

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Memorandum to Capital Long Range Improvement Committee Regarding Bicycle Facility Maintenance

In its 2012 report, and prior reports, the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) has indicated a concern that maintenance funding for bicycle facilities has not been identified. This perceived lack of identified funding has been detrimental to multiple bicycle facility proposals, many of which were subsequently included in the Mayor's proposed capital budget, funded by the Council, and constructed. In 2012, CLIC requested a report from the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) on options for bicycle facility maintenance:

"CLIC is committed to keeping the city's leadership in trails and street lanes for bicycles. Our concern is that the past and future bicycle funding proposals demand a maintenance budget of \$70,000 to \$100,000 per year. Last year's proposal BIK24 (Major Bike Maintenance Program) was a first step to address long-term capital maintenance issues. However, in order for the bikeway system to remain viable, safe, and functional, the short-term and long-term operating needs must be addressed.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), for the past five years, has had the responsibility to develop funding options like licensing, naming rights, fundraising, etc. CLIC requests that a BAC report be prepared for the Mayor, City Council, and Public Works by early fall with some funding options that could be implemented to aid in leveraging the city's operating budget."

The position of the BAC is that funding for bicycle facility maintenance is not substantially different from funding for other transportation infrastructure maintenance, and should not be treated differently by the City or by the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee. Much of the funding for transportation system maintenance comes from the City's general fund, and bicycle facility maintenance should not be held to a different, higher standard.

Passed

The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that Hennepin County hire a consultant who has experience designing North American cycle tracks, to provide advice on the designs for cycle tracks on Minnehaha Avenue and Washington Avenue. Because cycle tracks are relatively new to Minneapolis, these projects would benefit from the input of those who have designed cycle tracks for cities similar to our own.

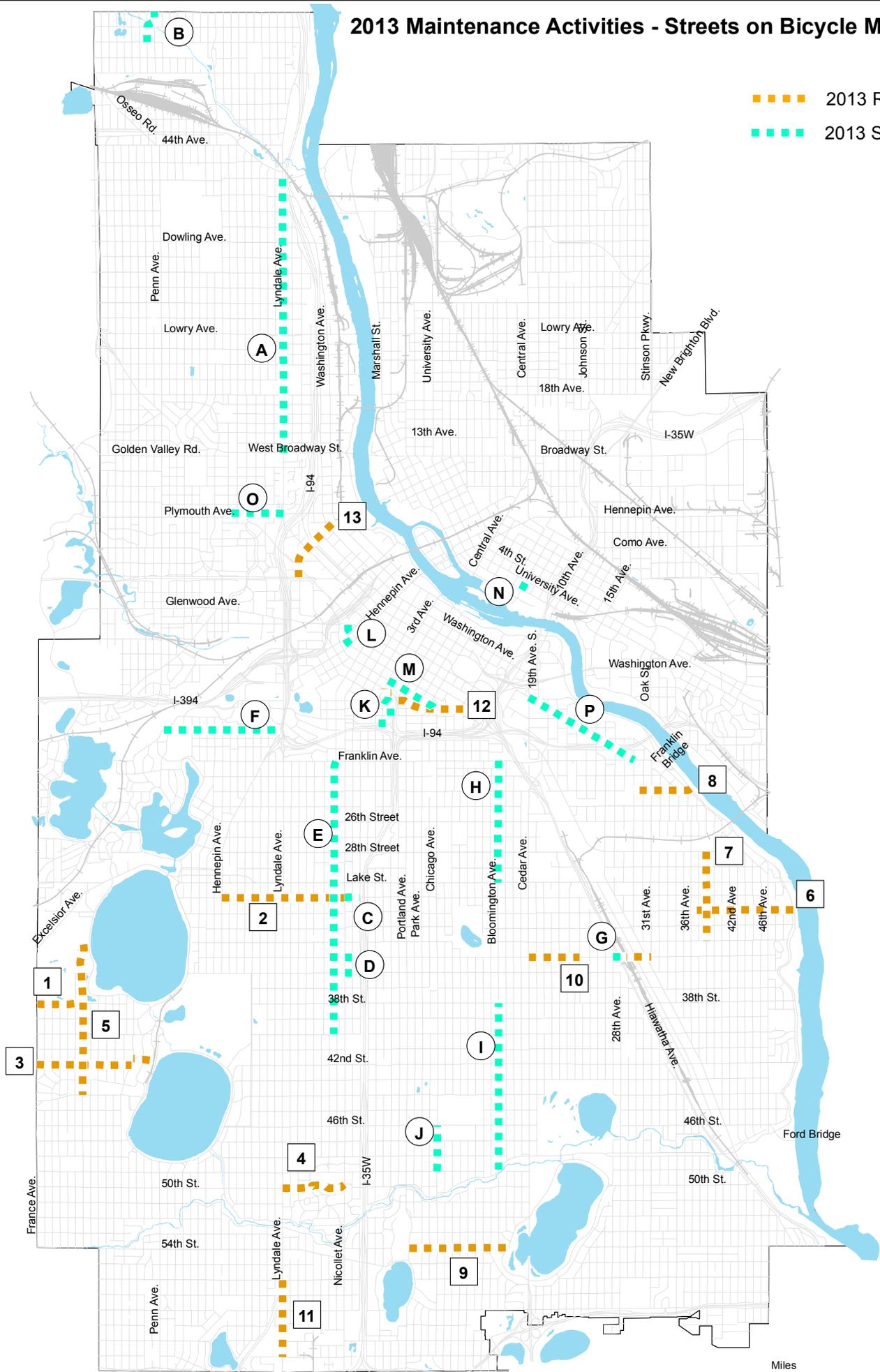
Cycle tracks have been successfully implemented on a large scale in cities such as Montreal, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam. Minneapolis is exploring cycle tracks, and some of our peer American cities are rapidly building cycle track networks. As with all bike facilities, the details of design, construction, and maintenance will be important factors in the success of cycle tracks.

