 Richard Anderson
Ward 8 Juana Sandoval
Ward 9 Jose Luis Villaseñor
Ward 10 Scott Snelling
Ward 11 Paul Frenz
Ward 12 Nicholas Mason
Ward 13 Bill Dooley

Voting Staff Members

MPRB Staff Ginger Cannon
Metro Transit Demetairs Bell
MPLS Public Schools Roy Hallanger
MnDOT Gina Mitteco
Hennepin County Kelley Yemen
MPLS TMO Shawn Carriere
Mayor's Office Peter Wagenius
City Council Robin Garwood
CPED Joseph Bernard
Health Department Sarah Stewart
Police Department *Vacant*
Public Works Matthew Dyrdaahl

Non-Voting Staff Members

City Attorney Greg Sautter

Voting At-Large Park Board Appointees

At-Large Janice Gepner
At-Large Joshua Houdek
At-Large Lindsey Wallace

BAC Commitment. The BAC meets monthly as a full committee and has two subcommittees that meet regularly. Attendance at full Committee meetings regularly approaches 90% of filled seats. Annually, BAC members comprised of citizen volunteers, staff, and partner organizations, invest a combined service of more than 1,100 hours in direct BAC meeting attendance and preparation. This does not include the additional volunteer hours represented in “other work” or any individuals’ contributions to improving bicycling in their own neighborhood or area of interest. This commitment demonstrates BAC members’ true passion and generosity in their contributions to move the city forward with bicycling.