

**Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 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. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:10-4:30)
  - Winter Maintenance Study
  - Enforcement Campaign Follow-up
  - Complete Streets Policy
  - BAC – Traffic Skills 101 Class
4. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:30-5:10)
  - 29th St W **ACTION**
  - Queen Ave N **ACTION**
  - 54th St W/Diamond Lake Rd **ACTION**
  - Minnehaha Pkwy & William Berry Pkwy Trail Improvements **ACTION**
  - 26th/28th St E
  - Chicago Ave S **ACTION**
  - Intercity Regional Trail
5. Bicycle Friendly Community Application, Matthew Dyrdaahl (5:10-5:30)
6. Mayor's Challenge, Matthew Dyrdaahl (5:30-5:50)
7. Transportation Planning and Programming Hire, Nick Mason (5:50-5:55)
  - **ACTION**
8. Announcements (5:55-6:00)
9. Adjourn (6:00)

**Next BAC Meetings:**

Thursday, June 11, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 16, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, June 17, Executive Committee

Wednesday, June 24, Whole Committee

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Members Present:** Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Ginger Cannon, Shawn Carriere, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Lindsey Wallace, Kelley Yemen

**Members Absent:** Sgt. Tom Campbell, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason (excused), Ciara Schlichting (excused), Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

**Others Present:** Simon Blenski

**Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee prefers a full **bike lane on 54<sup>th</sup> St W** as presented, but if that is not possible, we would be willing to accept parking in the bike lane during designated church service hours.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **William Berry trail improvements** as presented and suggests moving the bikeway crossing at William Berry/Richfield Road to shift it further to the east to provide better sight lines at the intersection.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Queen Avenue N Bikeway**, with the one-way street option not supported at Site 5, and further community engagement is needed at the other sites.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Minnehaha Parkway non-grade separated bicycle trail at Lyndale Avenue** at the north end of the bridge, with the caveat that the Park Board work with other relevant agencies to correct the deficiencies of this non-grade separated crossing to:
  - increase the size of the curb cuts to allow more than a single bike to enter the cut (a wide fan cut),
  - move the push buttons on each side so they can be operated from the curb cuts, and
  - shorten the stop light timing so there is not a long wait for the light to change.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee presents the following comments on the **26th/28th St E Protected Bikeway**
  - (1) on blocks where there were no bollards because of many driveways, that at least one or two be placed at the beginning of the block,

- (2) that wayfinding signs be placed to identify entrances to the Greenway,
  - (3) that a (buffered) bike lane be placed on the south side of 28th Street between 5th Avenue and Portland,
  - (4) that arrows be placed on 28th Street just before the Greenway crossing to let motorists know that the roadway is narrowing to one lane, and
  - (5) to extend the green crossing markings on the layout to better signify the conflict areas.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee enthusiastically supports hiring a new **Director of Transportation Planning**. The person hired for this position should have well documented experience in building transportation infrastructure that promotes walking and biking and increases pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

## Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and chaired by Paul Frenz. The Agenda and April Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **5E Subcommittee** Report from Roy Hallanger
  - **Winter Maintenance Study**
    - o Matthew Dyrdaahl is working with a Public Works leadership team to write a work plan.
    - o Starting with assessment via external engagement with BAC, PAC and road/trail users.
    - o Strategies will be developed late fall/early winter.
    - o Plan will be evaluated during winter.
    - o Work with Maintenance to identify equipment, staffing and budget needs.
    - o Develop evaluation tools for bikes and peds to provide documentation.
    - o Goal to invite more people to bike in winter.
    - o Ginger Cannon asked about partnering with the Park Board on this.
    - o Kelley Yemen offered to get Matthew information from other cities.
  - **Enforcement Campaign Follow-Up**
    - o "Toward Zero Deaths" enforcement campaign.
    - o Matthew discussed possible efforts to publicize the campaign.
  - **Complete Streets Policy**
    - o Matthew met with 4 Council Members on steering committee.
    - o First advisory meeting in early June with stake holders.
    - o Goal to have policy by the end of the year.
    - o Steering committee includes several BAC members.
  - **BAC – Traffic Skills 101 Class**
    - o Roy said that even experienced bicyclists can learn from the course.

- Important for BAC members to take the approximately 8-hour class.
- Several BAC members are potential instructors.
- Survey showed many BAC members would be interested.
- Joshua suggested inviting City and Park Board staff and Council Members.
- Kelley said that the county road map now includes info on bicycling.

## 2. Engineering Subcommittee Report from Juana Sandoval – ***ACTIONS***

- **29<sup>th</sup> Street West**
  - Reconstruction in the Uptown area.
  - Two options presented: one for festivals, other one more traffic calming.
  - Subcommittee preferred plan with traffic calming.
  - Plans will be presented at Lyndale Open Streets event.
- **Chicago Avenue South**
  - Conventional bike lanes installed from Lake St to 46<sup>th</sup> St E.
  - Travel lanes narrowed and parking remains.
- **54<sup>th</sup> St West/Diamond Lake Road – ACTION**
  - Sealcoating project between Nicollet Ave and Lyndale Ave S.
  - City proposing a conventional bike lane on N side and 2 foot buffer on S side.
  - Plan would remove parking on the South side since it isn't used much.
  - Packed public meeting was opposed to removing any parking.
  - Church on the S side wants parking to be maintained.
  - Discussion on whether to accommodate Church parking in our resolution.
  - Shawn said that turning onto 54<sup>th</sup> from side streets is dangerous.
  - Scott presented a motion to support bike lanes, and not to support church parking.
  - Robin Garwood and Chris Linde suggested we amend motion to say we prefer continuous bike lanes and limited parking is our second choice.
  - Motion passed with nays from Scott Snelling and Juana Sandoval and an abstention from Shawn Carriere.
- **William Berry Parkway Trail Improvements – ACTION**
  - Park Board presented plan for improvements between Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet.
  - Park Board plan provides better separation of bikes and pedestrians.
  - Subcommittee liked the plan but is suggesting the bike crossing be shifted further east to increase visibility to cars.
  - Juana presented the motion which was passed unanimously with an abstention from Ginger Cannon.
- **Queen Avenue North – ACTION**
  - Kelley Yemen detailed 6 sites along Queen where a typical bike blvd would not work.
    - § 1: Connecting Osseo to Queen
    - § 2: Cleveland Park along Lucy Laney school: staff recommends diverting around Russell.

- § 3: W Broadway: 2-way cycle track would mean removing a lane or parking. Depends on closing McNair.
- § 4: Willard Park: through park or divert around Russell.
- § 5: S of Golden Valley, street becomes 1-way; make it 2-way or 1-way pairs with Queen and Russell.
- § 6: Crossing 55: look at after Bottineau discussions.
  - Discussion on whether to pass motion now or wait until next month after feedback from public discussions.
  - Juana presented a motion that includes the subcommittees comments on those 6 intersections. The motion was later simplified.
  - The simplified motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Ginger, Joe Bernard and Kelley.
  - Next public meeting is June 16, from 5 – 8 pm, at the Lowry Café.
- **Minnehaha Parkway – ACTION**
  - Paul Frenz presented the 3 options considered by the Project Advisory Committee, which he is on: 1. Multi-use trail, 2. Ped only trail E of Lyndale, 3. Ped trail with board walk option.
  - Since Option #1 was too expensive, only #2 and #3 were discussed.
  - Because option #1 is off the table, need to improve crossing.
  - Paul presented a motion asking the Park Board to improve the crossing by increasing the size of curb cuts, moving the push buttons and shortening the stop light timing.
  - Ginger said Park Board can't use their budget for buttons or timing.
  - Motion amended to ask the Park Board to work with other agencies on improvements.
  - The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Ginger and Kelley.
- **Intercity Regional Trail**
  - 3 Rivers project
  - Subcommittee concerned with trail and pedestrian crossing at Edgewater.
  - Drivers travelling east bound on Edgewater turning onto 77 don't look right for trail traffic.
  - Need to emphasize conflict zone.
- **26<sup>th</sup> Street East/28<sup>th</sup> Street East - – ACTION**
  - Currently under construction.
  - Paul presented a motion of BAC comments that was unanimously accepted.

3. **Bicycle Friendly Community application** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl

- Application due August 11.
- Steve Clark and Andy Clarke from the League of American Bicyclists will visit Minneapolis at the end of June/beginning of July.
- There will be an invitation-only bike ride in the morning followed by an open discussion.
- Bike Coalition hosting an evening happy hour and an evening meeting with corporate partners.

- Matthew looking for help with application and he might use 5E Subcommittee meeting time.
  - Paul suggested that Matthew send the application form to the entire BAC so we can help.
  - Shawn suggested he also send a copy of the last application.
4. **Mayor's Challenge** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl
- Matthew asked the BAC to respond about whether further action is needed in 7 areas.
  - Matthew working with Mayor on this.
  - Kelley said participation could provide guidance from federal government.
  - Gina Mitteco said the results may enable the federal government to help with bike/ped safety.
5. **Transportation Planning Director** presented by Robin Garwood – ***ACTION***
- Robin presented the resolution previously passed by the PAC which supports hiring a Director of Transportation Planning with bike/ped experience.
  - The resolution passed unanimously with an abstention from Matthew.
6. **Announcements**
- Joe Bernard: The Planning Commission and CLIC are having their annual joint public hearing next Thursday at 4:30 pm in Room 19, and he urged us to attend to support bicycle infrastructure. Comments from the meeting are forward to the Mayor and City Council.
  - Robin: the funeral for Paul Holt, who was involved in the Greenway, is tomorrow.
  - Matthew presented an announcement from Joshua Houdek: there is a test closure of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue S at the Midtown Greenway.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner