

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 26, 2014
4 PM – 6 PM
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333

1. Member Introductions and Sign-in (4:00 – 4:05)
2. Approve BAC Agenda and Minutes (4:05 – 4:10, see Attachment 1)
3. BAC Reappointment Process, Simon Blenski (4:10 – 4:15)
[Application and Information](#)
4. 3 E's Subcommittee, Marin Byrne (4:15-4:30)
 - Bicycle detection at signals
 - Efforts to encourage cycling
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Paul Frenz (4:30-5:00, see Attachment 2)
 - Dinkytown Greenway enhancements **ACTION**
 - St. Paul Bike Plan – Connections to Minneapolis **ACTION**
 - Hennepin Avenue project **ACTION**
 - Protected bikeways planning update
6. National Bike Summit and Minnesota Bike Summit Recap, Nick Mason (5:00-5:10)
7. Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Position, Nick Mason (5:10 – 5:20)
8. Announcements (5:20 – 5:30)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, April 10, Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, April 15, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, April 16, Executive Committee

Wednesday, April 23, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Billy Binder, Simon Blenski, Ginger Cannon, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Brian Funk, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Jim Skoog, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Ethan Fawley (excused), Marin Byrne (excused), Robin Garwood (excused), Matthew Hendricks (excused), Jessica Hill, Gary Nelson, Kelley Yemen (excused)

Others Present: Tim Davis, David Gepner, Jenny Handkey, Scott Shaffer

Actions

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Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. Following brief member introductions, the February Minutes were revised to add a clarification and accepted unanimously.

1. **BAC Reappointment Process** presented by Simon Blenski
 - Simon reminded us to reapply for BAC positions by April 25.
 - Ginger Cannon added that positions for Park Board representatives are also online and due April 25. Reapplication forms were sent to current BAC representatives.

- See Ginger if you have questions about the Park Board positions.

2. **3 E's Subcommittee** Report from Hōkan.

- **Bicycle detection at signals**

- Steve Mosing came to the Subcommittee meeting to talk about detection at signal lights.
- The city uses many methods of detection: push buttons, optical detectors, underground loop detectors.
- The city has an aggressive schedule to add countdown timers to most signal lights that don't have them.
- The city is installing fewer signal lights with detectors and, in many cases, moving to timed lights.
- If you don't think a detector is working call 3-1-1.
- Individual troublesome intersections were not discussed.
- Some detection technology could be used for counting.
- It is difficult to know what technique is being used when you are in the intersection.

- **Efforts to encourage bicycling**

- Many city efforts this year have been outsourced to the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition which is planning Open Streets events and Bike Week.
- Forward input to Nick Ray Olson or Ethan Fawley at the Coalition.
- City is providing support for 6 Open Streets events:
 - May 31: North Minneapolis Greenway Experience
 - June 27: Central Ave
 - August 17 (unconfirmed date): Franklin Ave from Portland to 28th Av
 - Sept 14: Nicollet Ave from Lake to 46th St
 - Sept 20: Lowry Ave N
 - Including Block Parties, pop up basketball courts, urban farm event, Art Festival, Food Truck Party
- Minneapolis Bike Week
 - Replaces "Twin Cities Bike/Walk Week"
 - St Paul will have a Bike Week at the same time but as a separate effort.
 - May 4 – 11, during National Bike Month.
 - See <http://www.mpls bikeweek.org/>
 - Includes Bike to School Day, Bike to Parks Day, Bike to Work Day, Nice Ride Day, Transit Day
 - Billy Binder added that Nick Ray is trying to get employers involved.
- Ginger said that the Park Board is supporting Open Streets and Bike Week.
- On the coalition's wish list for the future:
 - A new committee that might support the Downtown Bike Center.
 - An effort to develop and support Bicycle Friendly Businesses.
 - An effort to support Safe Routes to Schools.
- It is now policy that when construction closes a bike lane, "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signs will be posted.
- Billy Binder emphasized the importance of a Downtown Bike Center to encourage women to bicycle to work.

- In the interests of full disclosure: Billy and Hōkan are members of the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition.

