

**Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**  
**4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333**

1. Member Introductions and Sign-in (4:00 – 4:05)
2. Approve BAC Agenda and Minutes (4:05 – 4:10, see attachment 1)
3. Move MN Campaign, Joshua Houdek (4:10 – 4:25)
4. 3 E's Subcommittee, Marin Byrne (4:25 – 4:40)
  - Minneapolis Bicycle Awards
  - BAC Member Recruitment
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Paul Frenz (4:40 – 5:10)
  - Transportation Alternatives Program Application
  - 2014 Street Resurfacing Projects – **ACTION** (see attachment 2)
  - Nicollet Mall Redesign – **ACTION** (attachment forthcoming)
6. Announcements (5:10 – 5:20)

**Next BAC Meetings:**

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>: Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: Executive Committee

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>: Whole Committee

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Members Present:** Joe Bernard, Billy Binder, Bill Dooley, Ethan Fawley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Matthew Hendricks, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Shaun Murphy, Ciara Schlichting, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

**Members Absent:** Richard Anderson (excused), Lisa Bender, Marin Byrne, Ginger Cannon (excused), Brian Funk, Roy Hallanger (excused), Jessica Hill, Gina Mitteco, Gary Nelson, Greg Sautter, Jim Skoog

**Others Present:** Inspector Medaria Arradondo, Simon Blenski, Don Pflaum, Scott Shaffer

**Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that the City of Minneapolis join cities across the state of Minnesota, including our peer city of St. Paul, in swiftly signing on as a member of the **Move MN coalition**.

Move MN is a growing and diverse coalition dedicated to erasing Minnesota's transportation deficit by securing a comprehensive transportation funding package during the 2014 legislative session. New funding will enable the state to properly maintain and improve transportation assets that expand access and opportunity for all.

Formally joining the Move MN coalition is consistent with the City of Minneapolis Legislative Agenda, which supports "increased funding for transit and highways that includes stable and secure financial resources to meet both the capital and operational needs of the expanding regional transit systems."

2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the inclusion of a protected bike facility in the **Nicollet Mall Redesign**. The facility should be in keeping with the NACTO urban bikeway design guide. It should be designed to serve all types of cyclists since Nicollet Mall is a significant artery connecting bicycle facilities on Washington Avenue and the Loring Greenway.

The likely designs for a protected bikeway on Nicollet Mall each have unique potential advantages and challenges. If the protected bikeway is placed between streetcar tracks, it will have limited conflicts with pedestrians and transit riders, and will be good for making longer trips quickly. This design should effectively answer the following questions:

- How does the design welcome less confident, "interested but concerned" bicyclists onto Nicollet Mall?
- How do bicyclists safely turn across the tracks to enter or exit the facility? This could include box-turn street markings and bicycle turning phases at intersections with bike routes.
- How do bicyclists safely get on and off the facility in mid-block locations?

- If buses, taxis and emergency vehicles are allowed to drive on the streetcar tracks, how can the design of the protected bikeway prevent its use as a passing or stopping area?

If the protected bikeway is placed outside the streetcar tracks (either as a two-way facility on one side of the street or two one-way facilities on each side of the street), it could be more attractive to less experienced bicyclists making shorter and/or slower trips. This design should effectively answer the following questions:

- How does the design of the protected bikeway strongly discourage pedestrians from walking in it, especially during periods of high pedestrian volume?
- How does the protected bikeway interact with transit stops, especially streetcar stations?
- How do bicyclists safely turn across the tracks when necessary to enter and exit the facility?
- How will events like the farmers market be set up in a way that doesn't block the bikeway?

3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Section work on adding new **bikeway infrastructure** on the following **2014 resurfacing projects**. Understanding that there are capacity constraints on implementing all 6 projects, the BAC recommends that Public Works staff prioritize protected bikeways and bicycle boulevard projects.

1. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE/11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
2. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.
3. 5<sup>th</sup> St. SE
4. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.
5. Oak St. SE
6. Dowling Ave. N.

The Minneapolis BAC further recommends that a protected bikeway be installed on Franklin Ave SE in 2015.

## Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. Following brief member introductions, the Agenda and December Minutes were revised and accepted unanimously.

### 1. First Precinct Inspector Medaria Arradondo (“Rondo”) on Bicycle Safety

- Shaun has been reaching out to the law enforcement community.
- Inspector Arradondo spoke about building a relationship between law enforcement and the BAC.
- Inspector Rondo was impressed with Shaun’s presentation and would like him to speak at more enforcement community events.
- Many police officers are older and less knowledgeable about cycling.
- Police officers need to hear from us about what we’d like from them.
- Robin Garwood pointed out that the BAC has a position for a police officer. Officer Gary Nelson used to come to our meetings but hasn’t attended in a while.

- Enforcing key laws to improve safety could also help to calm traffic.
2. **Move MN Campaign** presented by Joshua Houdek – ***ACTION***
    - The campaign is a repeat of the one that did not pass last year.
    - Large coalition of over 200 organizations and businesses are pushing for the legislature to pass balanced comprehensive transportation funding.
    - No specifics yet on how money for the initiative will be raised. Regional sales or gas tax are possibilities.
    - Joshua presented a PowerPoint overview of the campaign.
    - Need for funding for expanded service as well as repair of crumbling infrastructure. Money would go to repairing infrastructure first.
    - Polling shows popular support for increased funding for transportation.
    - Joshua presented a resolution asking Minneapolis to join the coalition.
    - Joe Bernard reported that the Met Council is considering a provision that communities that request funding must accept some projected growth.
    - The resolution passed unanimously.
  3. **Regional Bike Plan** presented by Don Pflaum.
    - Developing a regional bike plan was part of our Bike Plan Implementation Plan.
    - City has been working with Met Council, the state and other regional partners to develop a Regional Bicycle Transportation Network and Priority Regional Bicycle Corridors.
    - Met Council is taking the lead and has hired a consultant to help.
    - Process should be finished in the next month or two.
    - Topic should be on the agenda for next Engineering Subcommittee (30-45 min). Don will try to bring the Met Council consultant.
    - A wiki is being used to get citizen input.
  4. **3 E's Subcommittee** Report from Hōkan. Hōkan will be acting Chair of the Subcommittee for the next few months.
    - **Minneapolis Bicycle Awards** were discussed and it was decided that the BAC was not the right organization to do these.
    - **BAC Member Recruitment**
      - Opportunity to increase diversity on the BAC.
      - If you are not planning to return, talk to your appointing person about increasing diversity.
      - Applications should be available starting next week. They are due in April.
      - Talk to Robin if you are a Council appointee and plan to reapply.
      - Park Board representatives should write to Ginger Cannon and Chair Liz Wielinski about reappointment.
      - We will get the link to the application when it's posted.
  5. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Paul Frenz – ***ACTIONS***
    - **Transportation Alternatives Program Application** was discussed with the Subcommittee by Steven Hay. There was no action.
    - **Nicollet Mall Redesign** – ***ACTION***

- Update was presented to the Subcommittee by David Frank.
- Robin and Matthew presented a motion that bicycle infrastructure be included in the plan and that they consider a broad approach.
- Ethan suggested a friendly amendment to include NACTO wording.
- Serpentine layout of the street and sidewalk cafes provide width challenges at pinch points.
- Good to provide input at this early stage of the planning.
- Ethan Fawley suggested we try to collaborate on this with the PAC.
- The resolution passed unanimously with one abstention from Joe Bernard.
- **2014 Street Resurfacing Projects – ACTION**
  - Simon Blenski asked the Subcommittee to prioritize 5-6 out of a possible 11 projects slated for resurfacing in 2014.
  - After the Subcommittee meeting, Maintenance postponed Franklin Ave because the Neighborhood Association had requested a bike lane that is more than paint, so motion was revised to request a protected bikeway for 2015.
  - Neighborhood Association endorsed removing parking from one side of Franklin.
  - Shaun pointed out that even if Franklin is pushed to 2015, a protected bike lane will require work from his office in 2014.
  - Motion revised to prioritize bike boulevards and protected bikeways.
  - Discussion on including Dowling on list.
  - Matthew Hendricks said that Dowling might be a unique opportunity for a 10-5-7 layout.
  - Shaun said his office may not be able to do all the things we suggested.
  - Paul asked Shaun to keep the Engineering Subcommittee informed on decisions and issues.
  - The revised motion passed with one no from Hōkan and one abstention from Bob Hain.

6. **Announcement** from Robin Garwood: Anna Flintoff will be at the next Engineering Subcommittee meeting to talk about Open Streets policy and the protected bikeway network plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.

### **Proposed Resolutions for Action by the Full BAC**

The Minneapolis BAC recommends that the Bike/Ped Section work on adding new bikeway infrastructure on the following 2014 resurfacing projects:

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The Minneapolis BAC further recommends that the Minneapolis Maintenance Department be contacted and requested to remove Franklin Ave. SE from its 2014 resurfacing program so that this work on Franklin Ave. can be postponed to a future date for reconstruction. This would permit the bikeway work on this portion of Franklin Ave. to be in line with the recommendations of the local neighborhood association.