

**RESOLUTION
By Gordon**

Reorganizing the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Whereas, the Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth includes policies to ensure that bicycling throughout the city is safe, comfortable and pleasant; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis Strategic Goals include “bikeable” as a strategic direction; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has adopted a Sustainability Indicator on biking, with targets for increasing the number of people bicycling and the number of miles of bike facilities; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has been named the #1 large city in the U.S. by Bicycling Magazine, and has the second-highest bicycle mode share among large U.S. cities; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis first established the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) in 1990, and reorganized it in 2001; and

Whereas, during its existence, the BAC has helped make Minneapolis a bicycle-friendly city; and

Whereas, the BAC has recommended that it be reorganized to reflect its role as a citizen advisory committee,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis hereby reorganizes the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee with the following details:

Purpose:

- a. Advise the Mayor, City Council, and Park Board on bicycling related issues
- b. Help advance the state of bicycle infrastructure, by reviewing proposed bicycle facilities and other projects likely to have an impact on bicyclists, as a voice for end users
- c. Encourage more people to bicycle both to meet their daily needs and for recreation, through such activities as participation in bike/walk celebrations and coordination with the Bicycle Ambassador program
- d. Educate the public on safe and conscientious bicycling
- e. Work towards more compliance with traffic laws by both bicyclists and drivers through better enforcement
- f. Help the City and Park Board make bicycle plans and evaluate progress
- g. Work to increase equity between bicyclists and other modes of transportation, especially equity in resource allocation
- h. Review and suggest legislative and policy changes that will have an impact on bicyclists
- i. Recommend priorities for the use of public funds on bicycle projects, both infrastructure and programming

- j. Help ensure that Minneapolis keeps and improves its status as a bicycle friendly community
- k. Serve as both a liaison between Minneapolis communities and the City and Park Board
- l. Coordinate between different agencies that interact with bicyclists

Number of Members: 27 voting members

Term Length: 24 months, beginning in May of even-numbered years; first term to begin in January 2011 and end in May 2012

Term Limits: None

Compensation: None (bicycle parking provided)

Public Hearings held for City of Minneapolis open appointments process: Yes

Minneapolis Residency Requirement: No

Selection Procedure:

- a. 13 Ward-specific members of the bicycling community to be selected by Council Members
- b. 3 at-large members of the bicycling community to be selected by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- c. 6 City staff members to be appointed by the following:
 - Mayor
 - City Council
 - Minneapolis Director of Public Works
 - Minneapolis Health Commissioner
 - Minneapolis Director of Community Planning and Economic Development
 - Minneapolis Police Department
- d. 5 representatives from partner agencies:
 - Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
 - Minneapolis Public Schools
 - Metro Transit
 - Downtown Transportation Management Organization
 - Minnesota Department of Transportation (Bike/Ped staff)

One ex-officio member to be appointed by the City Attorney's Office.

Selection of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and any other officers shall be selected by the committee members.

Meeting Schedule: Monthly meeting; may meet more frequently as needed.

Attendance Requirements: Three (3) unexcused absences from regular meetings during a calendar year may result in termination of membership.

Department: Convened, facilitated and staffed by the Department of Public Works.

Reporting: Periodic reports, at a minimum annually, shall be submitted to the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Sunset: No sunset provision is established for this commission.

Meetings of the Committee will be open to the public.