3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Paul Frenz – ***ACTIONS***

- **Dinkytown Greenway enhancements – *ACTION***
 - Members of the Marcy/Holmes Neighborhood Association came to speak.
 - Their long term goal is to see the Dinkytown Greenway connected to the Stone Arch Bridge.
 - Their short term goal is to provide wayfinding signs and markings for the Dinkytown Greenway.
 - Also for the Greenway, they would also like to install information kiosks in 3 locations, and enhancements such as plantings.
 - They are applying for funds for the design; the city will make the signs and do the installation.
 - Paul presented a motion to support their effort which passed unanimously.
- **St. Paul Bike Plan – Connections to Minneapolis – *ACTION***
 - The subcommittee talked about bike connections between the cities.
 - There was concern about the St Paul side of the Franklin Ave Bridge and connections to Charles Ave and 4th St.
 - Paul presented a resolution describing our concerns.
 - The motion passed with one abstention from Joe Bernard.
- **Hennepin Avenue project – *ACTION***
 - Plan to add buffered bike lanes on Hennepin Ave between 12th and 16th Sts.
 - Subcommittee was concerned about connections west of the plan.
 - Paul presented a motion asking the city to take another look at possible connections from Hennepin to Dunwoody and Van White.
 - Bob Hain mentioned that the Hennepin/Lyndale Reconstruction also ends at the same place and that the two plans should be coordinated.
 - The Hennepin/Lyndale Project will be discussed at next month's Subcommittee meeting.
 - Gina Mitteco added that MnDOT will also be resurfacing ramps near there.
 - Discussion of the importance of connections at Hennepin and Dunwoody and the importance of coordinating the various resurfacing efforts.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Protected bikeways planning update**
 - Anna Flintoft came with maps identifying "low stress" bicycle routes.
 - We discussed the definition of "low stress."
 - She will be returning to the Subcommittee next month.
 - Her recommended amendments to the Bike Master Plan won't go to the City Council until November. There will be Open Houses this summer.

4. **National Bike Summit and Minnesota Bike Summit recap** from Nick Mason

- Nick gave summaries of both the National Bike Summit and the Minnesota Bike Summit.
- National Bike Summit in Washington, DC, 1st week in March:
 - Approximately 700 people attended.
 - 15 from Minnesota met with our representatives – to thank them for their support.

- Agreement on priorities, issues and advocacy.
- Well attended Women's Forum.
- Asked for co-sponsorship on the following federal initiatives:
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Act, to establish safety performance measures for all road users.
 - Safe Streets Act – similar to Complete Streets.
 - An Innovations Grant Program to provide low interest loans to communities to fund innovative programs that attempt to reach low income and underserved populations.
- Other discussions: Study of urban cyclists, finding partners to help deliver our message.
- Minnesota Bike Summit at the State Capital last week:
 - Approximately 90 people came.
 - Issues raised were previously shared with BAC: more Safe Routes to Schools funding, riding on the right amendment, "stop and check" legislation, vulnerable road user (revised language), the MoveMN initiative
 - Jim Skoog asked about working with MnDOT to revise road width standards.
 - Discussion on how best to approach having the standards revised.

5. **Update on Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Position** from Nick Mason

- Nick, Ethan Fawley and members of the PAC met with Public Works Director Steve Kotke and John Wertjes.
- Steve Kotke expressed interest in more regular meetings with the BAC and PAC.
- Consensus on legitimacy of request to elevate the position to make it more effective and efficient.
- No commitment yet since Public Works is in the midst of reorganization.
- Public Works would like to fill the existing position ASAP.
- BAC and PAC prefer to have position elevated before filling in order to attract the best possible candidate.

6. **Announcements**

- Hōkan shared his displeasure about the lack of bicycle accommodations in the soon-to-be started project on Hiawatha. The County did not give neighborhood groups notice of final plans.
- Sarah Stewart: New round of public engagement on North Minneapolis Greenway.
- Gina Mitteco: MnDOT is using the Met Council's Bike Study to make a district wide Bicycle Plan. First round of public meetings in May. She will send out fliers.
- Billy Binder: Kelley Yemen is hosting a meeting April 1 with Hennepin County BAC to go over a draft of the Bike Plan map.
- Peter Wagenius: Nice Ride start postponed due to weather.
- Hōkan: He's a community advisory member on the County Project to improve NE Lowry. See him if you have questions. Here's the link:
<http://www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/lowry-avenue-community-works>
- Joshua Houdek: Keith Ellison is hosting a Transportation Equity Forum Monday, March 31 from 5:30 - 7 pm at Summit OIC.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
Engineering Subcommittee Minutes
March 18, 2014

BAC Members Present: Billy Binder, Simon Blenski, Ethan Fawley, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Rob DeHoff, Anna Flintoft, Richard Lang, Ted Tucker, Doug Trumm

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The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm and was chaired by Paul Frenz.

