

**Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Room 333 City Hall

**3:00 pm**    **Introductions**  
**Approval of Meeting Notes**  
**Announcements**

**3:05pm**    **Pedestrian Master Plan Public Open House – July 16 @ Central Library**

- Purpose
- Walking Workshops @ 5:30pm
- Presentation, Displays & Handouts
- PAC Participation

**3:50pm**    **Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation Priorities / Future Meeting Agendas**  
Please review the attached summary of implementation strategies from the draft Pedestrian Master Plan. The committee will prioritize specific implementation strategies that the committee would like to see initiated in 2009 and schedule future PAC agendas accordingly.

<b>PAC Member</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>
X	Jim Adams	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	
X	James Andrew	Metropolitan Council	
X	Kristen Klingler	Minneapolis Dept of Health & Family Support	X
X	Theresa Cain	Metro Transit	
X	Aaron Day	City of Lakes Chamber	
X	Anna Flintoft	Minneapolis Public Works, PAC Chair	X
X	Anna Gillette	7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Citizen – North Loop	
X	Loretta Grewe	Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities	
X	Stephanie Gruver	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Citizen	
X	Diane Hansen	12 <sup>th</sup> Ward Citizen	
X	Sarah Harris	Walking Minneapolis Foundation	
X	Elizabeth Haugen	Minneapolis Communications Department	X
X	Steven Hay	Minneapolis CPED	
X	Robin Hennessy	City of Minneapolis Attorney's Office	
X	Mary Jackson	Minnesota Department of Transportation	
X	Karen Nikolai	Hennepin County	X
X	Jennifer Ringold	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	
X	Mike Rumppe	Minneapolis Fire Department	
X	Jan Sandberg	7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Citizen – Loring Park	X
X	Steve Sanders	University of Minnesota	

X	David Smith	Minneapolis Public Schools	
X	Mackenzie Turner	Bicycle Advisory Committee	
X	Kathy Waite	Minneapolis Police Department	
X	Mary Watson	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward Citizen	
	Rebecca Gomez	Bike Walk Ambassadors	X
	Tony Hull	TLC - Bike Walk Twin Cities	X
	Alex Detrick	Bike Walk Youth Ambassadors	X
	Sharia Ahmed	Bike Walk Youth Ambassadors	X
	Christopher Keomaniphone	Bike Walk Youth Ambassadors	X
	Grecia Dominguez-Gomez	Bike Walk Youth Ambassadors	X
	Lucky Dirie	Bike Walk Youth Ambassadors	X
	Tasha Holifield	Bike Walk Youth Ambassadors	X
	Robert Baker	Bike Walk Youth Ambassadors	X

### **Announcements**

The committee discussed the events calendar on the Bike Walk Twin Cities website ([www.bikewalktwincities.org](http://www.bikewalktwincities.org)) and the opportunity to post walking events. Rebecca Gomez explained that bike shops have been notified about posting events on the calendar, and a similar notification could be sent to walking organizations. Rebecca will follow up with Anna Flintoft on this item.

### **Pedestrian Master Plan Public Open House**

Anna Flintoft explained that the purpose of this final open house is to present the content of the plan to the public and confirm that the plan is addressing all of the pedestrian issues of concern to the public. The Bike Walk Ambassadors will be leading two walking workshops at 5:30pm. The meeting starts at 6:00pm, and there will be a presentation at 6:30pm. There will be display boards for each of the 7 plan goals and selected graphics. An 8-page executive summary handout was distributed to PAC members and will be distributed at the public meeting. PAC members are encouraged to attend and help collect public feedback and answer questions.

The committee recommended that the presentation be approximately 20 minutes maximum and be repeated at least once during the meeting. The committee recommended that the meeting notice be sent out to the NRP mailing list in addition to neighborhood contacts developed through the planning process.

### **Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation Priorities / Future Meeting Agendas**

The committee reviewed the draft plan goals, objectives and implementation strategies and discussed which of the strategies should be the focus for the PAC's remaining 2009 meeting agendas. The committee identified the following 5 strategies as highest priority for near-term PAC meetings (in no particular order):

- Managing Sidewalk Encroachments (objective 5.3) – The committee recommended Regulatory Services participation in this discussion, as well as 311.

- Sidewalk Snow Clearance (objective 5.1) – The committee recommended Metro Transit participation in this discussion, as well as City Communications and Public Works departments.
- Promoting Safe Behavior for Drivers and Pedestrians (objective 3.2) – The committee recommended Police Department participation in this discussion and coordinating with Mn/DOT's pedestrian safety messaging work.
- Integrating Pedestrian Improvements into Capital Improvement Programs (objective 7.2)
- Identifying and Removing Accessibility Barriers (objective 2.1)

Other priority strategies discussed included:

- Improving traffic signals (objective 3.4)
- Improving crosswalk markings (objective 3.5)
- Designing streets and bridges with sufficient space for pedestrian needs (objectives 4.1, 4.2)
- Completing the sidewalk network (objective 1.1)
- Maintaining sidewalks in good repair (objective 5.2)
- Pursuing new funding tools (objective 7.5)
- Reducing pedestrian-related crashes (objective 3.1)
- Promoting street life (objectives 4.5, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3)
- Improving safety for vulnerable users (objective 3.3)
- Improving design practices for accessibility (objective 2.2)

Anna Flintoft will prepare the remaining 2009 PAC agendas based upon the 5 priority strategies identified.

### **Next Meeting**

The next PAC meeting will be August 5, 2009 3:00-4:30pm. Agenda items will include:

- Pedestrian Master Plan final review prior to request for Council adoption
- Mn/DOT presentation on roundabouts