

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 4 PM – 6 PM

Room 319 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargen, Jenny Bordon, Tony Drollinger, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Liz Johnston, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Nick Mason, Aaron Shaffer, Emily Smoak, Sarah Stewart, Emily Wade, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Erika Dani (excused), Jaime Makepeace, Dan Miller (excused), Tyler Pederson, Greg Sautter, Elissa Schufman (excused), Anthony Taylor

Others Present: Millicent Flowers, Chris Kartheiser

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee respectfully supports Option 3, an off-street path, for the **37th Avenue NE Resurfacing Project**.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Portland Avenue Bikeway Project** as presented with a request that the project tighten up all curb radii on the bridge, especially the northwest corner. The BAC requests that the county project team return to the BAC when they are ready to discuss signalization and signage.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Diamond Lake Road Bikeway** with no preference for either Option 1 or 2. We suggest that bicycle conflict markings be added on 2nd Avenue, and when possible, to Stevens Avenue, in order to show the existence of the bicycle path to vehicles exiting the freeway.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee approved the list of **CIP Recommendations**. See the Appendix.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and November Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Engineering Subcommittee Report** presented by Chris Linde
 - **37th Avenue NE Resurfacing**

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- Project is on the border between Minneapolis and Columbia Heights and extends from University to Central.
- Project is east of a section that's included in a federal solicitation.
- 3 Options presented.
- The option preferred by the neighborhood, Option 3, includes a combined-use path on the Columbia Heights side of the street.
- Decision on the path will be made by Columbia Heights.
- Chris presented a motion to support the Option with the multi-use path.
- The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Tony Drollinger.
- **Portland Avenue Bikeway Project**
 - Current proposal includes all of our suggestions from the last time it was presented.
 - Project extends from 60th St south to 66th St in Richfield.
 - This is a joint project between Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Metro Transit and Richfield.
 - Project includes a protected bikeway through the Minneapolis section and a 10 ft multi-use trail on the bridge over Hwy 62.
 - Chris L presented a motion to support the project as presented.
 - Nick suggested we amend the motion to request they come back to discuss signalization and signage.
 - Matt H suggested the motion include tightening up all curb radii, not just one.
 - The amended motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Steve Elmer and Jordan Kocak.
- **Diamond Lake Road Bikeway**
 - Project fills a gap on the Bike Master Plan and extends from I-35W to Portland Ave S.
 - 2 options were presented that include 6 ft standard bike lanes on both sides with some parking removed.
 - Subcommittee discussed extending curb/conflict markings at the 35W bridge.
 - Chris presented a motion to support the project with the suggestion to add markings.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

2. 5E Subcommittee Report presented by Emily Smoak

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- **Winter Maintenance Report and Sidewalk Inspection**

- Matthew D shared notes from the PAC meeting with the Subcommittee.
- Update included the results of research plus next steps for the city.
- The city looked at the cost of clearing all sidewalks: \$18 million/year to treat all snow events; \$4-6 million/year to treat snow events of 4" or more.
- The city did not look at the option of just clearing priority sidewalks.
- Next steps include attempts at better communication: residents received a letter.
- The City is also piloting inspection of sidewalk clearing by residents.
- The subcommittee would like Lisa Cerney to return with the results of information gathered from inspections.
- Residents who have not cleared their sidewalks will get a notice; sidewalk will be cleared; then residents will get a bill for the service. No longer just a warning.
- Emily W pointed out that the city does not provide assistance for people who are unable to clear their own sidewalk and are on fixed income.
- Nick said neighbors can help but the effort needs to be organized.
- If the fee is just added to property tax, people won't know about it until much later.
- Emily W said that some people are not being given enough time to clear after notification.
- This topic will be discussed further at the next 5E Subcommittee meeting.

- **Vision Zero Crash Study and Update**

- Ethan Fawley provided the update to the Subcommittee.
- City goal is zero traffic deaths by 2027.
- An Action Plan is now being created from the Crash Study results.
- Study identified 5 sites with the highest number of serious crashes.
- Most of these sites are 4-lane undivided streets with poor sidewalks and no bicycle facilities.
- Franklin Avenue contains 5 of the 11 worst intersections for bikes.
- The next step will be community engagement on the Action Plan and the Transportation Action Plan.
- Timeline: Vision Zero Action Plan completed in the fall of 2019 and presented to the City Council in 2020.

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- Ethan said he would return to the Subcommittee and the full BAC with updates.
- People can take the Vision Zero pledge online.
- Crash Study results should be online next month.
- **Work Planning Update**
 - Chris K said this will be completed at the next Subcommittee meeting.
 - Plan will be presented to the full BAC next month.

3. **CIP Recommendations** presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl

- Matthew presented an updated list of recommended projects for the 2020-2024 CIP.
- Discussion on how to request upgrade on bike signalization: first study signal compliance with Complete Streets Policy, then suggest a program to upgrade.
- The city has pedestrian priority signals but no bicycle priority signals.
- Matthew noted we are asking for continued funding, not increased funding like the PAC.
- Joshua H moved that we approve the list.
- The list of CIP Recommendations was passed unanimously with an abstention from Tony Drollinger. (See Appendix for list.)

4. **Announcements**

- Robin G: the City Council passed the Comprehensive Plan.
- Joshua H: End of year party tomorrow night at 6 pm.
- Emily S: MnDOT approved an automated vehicle policy yesterday and it is now online.
- Tony D: the American Public Transit Association guide on bicycle access to transit is now being distributed.
- Joshua H: the Legislative Session will soon be starting; get involved in the Transportation Forward bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner

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The Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends the following programs and projects to be included in the 2020-2024 CIP.

Program Recommendations

- Create a program in the CIP to fund neighborhood greenways
- Continued funding for bicycle-specific capital programs, including Safe Routes to School (BP001) and Protected Bikeways Program (BIK28)
- Bring all traffic signals into compliance with the city's Complete Streets prioritization of modes.
 - Complete a System-wide study
 - Create a program for implementation

Protected Bike Lanes

- Make improvements to existing protected bikeways, such as upgrading buffered lanes w/bollards to more permanent infrastructure such as concrete medians and/or planters. Oak St between East River Pkwy and Washington Ave is an example.
- Construct all unprogrammed protected bike lanes identified in the Protected Bikeway Plan on City of Minneapolis streets, including:
 - Grant St
 - Oak St
 - 9th St S/10th St S
 - 1st Ave S/Blaisdell Ave S
 - Dunwoody Blvd/Hennepin Ave
 - Loring Bikeway Gap

Safe Routes to School

- 29th Ave S Bike Boulevard (extension to Minnehaha Ave)
- 16th Ave N Bike Boulevard (Aldrich Ave N to Xerxes Ave N)
- 26th & 28th St W – (Improve street crossings, particularly routes to Whittier and Jefferson Schools)
- 33rd Ave NE Bike Boulevard (Central to Stinson Parkway)

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Stand Alone Connections (Mostly Trails)

- Great Northern Greenway Gaps in North and NE Minneapolis
- East River Trail (Bridge 9 to Stone Arch Bridge)
- Prospect Park Trail
- Stinson Parkway (St. Anthony Blvd to 18th Ave NE)
- Central Ave (University Ave SE to Broadway St NE)

Bridge/River/Subject to Active Rail Operations

- Mississippi River Crossing (18th Avenue NE to 26th Avenue N)
- Midtown Greenway Phase Four (River Crossing)
- Central and Upper Riverfront gaps
- Grand Rounds missing link, per Minneapolis Park & Recreation Master Plan
- 27th Ave NE Bridge over the rail yard

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