1. **Dinkytown Greenway Enhancements Project** presented by Ted Tucker and Rob DeHoff --
ACTION

- Ted and Rob from the Marcy Holmes/University neighborhood are part of a group with the long term goal of connecting the Dinkytown Greenway to the Stone Arch Bridge.
- Their short term goal is to raise awareness of the Dinkytown Greenway.
- They asked for our support for their effort to provide wayfinding signs to the Greenway.
- They will come up with a plan and design the signs which the city will make and install.
- They have seed money for their effort and are applying for additional funds.
- They welcome our input on sign placement and will come back as their plan develops.

- Robin made a motion to support the plan and the motion was passed unanimously.
2. **St. Paul Bike Plan connections to Minneapolis** presented by Simon Blenski -- ***ACTION***
- Simon passed around a draft of the St. Paul Bicycle Master Plan.
 - This is a first for St. Paul and they are accepting comments on the draft through April.
 - St. Paul city staff asked Minneapolis staff to look at connections between the cities.
 - St. Paul's plan just involves Engineering with no Education or Enforcement component.
 - Bill Dooley would like to see signage from the Capital to the Gateway Trail.
 - Robin Garwood said connections look good with the exception of Franklin Avenue.
 - Give feed back to Simon or Rubin Collins in St. Paul
 - Robin said a better connection from Territorial to the Transitway is also needed.
 - Bob Hain said that good connections near University are critical.
 - Bob presented a motion to ask St. Paul to improve connections from Franklin Ave to points east and also for a more direct connection from Territorial to 4th St.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Update on Protected Bikeways planning** presented by Anna Flintoft.
- Anna is in the process of updating the Bicycle Master Plan to include protected bikeways.
 - This was part of an ongoing effort to include our feedback. She came to the Subcommittee last month and plans to return again next month.
 - Process will be in two phases:
 1. Identify needs. Find gaps, where are the largest bike demands, conflicts. Plan is to go public sometime in early May to get feedback.
 2. Look at a few corridors in more depth.
 - She asked for our feedback on a map of "low stress" bike lanes, which included bike trails, protected lanes, and "quiet" streets.
 - The point of the map would be to identify gaps in our "low stress" bike network.
 - The definition of "quiet" streets she used was discussed: one car lane in each direction, low traffic counts.
 - Ethan Fawley pointed out that on street parking makes a street "more stressful" for bikes and mentioned several streets on the map where parking would make them stressful.
 - Matthew Hendricks added that high traffic speeds also make streets more stressful.
 - Discussion of whether sharing Nicollet mall with buses makes it low or high stress.
 - Bob Hain said that sharing the road with buses can also add to stress level.
 - Robin said we had a good consensus for most of the map but that adjacent parking and bus volumes should be considered when evaluating bicycle stress levels.
 - Anna asked whether we thought 15th Ave SE and 2nd St near Guthrie should be included.
 - People felt 15th Ave SE was NOT low stress but 2nd St was.
 - Anna asked for our input on a map of Funded Bikeways planned for the next few years.
 - Bob pointed out that the map didn't include any north/south streets.
 - Ethan said the map should include planned bikeways near the new Vikings stadium.
 - Anna offered to come back to the Subcommittee next month for more feedback.
4. **Update on Bike Projects: Hennepin Avenue** presented by Simon Blenski -- ***ACTION***

- Simon presented a plan to add buffered bike lanes to Hennepin Ave between 12th and 16th Streets near downtown. It included a bicycle boulevard connection to Loring Park.
- Plan includes a gradual 3 to 2 lane transition under I94.
- New standard for "green" conflict zones is dashed lines in thermoplastic.
- New wayfinding signage will also be added.
- Matthew made a motion to commend the plan but also to suggest the city put more thought into a connection from this lane on Hennepin to the Cedar Lake Trail.
- The motion passed unanimously.
- Paul Frenz asked about the status of 26th/28th Sts. Simon said they are still in the community engagement process and he will bring us plans when they start up.

5. Announcements

- Paul postponed discussion of Portland Ave from 60th St to the Crosstown. Billy Binder reported that Bob Byers considers the section too dangerous for bicycles; however, bicycles are already there.
- Paul said the next few Subcommittee meetings will include Anna's return, the Lyndale/Hennepin reconstruction, maybe Nicollet Mall update, Franklin Ave Bridge, maybe West River Road, the 26th Ave N Greenway, LaSalle, and the Cedar/Franklin/Minnehaha intersection.
- Ethan announced an event with Nick Faldo about protected intersections tomorrow night. He also mentioned a Happy Hour with Kelley Yemen next Wed after the BAC meeting.
- Billy reminded us about the Minnesota Bike Summit tomorrow.
- Bill Dooley asked if it was time for us to discuss the Kmart site yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Minutes by Janice Gepner