

**Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**  
**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, see Attachment 1)
3. BAC Staff Roles, Matthew Dyrdaahl (4:10-4:15)
4. Update to Council Recap, Nick Mason (4:15-4:20)
5. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:20-4:50)
  - Minneapolis Public Works Winter Maintenance
  - Minneapolis Bike Week 2015/Open Streets
  - Bicycle Master Plan Review - Enforcement
6. Engineering Subcommittee, Juana Sandoval (4:50-5:20, see Attachment 2)
  - Nicollet-Central Streetcar Update
  - Protected Bikeway Update **ACTION**
  - 2015 Protected Bikeway Projects
  - West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Bike Blvd Improvements **ACTION**
  - 45<sup>th</sup> Ave N Bike Lanes **ACTION**
  - Hennepin County Bikeway and Sidewalk Participation Program **ACTION**
7. [East Downtown Pedestrian Realm Augmentation Study](#), Jon Wertjes (5:20-5:35)
8. Agency Overview – CPED, Joe Bernard (5:35-5:50)
9. National Bike Summit Recap, Nick Mason (5:50-5:55)
10. Announcements (5:55-6:00)

**Next BAC Meetings:**

Thursday, April 9, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, April 14, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, April 15, Executive Committee

Wednesday, April 22, Whole Committee

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Members Present:** Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

**Members Absent:** Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon (excused), Shawn Carriere (excused), Chris Linde, Ciara Schlichting (excused), Max Schollet, Lindsey Wallace (excused)

**Others Present:** Simon Blenski, Hōkan, Jon Wertjes

**Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee wholeheartedly supports Minneapolis Open Streets as events that bring our neighborhoods and businesses together. As such, the BAC agrees with Council Members Cano, Gordon, and Johnson and the Corcoran and Longfellow neighborhood groups that there is a very strong preference to keep the **Lake Street Open Streets** event as one continuous event on Lake Street through the Hiawatha corridor.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the plan for **6th Ave SE Bicycle Boulevard improvements**.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the plan for **bicycle lanes on 45th Ave N** and appreciates that the proposal calls for 10 foot travel lanes with 6 foot bicycle lanes.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the three projects being proposed for applications to the **Hennepin County Bikeway and Sidewalk Participation Program**.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **draft Protected Bikeway Update** to the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan and we would like to express our gratitude for Anna Flintoft's work on this project.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports **protected bicycle facilities** wherever possible as part of the **East Downtown Pedestrian Realm Augmentation Study**, and supports investigating better options for eastbound bicyclists from the intersection of Park Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street S to the Hiawatha LRT Trail connection.

## Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and February Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **BAC Staff Roles** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl
  - Matthew will be the voting BAC member from Public Works.
  - Simon Blenski will continue to be the staff contact for the Engineering Subcommittee.
  
2. **Update to Council Recap** presented by Nick Mason
  - Nick (with assistance from Janice Gepner) presented a BAC 2014 recap to the Transportation and Public Works Subcommittee of the City Council yesterday.
  - Presentation was joint with the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
  - PowerPoint, Report and testimony available online.
  - BAC was thanked and presentation was well received.
  
3. **5E Subcommittee** Report from Roy Hallanger – ***ACTION***
  - **Minneapolis Public Works Winter Maintenance**
    - The Subcommittee met with Mike Kennedy, who oversees Public Works maintenance.
    - PW tries to plow or treat main bike trails within 24 hours of snowfall.
    - Parked cars make plowing on-street bike lanes difficult.
    - Subcommittee will come up with a map of routes for priority winter maintenance for input from full BAC.
    - Robin Garwood said we need to assess current level of service first.
    - Joe Bernard said we need to know our goals first: who do we aim to accommodate?
    - Nick Mason said we need to keep this on our Agenda to prepare for Winter Congress next year.
    - Matthew Dyrdaahl said he hopes to have a priority map and action items by winter.
    - Roy said we should request having a point person for Winter Maintenance in PW.
    - Joshua Houdek pointed out that the Park Board should be included in these discussions.
  - **Minneapolis Bike Week 2015/Open Streets – *ACTION***
    - Ginny Herman spoke to Subcommittee.
    - City approved \$15,000 for Bike Week in 2015.
    - Volunteers will be needed.
    - Planning initiatives and pre-events were discussed.
    - Bike Week will be May 10-16. Bike to School Day is May 6.
    - There will be theme days and at least one big ride every day.
    - 8 Open Streets events are planned.

