



PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2006
Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Location: Room 319, City Hall
Attendees: See attached roster

Agenda

1. Housekeeping
 - a. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - b. Status of Action Items
2. Summary of Round 2 Public Workshops
3. Streetcar evaluation criteria
4. Schedule update
 - a. Reschedule June PSC to coincide with meetings on Streetcar Study June 6-8

Summary of Items Discussed

Housekeeping

The PSC provided the following comments on the minutes of April 17 meeting:

- Show attendance for Kent Warden and John Akre
- Clarify last two bullets listed under Southwest comments from PSC during small group work
- Revise comments on street types for Downtown to completely reflect comments from the PSC (John VanHeel will provide comments to Zimmer)

The PSC meeting minutes will be updated based on the above comments and provided to the PSC for their approval.

Action Items from the last meeting were reviewed. The Park Board task to provide a GIS layer for trees will remain on the list.

Charleen Zimmer introduced Anna Flintoft, Transportation Planner with City of Minneapolis to the PSC.

Summary of Round 2 Public Workshops

Charleen Zimmer provided a brief summary of the Round 2 Public Workshops. She indicated that the public outreach effort for this set of workshops was much better than the previous workshops but that attendance was lower than expected. A draft summary of comments from the

workshops were handed out. The summary doesn't include comments from the Downtown TMO meeting. Comments from this meeting will be documented soon.

There was a lot of discussion on transit during the workshops. The street classification process had a lot of information for people to grasp. The Downtown transit alternatives were the focus of discussions at the Downtown workshop. Darrell Gerber asked why the circulator was excluded on the downtown transit maps. Charleen noted that the "circulator" option (shuttle with peak interception) was shown on one map, however, the term "shuttle" was used instead of "circulator". The next step in the analysis will be to look more thoroughly at transit service for the downtown and near downtown neighborhoods to determine if additional service is needed and how this service might relate to service focused on the consumer-visitor market. Bob Greenberg noted that the topic of the shuttle service was explained by Charleen very well and the TMO showed a lot of interest in the topic.

The PSC added that concerns regarding any changes to existing transit routes should be clarified further to avoid confusion. The skip-stop operation in Downtown should be explained in detail so that people know where they can board a particular bus. Adam Harrington said that existing routes 94 and 50 on 6th Street are currently operating on a skip-stop basis.

Other comments from the PSC included the following:

- How are pedestrian crosswalks being addressed?
- How were people divided into groups? *Except for the Downtown meeting where people were grouped by mode, people were generally divided into groups of equal size at the remaining workshops.*

Place Types and Street Types

Fred Dock presented the changes that were made to the place types and street types maps based on the comments from the public. Changes to the Place Types map included adding a couple more activity centers, removing narrow (one block deep) activity centers because they are covered by commercial corridors, and revising boundaries of some activity centers. The consultant team will work with CPED to finalize the boundaries of the activity centers. These designations will provide input to the street design guidelines.

Updates to the Street Types map were also presented. The designation of Washington Ave and Hennepin Ave in downtown as commerce streets vs. activity center streets and guidance on commuter streets are still under discussion. Other comments from the PMT included:

- Why are Blaisdell Ave and 1st Ave in SW sector not shown as commuter streets? *These streets are not shown as commuter streets because they are guided to be a different type of street in the future. The same principle is applicable to 35th Street/36th Street.*

Further comments on place types and street types maps can be emailed to Charleen Zimmer.

Streetcar Evaluation Criteria

Draft streetcar evaluation criteria were handed out to the PSC for review and comments. The criteria were reviewed the previous day by the PMT and the changes proposed by the PMT

highlighted in an updated version that was distributed at the meeting. The discussion on the evaluation criteria is summarized below:

- Limits should not be placed on streets like Broadway, Nicollet, Central and Lake which extend beyond the city limits (or, at least, the ability to extend streetcar operation beyond the city limits should be recognized in the evaluation criteria)
- Cost-effectiveness of the line should take into consideration the length of the line (e.g., measuring cost per mile)
- Why hasn't been Lyndale Ave identified as a streetcar corridor? *Lyndale Avenue is one of the 14 streetcar corridors that will be evaluated in the streetcar study.*
- The residential area north of Broadway should be connected to Downtown
- Make sure there are streetcar corridors in North and Northeast sectors
- Grade is an initial screen for the selection of a criteria; failing in one criteria will not eliminate a route, but flags an issue
- There is very little room for both streetcar tracks and bike routes under the Midtown Greenway bridges. *This may require the reconstruction of bridges to accommodate both the bike lane and the streetcar or the use of short sections of single rather than double track.*
- There is a financing task in the scope that will identify funding sources.
- Private funding, City development plans, ease of construction and cost are factors that should be considered to prioritize corridors.
- "Time to implement" may be added as a criterion

Schedule Update

The PSC meeting in June will coincide with the Streetcar meetings to be held from June 6-8, 2006. Charleen will send out a notice of the next PSC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Action Items

Tim Brown	Provide Tree GIS layer
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**PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE
RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

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OFFICIAL MEMBER	NAME	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT
X	Akre, John	Northeast Sub-Area	X
X	Anderson, Richard	Mpls Bicycle Advisory Committee	X
X	Brown, Tim	Mpls Parks	
X	Dewar, Caren	Southwest Sub-Area	
X	DeWitt, John	East Sub-Area	X
X	Fabry, Klara	Minneapolis Public Works	
X	Gerber, Darrell	Southwest Sub-Area	X
X	Greenberg, Bob	Downtown Sub-Area Business Rep	X
X	Grube, Jim	Hennepin County Alternate	
X	Harrington, Adam	Metro Transit – Service Dept.	X
X	Indieke Cross, Margot	Mpls Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities	X
X	Johnson, William	Transit Rider Representative	X
X	Keysser, Janet	Transit Rider Representative	
X	Kjonaas, Rick	Mn/DOT – SALT	
X	Kozlak, Connie	Metropolitan Council	
X	Larson, Mike	Minneapolis CPED	
X	McLaughlin, Mike	Downtown Council	
X	Moe, Susan	FHWA	
X	O’Keefe, Tom	Mn/DOT – Metro	
X	Pearce Ruch, Kerri	Northwest Sub-Area	X
X	Scallen, Maureen	Mpls Convention & Visitors Assoc	
X	Schuster, Lea	Southeast Sub-Area	
X	Scott, Pat	Mpls TMO	X
X	Qvale, Pat	Opt-Out Provider Representative	
X	VanHeel, John	Downtown Sub-Area Resident Rep	X
X	Walter, Doug	Southeast Sub-Area	
X	Miner, Pam	Minneapolis CPED	
Alternate	Olson, Glenn	Mpls TMO Alternate	
Alternate	Opatz, Mike	Op-Out Provider Alternate	
Project Mgr	Zimmer, Charleen	Mpls Public Works	X
PMT	Gieseke, Mark	Mn/DOT – Metro State Aid	
PMT	Griffith, John	Mn/DOT – Metro	
PMT	Johnson, Tom	Hennepin County Transportation	