The BAC has consistently supported cycle tracks with resolutions that received at most two 'no' votes out of more than 20 members. The attention to detail that emerges from the discussions of cycle tracks, especially the concerns raised by BAC members who are not supportive of cycle tracks, can ultimately make them better facilities.

The Minneapolis BAC continues to support successful cycle track implementation on Minnehaha Avenue, Washington Avenue, 26th Avenue N, and 18th Avenue NE, as well as improvements to existing cycle tracks on 1st Avenue N, the Hennepin/Lyndale bottleneck, and Stinson Boulevard (NE Diagonal Trail).

2013 Maintenance Activities - Streets on Bicycle Master Plan

- 2013 Repaving
- 2013 Seal Coat



2013 Minneapolis Repaving Plan - Projects on Bicycle Master Plan						
CPED Planning Sector	ID	Street Name	From	To	Blocks	Staff Notes
North		NO REPAVING PROJECTS				
Southwest	1	38th St W	France	Zenith	4	2 neighborhood projects in 2013. Requires Bike Blvd condition.
	2	31st St W	Hennepin Ave	Nicollet Ave	15	Need to look at width
	3	42nd St W	France	W Lake Harriet Pkwy	14	Not the neighborhood preferred route. Project on 44th in 2013.
	4	50th St W	Lyndale	Nicollet	6	50th Street does not have connection possibilities to the west.
	5	Zenith Ave S	34 1/2 St	44th St	8	2 neighborhood projects in 2013. Requires Bike Blvd condition.
South	6	32nd St	W River Pkwy	36th St	13	Requires Bike Blvd condition.
	7	38th Ave S	Lake St	34th St	4	Requires Bike Blvd condition.
	8	24th St	W River Pkwy	Matthews Pk	6	Requires Bike Blvd condition.
	9	54th Street E	Portland Ave	West Lake Nokomis Pkwy	12	Need to look at width
	10	35th St E	Cedar Ave S	23rd Ave S	6	Neighborhood interest; not on bike plan.
	10	35th St E	RR Tracks E of Hiawatha	31st Ave S	3	Neighborhood interest; not on bike plan.
	11	Lyndale Ave S	56th St	61st St	5	Need to look at width
Downtown	12	Grant St E	Park Ave S	MnDOT bridge	3	Existing advisory lanes & poly markings. New connection possibility.
	12	11th Street E	4th Ave S	3rd Ave S	1	New connection possibility.
	12	14th Street E	11th Ave S	Park Ave S	5	Existing advisory lanes & poly markings.
	13	Oak Lake Ave N	Olson Mem Hwy	7th St N	2	Need to look at width.
	13	Oak Lake Ave N	7th St N	10th St N	2	Existing bike lane and poly markings.
	13	10th Ave N	8th Ave N	Washington Ave N	2	Existing bike lane and poly markings.
	13	10th Ave N	5th St N	3rd St N	4	Existing bike lane and poly markings.
	13	10th Ave N	3rd St N	Washington Ave N	2	Existing bike lane and poly markings.
East		NO REPAVING PROJECTS				

