

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333

1. Member Sign-in and Introductions (4:00-4:05)
2. Approve BAC Agenda and Minutes (4:05-4:10, no official August minutes due to annual ride)
3. Annual Ride Recap, Simon Blenski (4:10-4:15)
4. 3E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:15-4:30)
 - Enforcement discussion
 - Commercial vehicle safety event
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:30-4:45, see Attachment 1)
 - [Minnehaha Ave S](#) – 24th St to 26th St **ACTION**
 - [38th St E](#) – Hiawatha Ave to Minnehaha Ave **ACTION**
 - [I-35W Access Project](#) **ACTION**
6. Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation Project Working Group Recap, Ciara Schlichting (4:45-5:10)
7. Agency Overview: MnDOT, Gina Mitteco (5:10-5:20)
8. Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Position Update, Simon Blenski (5:20-5:25)
9. Visioning Exercise Part 2 Recap, Ciara Schlichting and Nick Mason (5:25-5:55, see Attachment 2)
10. Announcements (5:55-6:00)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, October 9, Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, October 14, Engineering Subcommittee*

Wednesday, October 15, Executive Committee*

Wednesday, October 22, Whole Committee

*Moved up one week due to calendar.

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 24, 2014, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Simon Blenski, Shawn Carriere, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Roy Hallanger, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Lindsey Wallace, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Hayat Ahmed, Ginger Cannon, Brian Funk, Bob Hain (excused), Joshua Houdek (excused), Gary Nelson, Juana Sandoval (excused), Jose Luis Villaseñor (excused), Georgianna Yantos

Others Present: Ethan Fawley

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee voted to modify its subcommittee structure. The two subcommittees will be the **Engineering Subcommittee and the 5E's Subcommittee**. The areas covered by the 5E's Subcommittee will include Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, Equity and Evaluation.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Engineering Subcommittee prefers "Option B" for **Minnehaha Avenue South from 24th Street to 26th Street**. Option B maximizes green space and allows adequate space for buffered bicycle lanes. In any design, the BAC strongly prefers a buffered bicycle lane, consistent with the proposal for Minnehaha south of Lake Street. If Public Works determines that further community outreach is necessary before selecting Option A or B, the BAC requests that they take this project to the Seward Neighborhood Group. The BAC recommends that Public Works staff coordinate with Safe Routes to Schools planning that includes the intersection of 24th Street E and Minnehaha Avenue.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Engineering Subcommittee supports a dedicated bicycle facility on **38th Street East** for the entire length from Minnehaha Avenue to Hiawatha Avenue.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Engineering Subcommittee supports the **I-35W Transit Access Project**, including the conceptual design for the bridges at Franklin Avenue, 24th Street, 26th Street and 28th Street and the Green Crescent connecting the Midtown Greenway to Lake Street.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee suggests that the following projects be considered by staff for inclusion in the City of Minneapolis recommendations for the **regional solicitation for federal transportation funding**:
 - a) **Bicycle/Pedestrian Category:**

- 18th Ave NE Trail Gaps
 - 15th Ave SE/Stinson Blvd NE Connection
 - Main St to Dinkytown Connection
 - A bicycle facility on Penn Av N or an adjacent corridor
 - Protected N/S and E/W bike lanes into downtown. Suggestions for the N/S corridor are Marquette, 2nd or 3rd Av S, and suggestions for the E/W corridor are 5th or 6th Streets.
- b) **Bridge Category:** 10th Ave SE Bridge Rehabilitation should include protected bike lanes and a sidewalk upstream of the river side, not just replacing existing configuration.
- c) **Roadway Category:** Hennepin Ave from Washington Ave S to 12th St S should include a dedicated bicycle facility.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. Following brief member introductions, the Agenda and July Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Annual Ride Recap** reported by Simon Blenski
 - Stops/route included Bluff St Park, Hiawatha LRT Trail, Hiawatha and 26th St, Franklin & Cedar, and Bryant at 26th and 28th.
 - The ride took an entire lane on 26th and 28th and finished at the Open House for the 26th/28th St project.
 - Nick added that the National Conference of State Legislators Meeting in Minneapolis included a bike ride of 150 legislators during morning rush hour. Several police on bikes were a great help.

2. **3E's Subcommittee** Report from Roy Hallanger – ***ACTION***
 - **Enforcement Discussion**
 - Officer Medaria Arradondo spoke to the Subcommittee.
 - He described outreach efforts of Officer Mike who distributed free bike helmets in Cedar/Riverside.
 - We repeated our need for a regular police department member on the BAC.
 - He offered 1st Precinct meeting time for us to come talk to them.
 - Police training should include the laws relating to cyclists and cycling.
 - Many of us joined a Police Outreach Ride the following week .
 - **Roy Hallanger** was elected **Subcommittee Chair**
 - **Commercial Vehicle Safety Events**
 - Possible future event at the U of M like the “Behind the Big Wheel” event.
 - Helps cyclists realize bus and truck visibility.
 - Let Nick know if you are interested in helping with planning.
 - BAC needs a new Metro Transit member.
 - **Subcommittee Structure** – ***ACTION***
 - “3E” Subcommittee has a much more flexible Agenda than “Engineering.”
 - Results from Visioning Exercise will help with setting Agenda.

- Future efforts will include meeting with police and with people doing community education to look for networking opportunities.
- Park Board Police will be speaking at October meeting.
- Nick noted that Inspector Rondo cited the fact the cycling was increasing but crashes were not.
- Robin pointed out that the city has education leverage with construction companies when they obtain work permits. Bicycling training could be included.
- “3E” Subcommittee agreed to become “5E” Subcommittee.
- Engineering Subcommittee was okay with transferring its “2E’s” as long as planning staying with infrastructure in Engineering.
- Ciara Schlichting made a motion that we officially restructure our two subcommittees, making one Engineering and putting the other 5E’s together.
- The 5 E’s are: Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, Equity and Evaluation.
- The motion passed unanimously.
- Simon Blenski suggested we give “5E’s” a better name.

3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Ciara Schlichting – ***ACTIONS***

- **Minnehaha Ave S from 24th St to 26th St – ACTION**
 - Reconstruction of short City portion of Minnehaha Ave S set for 2015.
 - Plan includes bicycle lanes on both sides of the road.
 - Plan after first round of Open Meetings includes parking on both sides.
 - We prefer parking on only one side which allows space for buffered bike lanes and pedestrians. More consistent with rest of corridor.
 - Ciara presented a motion that asks for parking on only one side and makes suggestions on more community engagement.
 - The motion was unanimously approved.
- **38th St E from Hiawatha to Minnehaha Ave – ACTION**
 - This section is scheduled for reconstruction in 2015-2016.
 - Proposed plan included bike lanes on both sides but the lanes die west of the railroad tracks.
 - Ciara presented a motion that favors bike lanes for the entire length.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **I-35W Access Project – ACTION**
 - Jim Grube spoke to the Subcommittee about several features of the project.
 - The Franklin Ave Bridge will include 6 ft bike lanes in both directions as well as increased pedestrian space.
 - New 14-foot wide pedestrian bridge proposed at 24th St.
 - 26th and 28th St Bridges will have bike lanes that will be coordinated with the projects on the rest of those streets.
 - Green Crescent planned to connect the Transit Plaza and the Greenway.
 - Ciara presented a motion that we support the plans.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Projects for City CIP** will be on October Subcommittee Agenda. CIP is the 5-year City Capital Improvement Plan. Lots of things we’ve worked on are on the list.

4. **Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation** Working Group Recap led by Ciara Schlichting – **ACTION**

- Working Group met on Monday to go through the city draft list for federal funding.
- City staff wants our recommendations ASAP.
- **Bicycle Pedestrian** Category
 - Working group proposed the following 5 projects:
 - § 18th Ave NE Trail Gaps
 - § 15th Ave SE/Stinson Blvd NE Connection
 - § Main St to Dinkytown Connection
 - § Aldrich/Bryant Av S Bike Blvd
 - § Dunwoody/Other Hennepin-Lyndale Connections
 - No North Minneapolis projects on list for various reasons.
 - § Many projects deemed “high risk” so wouldn’t be funded.
 - § Penn Av N high risk and better in another category.
 - § Emerson/Fremont could be upgraded cheaply.
 - § 7th St N protected lanes might be funded by SWLRT.
 - Peter Wagenius said Hennepin/Lyndale/Dunwoody might already be funded.
 - Ethan Fawley said we could recommend downtown bike lanes even if we are vague about which streets.
 - Ciara presented a motion suggesting 5 projects: Dunwoody/Hennepin/Lyndale replaced with N/S and E/W protected bike lanes to downtown.
 - Joe Bernard emphasized the importance of promoting investment in a North Minneapolis bike facility.
 - Robin Garwood said we’d love to include the N Mpls Greenway but we’ve been asked to omit it for now.
 - Peter said the N Mpls Greenway could qualify for funding from the Mayor’s budget for protected bikeways in the second year.
 - Kelley Yemen said that community input could make a difference at an upcoming Community Works meeting regarding Penn Av N.
 - Joe said that a Penn Av N bike facility is a project that doesn’t have funding.
 - A vote to amend our list to replace Aldrich/Bryant with a Penn Av N “corridor” passed with two No votes from Lindsey Wallace and Scott Snelling and abstentions from Simon Blenski, Peter Wagenius, Kelley Yemen, Gina Mitteco and Georgianna Yantos.
 - The amended motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Georgianna, Gina, Kelley, and Simon.
- **Bridge** Category
 - Only project suggested: 10th Ave SE Bridge Rehabilitation should include protected bike lanes and an upstream sidewalk.
 - Ciara made a motion that we include this project.
 - The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Kelley, Gina and Simon.
- **Roadways** Category
 - Only project suggested: Hennepin Ave from Washington Ave S to 12th St S should include a dedicated bicycle facility.
 - The motion to include this was unanimously accepted with abstentions from Kelley, Gina and Simon.

5. **Agency Overview: MnDOT** presented by Gina Mitteco
 - Simon noted that Agency Overviews will be a standing Agenda item. Let him know if you are interested in presenting in the future.
 - Charlie Zelle is Commissioner of MnDOT and he understands cycling.
 - He wants to see Minnesota's multimodal transportation vision implemented.
 - MnDOT has 8 districts.
 - Statewide programs include a bicycle system plan, Safe Routes to Schools, routes like the Mississippi River Trail, a Share the Road campaign and research on bicycle/pedestrian counting.
 - Day to day projects are at the District level and include planning, operation and maintenance.
 - Gina is the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator within Planning in the Metro District.
 - Program delivery involves regional managers and engineers. Ron Rauchle is the Project Manager for any city project.

6. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Position Update** from Simon Blenski
 - Position has been posted and is now closed.
 - 50 people applied and applications will be reviewed this fall.
 - Person should be in place by November/December.
 - Position is still within the Traffic Division of Public Works.
 - BAC and PAC expect to be involved in interviews.

7. **Visioning Exercise Part 2 Recap** led by Ciara Schlichting
 - Results will be used to formulate agenda items for the 5E Subcommittee.
 - Ciara divided implementation suggestions from Part 2 into categories by "E."
 - Members broke into groups to choose 3 top issues within their category.
 - Enforcement:
 - Participating in police officer training.
 - Involvement in harassment training and policy development. Explore metrics.
 - Exploring laws to identify gaps and needed revisions.
 - Evaluation:
 - Review metrics collection and city evaluation of bicycling.
 - Evaluate implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan.
 - Study criteria for the city to apply to be Platinum level.
 - Encouragement:
 - Promote workplace encouragement and incentives.
 - Promote Bike Centers – downtown and MN Cycling Center.
 - Encourage riding year round. Help people bicycle in winter.
 - Engineering:
 - Advocate for protected bike lanes including funding.
 - Promote good winter maintenance of bike lanes including funding.
 - Advocate for a robust bicycle/traffic signal system.
 - Education:
 - Make resources available for public school initiatives.

- Get information about bicycling into already existing resources.
- Train civic leaders in bicycle education.
- Equity
 - Expand the definition of equity in the Bike Master Plan, so that “Equity” means more than equity for cycling as a mode of transportation.
 - Promote adoption of a strong Complete Streets policy that addresses equity issues.
 - Start using bike and pedestrian level services that are equal or greater than auto-centric level services.

8. **Announcements**

- Nick Mason reminded us that only BAC Members can make motions at Subcommittee and full BAC meetings.
- Nick: lots of cities are doing protected bikeways; we are losing ground.
- Nick: Bike Alliance of MN meeting this evening at Indeed Brewery.
- Roy Hallanger: Minneapolis Safe Routes map is completed and he could bring it to the October 5E Subcommittee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.