

Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee 2015 Report

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Role

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) seeks to implement the Minneapolis Pedestrian Master Plan, adopted by the City Council in 2009. The PAC strives to improve pedestrian safety, mobility, accessibility and comfort; promote walking for transportation, recreation and health purposes; and strengthen the linkage between the pedestrian environment and public transportation.

PAC Work Plan Priorities

The PAC spent a significant amount of time in 2015 developing a set of strategic priorities around the 6Es: Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, Equity, and Evaluation. The PAC also worked with City staff to host a Walk Friendly Community Workshop that contributed ideas to the strategic priorities.

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

- Automated WALK signals for crossings along Hiawatha Avenue
- Downtown East Pedestrian Augmentation Study
- West Lake Street Multimodal Transportation Study
- Winter Maintenance Study
- Barriers to Walking for Public Housing Highrise Residents
- Crosswalk Framework
- CIP and Regional Solicitation project proposals
- Complete Streets Policy (multiple resolutions)
- Midtown Greenway Connections
- Urban Forest Policy
- Development, Zoning, and the Pedestrian
- Repeal of Congregating on streets or sidewalks ordinance
- Hiawatha-Lake Street Study
- Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet Master Plan

Other Work – January 2015 through April 2016

- Participation in USDOT Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets
- Hiring a new Director of Transportation Planning and Programming
- New PAC City Council Representative
- Parklets Program
- Walk Friendly Community Application
- PAC/BAC Resolutions

PAC Summary of Infrastructure Agenda Items - 2015 through April 2016

- 7th Street Downtown Sidewalk Reconstruction Project
- Proposed layout for Penn Avenue North
- Washington Avenue Reconstruction

- 6th Street reconstruction
- Re-striping Hennepin Avenue and Plymouth Avenue that includes 4 to 4 conversion
- Broadway Street ped-bike improvements between Stinson Blvd and Industrial Blvd (multiple resolutions)
- Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Project
- West 29th Street shared street between Lyndale and Bryant Avenues (multiple resolutions)
- Franklin/Cedar/Minnehaha reconfiguration
- Franklin Avenue SE and Bedford Street SE
- Target Center Renovation
- 46th Avenue S
- SWLRT Station Plan Review
- 4th Street SE Reconstruction
- Vikings Stadium Pedestrian Bridge
- 18th Avenue NE Reconstruction
- 7th Street North
- 3rd Avenue Redesign (multiple resolutions)
- Vineland Place
- 26th/28th Street protected bikeway and intersection treatments (multiple resolutions)
- 46th Street
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative
- 42nd Avenue North Reconstruction
- Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction
- 5th Street Reconnection Project
- 1st Avenue Reconfiguration
- Godfrey Parkway Bridge

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Membership List

Voting Ward Appointees

Philip Ailiff
Greta Alquist, Chair
Emily Antin
Neal Baxter, Secret
Shaina Brassard
Alex Cecchini
Julia Curran
Tom Dunnwald
Scott Engel
Donna Hemp
Dan Herber
Robert Loken
Tamir Mohamud
Don Ostrom
Julia Tabbut, Vice-Chair

Non-voting Agency Members

Kelley Yemen, Hennepin County
Mike Mechtenberg, Metro Transit
Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council
Ben Somogyi, Minneapolis City Council
Joe Bernard, CPED
Sarah Stewart, Health Department
VACANT, Minneapolis Police Department
Matthew Dyrda, Public Works
Mackenzie Turner Borgen, Public Works
Deborah Bartels, MPLS Parks & Recreation
Julie Danzl, Minneapolis Public Schools
Gina Mitteco, MnDOT
Steve Sanders, University of Minnesota

Time commitment. The members devote considerable time to the work of the Advisory Committee. All members are expected to attend the monthly meetings of the full committee. Most community members also attend monthly meetings of one or both of the subcommittees, Policies & Programs and Infrastructure & Engineering. In addition, during 2015 groups of community members or individuals met with elected officials from Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the Minnesota legislature.