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2013 Preliminary Minneapolis Sealcoating Plan						
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North	A	LYNDALE AVE N	WEST BROADWAY	41ST AVE N	20	Need to look at width. Hennepin County solicitation.
	B	QUEEN AVE N	51ST AVE N	PENN AVE N	2	Requires Bike Blvd condition.
	B	PENN AVE N	52ND AVE N	53RD AVE N	1	Requires Bike Blvd condition.
	O	PLYMOUTH AVE N	GIRARD AVE N	LYNDALE AVE N	6	Requires Bike Blvd condition.
Southwest	C	31ST ST E	NICOLLET AVE	STEVENS AVE	2	High ADT, limited ROW.
	D	35TH ST E	Blaisdell Ave	Stevens Ave	3	Staff has focused on 36th Street.
	D	36TH ST E	Blaisdell Ave	Stevens Ave	3	Connection action to extending bikeway east of Bryant.
	E	BLAISDELL AVE	FRANKLIN AVE	40TH ST W	20	Existing bike lane and poly symbols. Mask symbols; reconfiguration possibility.
	F	DOUGLAS AVE	KENWOOD PKWY	HENNEPIN AVE	14	Requires Bike Blvd condition.
South	G	35TH ST E	27TH AVE S	RR E OF HIAWATHA	2	Neighborhood interest. Not on Bicycle Master Plan.
	H	BLOOMINGTON AVE	LAKE ST E	FRANKLIN AVE E	9	Adjacent 2013 Bike Boulevard Project.
	I	BLOOMINGTON AVE	MINNEHAHA PKWY	38TH ST E	11	Adjacent 2013 Bike Boulevard Project.
	J	CHICAGO AVE	49TH ST E	46TH ST E	3	Opportunity to connect through 48th & Chicago business district.
Downtown	K	4TH AVE S	I-94 W RAMP	15TH ST E	1	Connector street, limited ROW. Not on Bicycle Master Plan.
	K	16TH ST E	CLINTON AVE	I-94 W RAMP	1	Existing bike lane and poly symbols. Mask and repaint.
	L	9TH ST N	HENNEPIN AVE	HAWTHORNE AVE	1	Existing bike lane and poly symbols. Mask and repaint.
	L	9TH ST N	1ST AVE N	2ND AVE N	1	Existing bike lane and poly symbols. Mask and repaint.
	M	10TH ST S	3RD AVE S	14TH ST E	7	Existing bike lane. Install durable symbols and repaint. Possible extension to 11th Ave. S.
East	P	Riverside Ave S	Cedar	Franklin	12	Existing bike lane. Need to check on whether durable symbols have been installed.
	N	6TH AVE SE	2ND ST SE	UNIVERSITY AVE SE	1	Existing bike lane. Install durable symbols and repaint.

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