- Lyndale, Nicollet and Lowry events are self sustaining.
- Nick explained that city staff don't want Lake St event to go through the Hiawatha/Lake intersection, so section from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Av has been rerouted north to the Sabo Bridge.
- City Councilors would prefer to keep the event on Lake St.
- At City Council Subcommittee meeting, cost of police overtime questioned.
- Joshua said Lake and Hiawatha is a critical area to improve; it has the Blue Line Station.
- Jose Luis Villaseñor pointed out affected area includes a radio station.
- Neighborhood Councils support event staying on Lake St.
- Matthew suggested the event might be better on a different street.
- Nick presented a motion that we prefer to keep the Lake St event on Lake St.
- The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Robin Garwood, Matthew Dyrda, Joe Bernard, Kelley Yemen and Gina Mitteco.

4. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Juana Sandoval – ***ACTIONS***

- **West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study**
  - Informational presentation with a map shared with Subcommittee.
  - Project team will meet with Subcommittee again later.
  - Bike parking is included in the project.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Bicycle Boulevard Improvements – ACTION**
  - Plan includes 2 traffic circles at 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> St SE.
  - Half of funding coming from Hennepin County.
  - Scheduled for summer, 2015.
  - Simon Blenski pointed out that plan includes removing a stop sight at 6<sup>th</sup> St SE.
  - Juana's motion to support the project passed unanimously.
- **45<sup>th</sup> Avenue N Bicycle Lanes – ACTION**
  - Segment from Webber Pkwy to Lyndale Av N being seal coated this summer.
  - Plan presented to remove parking on one side and add bike lanes.
  - The motion to support this project passed unanimously.
- **Hennepin County Bikeway and Sidewalk Participation Program – ACTION**
  - Simon identified 3 projects to include in application for this program.
  - Projects need to be city roads in the County network.
  - Two of the projects are bike projects to fill gaps: 24<sup>th</sup> St E between Minnehaha LRT and 26<sup>th</sup> Av and 27<sup>th</sup> St NE between Marshall St and University.
  - A motion to support the application passed unanimously with an abstention from Kelley.
- **Nicollet-Central Streetcar Update**
  - Informational handouts presented to Subcommittee.
  - They will try to have tracks perpendicular to bikes when they have to cross.
  - Suggestion in Subcommittee to make bike lane or buffer larger.
  - Bob Hain pointed out that cars will use the bike and parking lanes to pass streetcar if there is no barrier.

- **Protected Bikeway Update to the Bike Master Plan – ACTION**
    - Update now includes a page outlining maintenance costs.
    - Juana presented a motion to support the Update.
    - Robin noted that the costs are high because they assume carting away snow.
    - Richard Anderson said he couldn't support the Update because his Council Member opposes removing parking on 9<sup>th</sup> St and 3<sup>rd</sup> Av for protected bike lanes.
    - Peter Wagenius described how the city's vision for 3<sup>rd</sup> Av has evolved.
    - Peter pointed out that so far all decisions on North/South routes to downtown have prioritized other modes at a cost to bicyclists. 3<sup>rd</sup> Av is the only option left.
    - The motion passed with one No vote from Richard and an abstention from Joe Bernard.
  - **2015 Protected Bikeway Projects.** A map was passed around.
5. **East Downtown Pedestrian Realm Augmentation Study** presented by Jon Wertjes – **ACTION**
- The Study's aim is to identify opportunities to make pedestrian enhancements.
  - Curbs are being removed during construction; how do we want to put them back?
  - Bike lanes will be restored on Portland; two possible layouts presented.
  - Our feedback requested ASAP.
  - All bicycle lanes will be maintained.
  - Robin asked about plans for bicyclists heading eastbound from Park and 4<sup>th</sup> to the LRT trail.
  - Plan is to probably remove reverse flow bus lane. Peter asked what will happen when the LRT isn't working?
  - Robin's motion to support protected bike lanes in this project passed unanimously with an abstention from Joe.
6. **National Bike Summit Recap** presented by Nick Mason
- The Summit in Washington, DC had over 700 attendees with 10 from Minnesota.
  - Met with all Minnesota office holders and asked for bike/ped support.
7. **Agency Overview: CPED (Community Planning & Economic Development)** presented by Joe Bernard
- CPED was created 10 years ago by Mayor Rybak.
  - 4 Divisions: Long Range Planning, Housing Development, Economic Development and Development Services.
  - New director, Craig Taylor.
  - Joe is on the Long Range Planning team.
  - Bicycling could be important in accommodating growth of Minneapolis population.
  - 30 year vision updated every 10 years; next comprehensive plan due in 3 years.
8. **Announcements**
- Roy Hallanger: Safe Routes to Schools still in budget. Bicycle Festival will happen June 17-21. Police Officers planning a bike ride for kids on May 16.

- Joshua Houdek: Smart Growth America report highlighted Franklin Ave Bike lanes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner