

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 28, 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. CIP Discussion – Steve Hay (4:10-4:30)
4. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:30-4:50, see Attachment 2)
 - Recap of TS101
 - Healthy Connections Active Transportation Report
 - Winter Maintenance Study
 - Complete Streets Update
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Juana Sandoval (4:50-5:10, see Attach. 3)
 - Target Center Renovation
 - SWLRT Items
 - 60% plans
 - Construction diversions
 - 7th Street N Protected Bikeway
 - Downtown Public Realm Framework Update
6. 3rd Avenue Redesign, Matthew Dyrdaahl (5:10-5:50)
7. Announcements (5:50-6:00)
8. Adjourn (6:00)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, November 5, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, November 10, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, November 11, Executive Committee

Wednesday, November 18, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Matthew Dyr Dahl, Paul Frenz, Joshua Houdek, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Scott Snelling, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon, Shawn Carriere, Bill Dooley (excused), Gina Mitteco (excused), Ciara Schlichting (excused), Max Schollet, Sarah Stewart (excused), Jose Luis Villaseñor, Peter Wagenius (excused), Lindsey Wallace (excused)

Others Present: Steve Hay, Hōkan, Curt Howard

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests Public Works staff to present the current draft of the city's **Complete Streets Policy** at either our November or December meeting.
2. As part of the **Target Center Renovation project**, The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly prefers installing a curb protected bikeway on the right side of N 7th Street from 1st Avenue N to 2nd Avenue N, with a bicycle signal at the intersection of 7th & 2nd, with a protected phase for northwest-bound bicyclists, to protect against right hook conflicts. If this is not possible, the BAC would support installing a curb-protected bikeway at least from N 9th Street to N 2nd Avenue, with the same type of bicycle signal at 2nd and 7th as proposed above.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Preliminary Concept for the 3rd Avenue Redesign** as follows:

WHEREAS, the mission of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is to advise the Mayor and City Council on policies, programs, and actions for improving bicycle safety, mobility, accessibility, and comfort; and

WHEREAS, the committee is tasked to promote bicycling for transportation, recreation, and health purposes and to strengthen the linkage between the bicycling environment and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary concept for the 3rd Avenue Redesign will reduce the number and width of traffic lanes, adds protected / buffered bikeways, will increase the safety of bicyclists, and increases the amount of greenspace along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the redesign will highlight the City of Minneapolis' commitment to creating a walkable, bikeable, equitable, and accessible city,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly supports the preliminary concept for the 3rd Avenue Redesign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly supports the Option 1 Plan for the block along City Hall (A1 & A2: Remove Police Parking Bay), which includes curb protected landscaping and 8.5' of cleared pedestrian access be the preferred plan presented to the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends incorporating the following amendments to the redesign:

- The addition of zebra-style, durable crosswalks at all intersections,
- The installation of Audio Pedestrian Signals (APS) at 5th Street due to the lack of auto traffic at the Government Plaza LRT Station,
- Consolidation of curb cuts wherever possible and ensuring that all existing curb cuts shall meet ADA requirements,
- The inclusion of bicycle parking wherever possible along 3rd Avenue to eliminate the use of street poles for bicycle parking, thereby keeping the pedestrian access route clear and providing much-needed parking for bicyclists in downtown, including on-street corals where possible,
- Mitigation of crash conflict zones between straight-through bike traffic operating to the right of right-turning motor vehicle traffic with combination of the following: no right turns on red for motor vehicles, bicycle/pedestrian leading signals, active sensor signals to motorists that bicycles are on their right (in a blind spot), and best practice NACTO conflict zone pavement treatments,
- Consideration of implementing Minneapolis' first protected intersection at Washington Avenue, or at a minimum, more study of options for a safe and comfortable connection for northbound bicyclists at Washington Avenue, including removal of the northbound left turn lane.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Minutes were corrected and the corrected Minutes and the Agenda were accepted unanimously.

1. **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** Discussion led by Steve Hay

- Steve Hay is in the Division of Planning and Programming within Public Works and is the manager of the Capital Improvement Program process.
- The process is year round. They are now working on 2017-2021; 2016-2020 will be finalized in December.
- Each year they look to add projects 5 years out.
- He gave us an update on the projects we recommended last year.
- The near term projects we recommended were protected bike lanes and bike boulevards.
- Protected bike lanes: Annual \$750K funded, some projects being implemented, Northside Greenway not yet funded but under development, 26th/28th Streets west of I-35W not yet programmed (implemented between Portland and Hiawatha).
- Bike Boulevards: 24th St E partially funded with Hennepin County, 29th Ave S not yet programmed, and Thomas Av N in development but not yet programmed.
- Long term projects: working on Samatar Crossing, some Henn Co. Funds for 27th Av from Marshall to Univ.
- Many of our long term suggestions are challenging and hard to implement.
- There was discussion about other sources of money for bike projects like Safe Routes grants, Hennepin County, federal and state solicitations, protected bikeway fund.
- Lots of non "bike" projects include a bike component.
- He asked us for suggestions for the next CIP by mid November.
- Once proposals are collected, they try to evaluate objectively, using data, if possible.
- They are still working on bike/ped metrics but will share them when available.
- Process: He brings recommendations to Public Works leadership; list to CLIC in April/May; they make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council by December.
- Robin asked for feedback: where do our recommendations get dropped?
- Scott Snelling was able to observe CIP process as BAC representative last year; they are using a more "internal" process this year.
- CIP prefers specific projects to broad programs but broader programs are possible.
- Next Engineering Subcommittee meeting will include coming up with recommendations; email Matthew, Ciara, or Juana with suggestions.

2. **5E's Subcommittee** Report from Roy Hallanger – ***ACTION***

- **Traffic Skills 101** Recap
 - Janice and Bill were BAC attendees.
 - Nick and Matthew will set up another one for the spring.
- **Winter Maintenance Study**
 - Nick Ray Olson and Forrest Hardy presented at Subcommittee meeting.
 - Matthew said they are working on the evaluation tool.
 - Topic will be on next month's Subcommittee meeting, too.
 - Matthew intends to produce a written report that includes Best Practices, Results from the Evaluation Tool and an Action Plan.
 - Volunteers will be needed to help with Evaluation after snow events.
 - Robin suggested presenting at the Winter Congress to get suggestions.

- Discussion on how to get data: accept photos? Use 311?
- **Healthy Connections Active Transportation Report**
 - Kenya McKnight presented the report to the Subcommittee.
 - The report summary can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/activetransreport>; the full report is at: <http://tinyurl.com/activetransfull>
 - Met with youth and communities of color in focus groups.
 - Current methods of communication from the city often don't reach them.
- **Complete Streets Update – ACTION**
 - No update because Stakeholders have not met since May and have not seen current draft.
 - Robin said it would be wise for us to talk to people in Policy Makers group.
 - Richard made a motion requesting Public Works present the current draft to the BAC in November or December.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Target Center Renovation – ACTION**
 - Renovation will include new loading docks and realigning N 7th St.
 - When signal timing is developed, bike specific signals are possible.
 - Conflicts with turning vehicles discussed.
 - General consensus that intersection is dangerous.
 - Scott presented a motion which was later revised by Robin to help prevent conflicts between bikes and turning vehicles.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- **Southwest LRT Items: 60% Plan**
 - Plan presented to Subcommittee from West end to East.
 - Plan includes an oval roundabout at West Lake Station, possible future streetcar, yellow flashers and improvements at Cedar Lake Pkwy, further review of at grade Z crossing at Penn Station.
 - For now, LRT underground at Cedar Lake Pkwy crossing.
- **Southwest LRT Items: Construction Diversions**
 - Discussed construction detour plans; needed for 1-2 years.
 - BAC planning a bike ride to check out potential detours. Saturday Nov 7, 11 am – 12:30 pm for Henn Co. BAC, too. Meet an entrance behind Whole Foods.
 - Recommendation next month.
- **Southwest LRT Items: 7th Street N Protected Bikeway**
 - Medians will have to come out.
 - Motion after bike ride.
- **Downtown Public Realm Framework Update**
 - Chris Linde is on Technical Committee.
 - Guidelines include street furnishings, such as bike racks.
 - Update guidelines meant to apply citywide.
 - Sections that include bike racks will be provided to BAC for review.

4. **3rd Avenue Redesign** led by Matthew Dyrdaahl – ***ACTION***

- New project – not on CIP. Accelerated timeline. \$3 million in Mayor's budget.
- It's a Tier 1 project on Protected Bikeways Plan.
- Project limits: from 16th St & Convention Center to the river; maybe to University.
- From 16th St to 7th St: remove one lane of traffic, 1st planted curb separated buffer, keep center median.
- From 7th St to 1st St: 2 standard travel lanes and 6 foot bollard-protected bike lane.
- Money available for substantial green space and planters.
- Nick presented a motion that mirrors the one passed by the PAC to support Option 1 and that recommends several amendments to the plan.
- Intersection at Washington discussed and motion amended to include concerns.
- Revised motion passed unanimously.
- Richard asked about accelerated timeline of project; not discussed by BAC before.
- Project gained strong support when it was clear no other N/S route to downtown feasible.
- Only ½ of project cost for bike facility; other half is for greening and improvements to streetscape.

5. **Announcements**

- Nick: MnDOT Coffee Chat on State Bike Plan at Freewheel on the Greenway, next Wednesday, 5 – 7 pm. Comment online until Nov 16.
- Juana: Reach out to Council Members on 3rd Avenue Redesign.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.