

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
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 (4:10-4:45, see Attachment 2)
 - Regional Solicitation **ACTION**
 - Winter Cycling Congress Debrief
 - 5E 2016 Agenda Planning
4. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:45-5:30, see Attachments 3-4)
 - Midtown Greenway Connections
 - 5th Street Reconnection Project – **ACTION**
 - 1st Avenue North **ACTION**
 - Nicollet Avenue South **ACTION**
 - Blaisdell Avenue South **ACTION**
 - 3rd Avenue South Update **ACTION**
5. Announcements (5:30-5:45)
6. Adjourn (5:45)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, March 10, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, March 15, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, March 16, Executive Committee

Wednesday, March 23, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Joe Bernard, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Hilary Lovelace, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Lindsey Wallace, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Richard Anderson (excused), Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon, Bill Dooley (excused), Bob Hain, Chris Linde (excused), Juana Sandoval (excused), Greg Sautter (excused), Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor

Others Present: Kayla Grover, Hōkan

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports seeking federal money through the **Regional Solicitation** process for the following projects in the bike category:
 - Oak St SE/University Ave SE Bikeway
 - 6th St S, and
 - Prospect Park Trail (Franklin to Essex)and the following projects in the roadway category:
 - Hennepin Avenue (Washington to 12th)
 - 37th Avenue NE
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout for the **5th Street Reconnection Project**, with more clarity on the connection at the east end: a clearer preferred path for bicyclists entering and exiting the facility, and if possible fixing the intersection of the Hiawatha LRT Trail and 15th Avenue S.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the transition of the protected bikeway on **1st Ave N** to a buffered bike lane, contingent on filling the gap created in the protected bikeway network by the introduction of a **new protected bikeway on Hennepin Avenue**.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Nicollet Avenue South** project as presented.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Blaisdell Avenue South** project as presented.

6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee reiterates our support for improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including wider unobstructed sidewalks, a protected bikeway, and removal of parking on the full east side of the 400 block of **3rd Avenue South**, adjacent to City Hall.
7. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee **thanks Public Works staff** for bringing the 3rd Avenue South layout back to our Subcommittee to address our specific recommendations on what would be a demonstration project of a first model protected bikeway in downtown.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and January Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Bike/Ped Staffing Update** from Matthew Dyrdaahl
 - Matthew briefly discussed staffing changes in the bike/ped section.
 - Mackenzie Turner Borgen will work with the BAC and PAC non-infrastructure subcommittees.
 - Forrest Hardy and Matthew will work with the Engineering Subcommittee until someone is hired to fill Simon's old position.
2. **5E's Subcommittee** Report presented by Roy Hallanger – ***ACTION***
 - **Regional Solicitation – *ACTION***
 - Steve Hay explained the application process to the Subcommittee.
 - Projects must be at least \$400K to be included and they must be well planned.
 - He highlighted 3 projects from the BAC CIP suggestion list that would be included in the city's application: Oak St SE/University Ave SE Bikeway, 6th St S, and Prospect Park Trail.
 - Hennepin Ave & possibly 37th Av NE will also be in the application in the road category.
 - Roy presented a motion to support funding the BAC CIP projects.
 - Nick provided a friendly amendment to include Hennepin and 37th.
 - The amended motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Kelley Yemen and Gina Mitteco.
 - **Winter Cycling Congress Debrief** led by Nick Mason
 - Nick said the organizers worked hard to cultivate the central theme of equity and that bicycling is a normal mode of transportation for everyone.
 - Ciara Schlichting said the Anthony Taylor session was inspiring and challenged people to consider equity.
 - Roy said equity is not just about goals but about how to talk and engage everyone in productive ways.

- Matthew said he led a short tour of facilities with Mike Kennedy and that Mayor Hodges gave a great presentation.
- Sarah Stewart said it's important to talk about cycling in ways that resonate with people.
- Lindsey Wallace enjoyed how people approached cycling creatively.
- Kelley Yemen appreciated how each city faces different winter challenges and shared an app she learned about that rates each day for bicycling on a scale of 1 to 10.
- Will Lumpkins enjoyed meeting people and making connections.
- Robin Garwood added that we wanted to repeat the "after snowfall" bike tour for BAC members, policy makers, and whoever is interested.
- **5E Subcommittee Agenda Planning**
 - Matthew handed out a list of topics for each of the 5 E's.
 - Under Enforcement, there's the MPD bike ride, and having an MPD member on the BAC.
 - Sarah said a checklist provides opportunities for improving Engagement.
 - Nick pointed out that the Engineering Subcommittee meetings are full keeping up with infrastructure, but the 5E Subcommittee provides the opportunity to be proactive.
 - Nick invited members to email him or Roy if interested in taking something on.
 - Matthew said that next month might be the right time to invite the Bike Coalition to come to the Subcommittee to discuss Bike Week and Open Streets events.

3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Ciara Schlichting – **ACTIONS**

- **Midtown Greenway Connections**
 - Hennepin County presented plans to the Subcommittee.
 - Goal of plans is to improve connections between the Midtown Greenway and Lake St, improve safety, and fill gaps in the bikeway system.
 - Document will be coming out soon for public comments.
 - Effort to help people in Greenway neighborhoods feel safe and welcome there.
- **5th Street Reconnection Project (Samatar Crossing) – ACTION**
 - I-94 exit to downtown being moved from 5th St to 7th St, so bridge provides an opportunity for an improved connection to Cedar/Riverside neighborhood.
 - Neighborhood concerned that car traffic might increase.
 - The Subcommittee raised concerns about some transitions: where bikes and peds share space and the intersection of the Hiawatha LRT and 15th Av S.
 - Ciara presented a motion that passed unanimously with one abstention from Joe Bernard.
- **1st Avenue North – ACTION**
 - Nick provided some historical context, explaining that 1st Ave N provided our first protected bikeway experiment.
 - Current proposal is to remove the protection and have a more traditional buffered bike lane.

- Protected bike lane on 1st was not successful but a protected bike lane downtown still needed. A better protected facility on Hennepin hoped for.
- Peter Wagenius said that bike facility on 1st showed that removing a driving lane worked, and if bike facility moved, extra space should go to pedestrians.
- Ciara presented a motion to support the changes on 1st and propose a protected bikeway on Hennepin.
- The motion passed unanimously.
- **Nicollet Avenue South (40th St to 61st St E) – ACTION**
 - Rebecca Hughes presented the plan to the Subcommittee.
 - Plan reduces 11 turn lanes to 4, includes loss of only 5 parking spots, and adds a 5-6 foot bike lane.
 - Ciara's motion to support the project was passed unanimously.
- **Blaisdell Avenue South (29th to 40th St) – ACTION**
 - This project is one of 3 that will be funded through the Protected Bikeway Fund.
 - 2 Travel lanes and bike lane protected with posts. Most parking maintained.
 - Neighborhood in favor of traffic calming.
 - Ciara's motion to support the project passed unanimously.
- **3rd Avenue South Update – ACTIONS**
 - Simon Blenski followed up on issues in BAC and PAC motions in October.
 - Public Works staff is still looking into possible zebra style crosswalks with better visibility, crosswalks across 3rd, and removing police parking.
 - Several suggestions not in scope of project: audible pedestrian signals at 5th, consolidating curb cuts, and bike parking.
 - Protected intersection at Washington & 3rd not possible since critical dedicated left turn lane would have to be removed.
 - Since the block is so important, Ciara presented a motion to reiterate our support for bike and pedestrian improvements on the 400 block of 3rd Av S.
 - Nick provided a friendly amendment to be specific about our requests.
 - Proposal is for facilities on south end but not on the north end.
 - Robin urged BAC members to let their Council Members know they support the improvements along the entire length of 3rd Av S.
 - The revised motion passed unanimously.
 - Robin made another motion to thank Public Works staff for providing helpful feedback on the recommendations in our original motion.
 - Robin's motion passed unanimously.

4. Announcements

- Nick reminded us that citizen members of the BAC will be appointed in June, so it is time to request reappointment, if interested.
- Matthew: sent an email with the Board of Orientation schedule. RSVP if you plan to attend.
- Joshua Houdek: Youth Bike Summit May 27-29 at Macalester. Check it out at youthsummit.org.

- Nick: National Bike Summit is March 7-9. Minnesota Bike Summit on March 30th and registration is now open.
- Joshua: Monday, April 4 is Transportation Forward Day at the Capital. Noon to 5 pm at Christ Lutheran Church.
- Georgianna Yantos: working with architects on connections at 26th to North and Northeast. Meeting March 3 at 7 pm at PCYC. Combined meeting on March 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.