

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
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. Bicycling in the East African & Somali Communities, Sheldon Mains (4:10 – 4:40)
4. 2012 Census Bureau Bicycle Commuter Survey, Simon Blenski (4:40 – 4:55)
5. Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee, Marin Byrne (4:55 – 5:05)
 - Enforcement
 - Downtown Bike Center
6. Engineering Subcommittee, Lisa Peterson Bender (5:05 – 5:35, see attachment 2)
 - Franklin Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River - **ACTION**
 - Southwest LRT
 - 4th Street SE
 - City Project Updates
 - Netherlands Trip Photos
7. Announcements (5:35 – 5:40)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, October 10th: Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, October 15th: Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, October 16th: Executive Committee

Wednesday, October 23rd: Whole Committee

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Members Present: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Billy Binder, Marin Byrne, Bill Dooley, Ethan Fawley, Paul Frenz, Brian Funk, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Shaun Murphy, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Jim Skoog, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius

Members Absent: Lisa Bender (excused), Matthew Hendricks, Jessica Hill, Gina Mitteco, Gary Nelson, Jennifer Ringold (excused), Rose Ryan, Georgianna Yantos (excused)

Others Present: Hayat Ahmed, Simon Blenski, Judy Jones, Sheldon Mains

Action

The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports Hennepin County's proposal for a 48-inch high exterior railing on the Franklin Avenue Bridge, which will enable the County to recreate the historic railing on the bridge. MnDOT guidelines recommend 54 inches adjacent to bicycles, but according to the proposed plan, bicycles will not be adjacent to this railing.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. Following brief member introductions, the Agenda and July Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **2012 Census Bureau Bicycle Commuter Survey** presented by Simon Blenski.
 - Simon is from Minneapolis Public Works and shared data from the American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.
 - He presented a graph of bicycle commuting mode share from 1990-2012.
 - Limits of the data are that it is from a survey of a sample population, and only includes the primary mode used for commuting.
 - The 2012 bicycle mode share was 4.5%, up from 3.4% last year and the highest to date.
 - The mode share in 1990 was 1.6% and the city goal was 7% by 2014.
 - Discussion of theories why mode share decreased after a high of 4.3% in 2008.
 - Hōkan said Minneapolis is now #2 of the 70 largest cities.
 - Shaun Murphy said that Portland is concerned about stagnating at 6% as other cities gain ground.
 - Robin Garwood reported the city revised its goal as part of the Climate Action Plan to 15% bicycle commuting mode share by 2025.

2. **Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee** Report from Marin Byrne.
 - **Enforcement**
 - Marin said that the issue of enforcement keeps being raised in different ways.
 - Shaun said he met recently with the U of M Police and Steve Sanders about this and that the U of M wants to work on a bicycle safety/enforcement campaign.
 - Shaun also met recently with bicycle cops and Inspector Waite of Precinct 2.
 - As a result, Shaun was asked to draft and circulate a press release.
 - Shaun wants enforcement to be evenhanded, to target both cyclists and motor vehicle drivers, since both contribute nearly equally to crashes.
 - Roy Hallanger reported that Portland has a document that sets out a process.
 - There are lots of enforcement suggestions in the Bike Master Plan.
 - Nick expressed interest in meeting with the Police Chief with Shaun.
 - Shaun and Simon will discuss more details at next month's subcommittee meeting.
 - **Downtown Bike Center** update
 - Mark Berg is a local citizen who is passionate about creating a downtown bike center. He has been to several subcommittee meetings and has done lots of work.
 - Mark's next step is looking for money for a feasibility study.
 - There was discussion of possible sources for funding.
3. **Bicycling in the East African & Somali Communities** presented by Sheldon Mains.
 - Sheldon is Director of SPOKES Bike Walk Connect in the Seward neighborhood.
 - He promotes bicycling in his community by providing classes on how to bike and how to repair bikes as well as providing and loaning bicycles.
 - Hayat Ahmed, a former Learn-to-Bike student, spoke about how the class helped her.
 - Find out more about their programs at spokesconnect.org.
 - The BAC can help by advocating for protected bicycle facilities, helping them obtain funding, and donating our old bikes.
 - Bike Drive coming up in October at the Bloomington REI.
 - We saw a short video of the Learn-to-Bike class.
4. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Paul Frenz.
 - **Franklin Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River – ACTION**
 - Jim Archer presented a County proposal to the subcommittee that would restore the historic railing on this historic bridge.
 - The proposal is for 48-inch high concrete railing.
 - Paul presented a motion to endorse the County proposal.
 - Robin offered a friendly amendment to eliminate the last sentence.
 - The amended resolution was passed unanimously.
 - **Southwest LRT** report from Paul.
 - Kerri Pearce Ruch shared plans from Hennepin County Community Works for proposed bicycle amenities at Southwest LRT Stations.
 - The plan was very general and preliminary.
 - We emphasized the need to plan for adding more bike parking in the future.
 - Sophia Ginis provided small maps and talked about plans for stations.

- At Penn Station, with co-location, there would be a crossover bridge connecting Kenilworth to the Cedar Lake Trail; with relocation, crossing would be at grade.
 - **4th Street SE**
 - Bob Byers presented preliminary plans.
 - Plans include moving the bike lane from the left to the right.
 - **City Project Update** from Shaun.
 - Shaun provided an update on city projects and referred people to the Subcommittee minutes for a list on what he detailed.
 - He passed around an updated map.
 - **Netherlands Trip Photos**
 - David Peterson provided videos and photographs from a recent trip to Groningen.
 - He highlighted bicycle infrastructure.
5. **Southwest LRT Update** from Peter Wagenius
- Peter provided an unofficial update on SW LRT and implications for the bike trail.
 - He said staff are expected to recommend the shallow tunnel.
 - If the shallow tunnel option is accepted, there is a reasonable chance it will not be built and we will end up with co-location at grade. That would mean the end of the bike trail along Kenilworth.
 - Elevating the bike trail is an option.
 - There was discussion on whether the BAC should take a formal position.
 - BAC should look into rerouting options and planned detours for the bike trail.
 - Suggestion that the Engineering subcommittee should look into this next month.
6. **Announcements**
- Shaun distributed the new 2nd Edition of the Bike Map.
 - Ciara reminded us that Hennepin County's first Open House for their Bike Plan is Oct 17 at the St. Louis Park Rec Center in the evening.
 - Nick reported that Hennepin County plans to build a buffered Bike lane on Minnehaha Avenue. There will be Open Houses on their plan next week on Sept 30 and Oct 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner