Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda Wednesday, February 27, 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. Midtown Corridor Analysis, Andrew Rankin (4:10 4:15)
- 4. Minnesota Bike Summit, Nick Mason (4:15 4:20)
- 5. Update on Bike Law Changes at the Minnesota Legislature, Shaun Murphy & Melissa Lesch (4:20 4:40)
- 6. Bike/Pedestrian Section Update, Shaun Murphy (4:40 4:45)
- 7. Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee, Andrew Rankin (4:45 5:05)
 - Shower & Locker Facilities in New Developments (15 minutes)
 - Downtown Bike Center (5 minutes)
- 8. Engineering Subcommittee, Lisa Peterson Bender (5:05 5:55, see attachment 2)
 - Minnehaha Avenue **ACTION** (10 minutes)
 - Response to CLIC **ACTION** (10 minutes)
 - 36th Street **ACTION** (10 minutes)
 - City 2013 Repaying & Seal Coating Program **ACTION** (10 minutes)
 - Nicollet-Central Alternatives Analysis (5 minutes)
 - U of M Resilient Communities (5 minutes)
- 9. Announcements (5:55 6:00)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, March 14th: Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, March 19th: Engineering Subcommittee Wednesday, March 20th: Executive Committee Wednesday, March 27th: Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes February 27, 2013, 4 PM – 6 PM Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Lisa Bender, Joe Bernard, Billy Binder, Marin Byrne, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Brian Funk, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Matthew Hendricks, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Shaun Murphy, Andrew Rankin, Rose Ryan, Ciara Schlichting, Jim Skoog, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Richard Anderson (excused), Ethan Fawley (excused), Robin Garwood (excused), Gary Nelson, Jennifer Ringold (excused), Greg Sautter, Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Jackie Blair, Ginger Cannon, Steve Clark, Tim Donahue

Actions

1. In its 2012 report, and prior reports, the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) has indicated a concern that maintenance funding for bicycle facilities has not been identified. This perceived lack of identified funding has been detrimental to multiple bicycle facility proposals, many of which were subsequently included in the Mayor's proposed capital budget, funded by the Council, and constructed. In 2012, CLIC requested a report from the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) on options for bicycle facility maintenance:

"CLIC is committed to keeping the city's leadership in trails and street lanes for bicycles. Our concern is that the past and future bicycle funding proposals demand a maintenance budget of \$70,000 to \$100,000 per year. Last year's proposal BIK24 (Major Bike Maintenance Program) was a first step to address long-term capital maintenance issues. However, in order for the bikeway system to remain viable, safe, and functional, the short-term and long-term operating needs must be addressed.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), for the past five years, has had the responsibility to develop funding options like licensing, naming rights, fundraising, etc. CLIC requests that a BAC report be prepared for the Mayor, City Council, and Public Works by early fall with some funding options that could be implemented to aid in leveraging the city's operating budget."

The position of the BAC is that funding for bicycle facility maintenance is not substantially different from funding for other transportation infrastructure maintenance, and should not be treated differently by the City or by the Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee. Much of the funding for transportation system maintenance comes from the City's general fund, and bicycle facility maintenance should not be held to a different, higher standard.

2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that **Hennepin County contract** with a consultant who has experience designing North American cycle tracks, to

provide advice on the designs for cycle tracks on Minnehaha Avenue and Washington Avenue. Because cycle tracks are relatively new to Minneapolis, these projects would benefit from the input of those who have designed cycle tracks for cities similar to our own. There would also be the long-term benefit of building local expertise in cycle track design.

- Cycle tracks have been successfully implemented on a large scale in cities such as Montreal, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam. Minneapolis is exploring cycle tracks, and some of our peer American cities are rapidly building cycle track networks. As with all bike facilities, the details of design, construction, and maintenance will be important factors in the success of cycle tracks.
- The BAC has consistently supported cycle tracks with resolutions that received at most two 'no' votes out of more than 20 members. The attention to detail that emerges from the discussions of cycle tracks, especially the concerns raised by BAC members who are not supportive of cycle tracks, can ultimately make them better facilities.
- The Minneapolis BAC continues to support successful cycle track implementation on Minnehaha Avenue, Washington Avenue, 26th Avenue N, and 18th Avenue NE, as well as improvements to existing cycle tracks on 1st Avenue N, the Hennepin/Lyndale bottleneck, and Stinson Boulevard (NE Diagonal Trail).
- 3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports a **2-way cycle track on 36th Street** with a protected connection to Bryant Avenue South, and a prioritized safe bicycle/pedestrian connection at Richfield Road, investigating the possibility of an east/west crosswalk on the south side of the intersection.
- 4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee endorses **prioritizing the following streets**, scheduled for repaving or sealcoating in 2013, **for bicycle facilities**: 31st St W (Hennepin to Nicollet), 54th St E (Portland to W Lake Nokomis Pkwy), Lyndale Av N (West B'way to 41st Av N), Plymouth Av N (Girard Av N to Lyndale Av N), Blaisdell Ave (Franklin to 40th St W), and Chicago Ave (49th St E to 46th St E).

Summaries of Discussions

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

- 1. Midtown Corridor Analysis update led by Andrew Rankin.
 - Recent meeting to approve statement on purpose of project but nothing yet finalized.
 - Transit mode and route not yet finalized. Route could still be midtown corridor or Lake St. Transit could be BRT, streetcar, LRT, enhanced bus or conventional bus.
 - Midtown Greenway bike trail will be preserved but space may be shared with transit.
 - Possibility of noise, visual and vibration impacts on bike trail.
 - Project updates on Metro Transit website.
 - Andrew resigning so BAC will need to select another representative to this group.
- 2. Minnesota Bike Summit report from Nick Mason.

- Over 150 people participated and over 90 meetings with legislators took place.
- Initiatives discussed include: vulnerable road user, state funding for Safe Routes to School, changes to Statute 169, Statewide Health Improvement Program, PedalMN license plate.
- Talk by Charlie Zelle, the new Transportation Commissioner was a highlight.

3. Update on **Bike Law Changes at the Minnesota Legislature** from Shaun Murphy.

- There are 7 issues on the city legislative agenda related to bicycling. Shaun mentioned two of them that the city is taking a lead on:
- Amendment of Minnesota Statute, Section 169.19
 - o Require that drivers yield to bicyclists before crossing a bike lane.
 - o Already stated in MN Driver's Manual but different language in Statute.
 - o Important factor in car crashes.
 - o Also change language to prohibit bicycle lanes for passing on the right.
 - o Steve Clark suggested specifying "motor" vehicles in amended language.
- Amendment of Minnesota Statute, Section 169.34
 - o Prohibiting parking in designated bicycle lanes
 - o Some outstate legislators proposed we should just change in Minneapolis, but city can't be more restrictive than state.
- Amendments were included in <u>House Senate</u> bill but consideration was postponed in the <u>HouseSenate</u>.
- Other items on legislative agenda include changes to MSA standards, increased funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, implementation of Complete Streets policy, local flexibility for safety efforts (like speed limits), state level study of the economic impact of bicycling

4. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Section update** from Shaun Murphy.

- Additional funding for Bike and Ped work within Traffic Safety budget was granted.
- Bike/Walk Week event planner should be hired as soon as next week (temporary seasonal position). Nearly 50 applications received.
- Bike/Walk Week is June 9-15 and National Bike to Work Day is May 17.

5. Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee Report from Andrew Rankin

• Shower and Locker Facilities in New Development

- o Ordinance requires shower and locker facilities in downtown developments over 500,000 square feet.
- o Plan to see threshold for size of development lowered and to extend requirement beyond downtown.
- o Gary Schiff working on amendment with CPED with hope to get done this year.
- o Billy Binder said also need to allow people to bring bikes into buildings.

• Downtown Bike Center

- Resident came to talk about need for a downtown bike center with facilities.
- o Businesses without facilities could support a Center by subscription.
- o "Hat hair" a big deterrent for women cycling to work.
- o Discussion of Millennium Park Bike Center in Chicago. Funded by bike rentals.
- o Next Subcommittee meeting will include a "field trip" to Target's facilities.

- o St. Paul will have a Bike Center in Union Depot.
- o Where could it be? City or Hennepin County ramps?

6. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Lisa Bender – *ACTIONS*

• Response to CLIC – *ACTION*

- o CLIC asked BAC to report back on funding options for bike facility maintenance.
- o Lisa presented a motion saying bike facilities should be treated like all other road maintenance.
- o Proposed motion is a simplification of an earlier motion which said that bicycle licensing (as suggested by CLIC) would cost more than it would raise.
- o Motion passed unanimously.

• Hennepin County should use a professional cycle track consultant – ACTION

- o Conversations on cycle tracks on Minnehaha and Washington Ave S are ongoing.
- o Minneapolis does not yet have any curb separated cycle tracks.
- Lisa presented a motion asking the County to hire a qualified consultant to help with cycle track design so that lack of expertise doesn't hinder inclusion.
- o Bob Hain likes that motion seeks expertise but not specific street advocacy.
- o Specific streets left in motion to emphasize our interest in promoting them.
- o Steve Clark's suggestion that we change "hire" to "contract with" was accepted.
- o Motion passed with "No" from Hōkan and Bob and abstentions from Rose Ryan and Georgianna Yantos.

• 36th Street – ACTION

- David Peterson presented two possible plans to subcommittee for cycle tracks on 36th St from Lake Calhoun to Dupont Av S.
- o Plan preferred by Subcommittee has a 2-way cycle track along the Cemetery.
- o Plans include adding sidewalks needed near Bus Stops.
- o Concerns with plan: project ends at Dupont and further study needed at Richfield Rd intersection.
- o Hope is to complete project this summer.
- o Lisa presented a motion to support the 2-way cycle track option.
- o Joe Bernard asked Shaun to bring PAC issues to BAC for further discussion.
- o Motion passed with abstentions from Brian Funk, Georgianna Yantos, Ginger Cannon (for Jennifer Ringold) and Roy Hallanger.

• City 2013 Repaying and Seal Coating Program – ACTION

- O David Peterson presented a tentative list of streets scheduled for repaving and seal coating in 2013 and asked subcommittee for priorities.
- o Lisa proposed a motion that prioritized 6 streets which are on Bike Map.
- o We excluded streets that already had bike lanes and bike boulevards.
- Blaisdell already has bike facilities but one travel lane could be removed to add buffer
- o More detailed discussions in the future when funding known.
- Motion passed with an abstention from Brian Funk.

• Nicollet-Central Alternatives Analysis

- o Anna Flintoft presented the three transit options being considered to subcommittee which discussed the impact of each on bicycles.
- o Concern about impact on Nicollet Mall and possible alternative routes for bikes.

- o Planning still in conceptual phase and no funding yet.
- o Plans are online and there will be more public meetings.
- o Dangers of street car rails next to bike lanes was pointed out.
- o Anna will return to BAC when more info is available.

• U of M Resilient Communities

- o Multiple classes at the U of MN to take on an issue for further study.
- o Brendan Slotterback reported to subcommittee that City applied to study a city cycle track network and an analysis of bike parking use and needs.

7. Announcements

- Nick said the National Bike Summit in Washington, DC is next week. It will include several BAC members and 19 people from Minnesota. They will meet with legislators and report back to us next month.
- Janice encouraged BAC members to attend Park Board meeting next week where plan for improvements to Dean Parkway and Cedar Lake bicycle trails will be presented.
- Jim Skoog said he and Bill are working with Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition on a list of questions for candidate surveys. Send them ideas, especially on Ward issues by Friday. Plan to get responses by early April.
- Shaun said there will be a public meeting Monday on 46th St. Public Works and Council Member will present a plan addressing safety concerns that has advisory bike lanes on 46th, bump-outs at Aldrich, Bryant, and Colfax, and zebra crosswalk at Bryant.
- Shaun reminded us of Wednesday trivia team social outing at the Blue Nile on Franklin for both BAC and PAC.
- Sarah Stewart reported that Minneapolis was awarded the Road Maps to Health Prize from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as recognition for our bicycle initiatives.
- Joshua Houdek announced that that the Transit for a Stronger Economy Legislation, which includes new funding for bike and pedestrian improvements, will be introduced at the State House tomorrow. He encouraged us to talk to our Legislators.
- Rose Ryan reported that the County will be updating their Bike Plan. It will be a yearlong process starting this summer. They are putting out a request for proposals with an emphasis on community engagement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by Janice Gepner.