

# Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 4 PM – 6 PM

Room 319 Minneapolis City Hall

**Members Present:** Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Barga, Jenny Bordon, Bill Dooley, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrda, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Dan Miller, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Elissa Schufman, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

**Members Absent:** Tony Drollinger (excused), Steve Elmer, Jaime Makepeace, Tyler Pederson (excused), Nathan Pentz, Scott Snelling

**Others Present:** Millicent Flowers, Chris Kartheiser, Phil Longenecker

## Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Bloomington Avenue Bikeway** project as presented.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Lyndale Avenue N bike lanes** with a recommendation to narrow the travel lane and widen the parking lane wherever possible to accommodate truck parking and traffic.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **40<sup>th</sup> Street W advisory bike lanes** as presented.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S bike lanes** as presented.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **3<sup>rd</sup> Street S bike lanes** as presented, strongly supports the possible future 2-way bike lanes from Park to the Hiawatha Trail Extension, and requests the removal of the stop sign for bicycles at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **11<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Protected Bikeway Upgrade**, which will provide curbs wherever possible, and the Protected Intersection at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S, and recommends the following:
  - an all-way stop at West River Parkway
  - permanent wayfinding
  - temporary user navigation and feedback signs at the protected intersection, and
  - green conflict markings on all legs of the protected intersection

7. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that Public Works and Park Board staff explore
  - potential solutions to the **alignment of City owned on-street bicycle facilities and Park Board trail curb cuts**, and
  - possible **accessible parking spaces on protected bikeways**.

### **Summaries of Discussions**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda was revised to discuss the Engineering Subcommittee first and include discussion of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S and unanimously approved. The January Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### 1. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Joshua Houdek – ***ACTIONS***

- **Bloomington Avenue – ACTION**
  - The project includes Buffered Bike Lanes from Minnehaha to 50<sup>th</sup> St E and Advisory Bike Lanes from 50<sup>th</sup> St E to 54<sup>th</sup> St E.
  - Subcommittee discussed better aligning the parkway curb cuts.
  - The motion to support the project as presented passed unanimously.
- **Lyndale Avenue N – ACTION**
  - The project adds Bike Lanes to a resurfacing project from Webber Pkwy to 49<sup>th</sup> Ave N.
  - Plan includes 5 ft bike lanes and 11 ft travel lanes due to heavy truck use of the street.
  - Matthew H suggested reducing 4 traffic lanes at south end of project to 3 lanes.
  - Jordan K said it's still early in project planning so he will update us later.
  - Joshua presented a motion to support the project as presented.
  - Nick M pointed out that 5 ft bike lanes next to trucks won't feel very safe and suggested amending the motion to widen the parking lane where possible.
  - Jenny B said the bike lanes could make a good connection for schools at 45<sup>th</sup> Ave N due to connection to North Mpls Regional Park.
  - The amended motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Juana S.
- **40<sup>th</sup> Street W Advisory Bicycle Lanes – ACTION**
  - Plan replaces sharrows with bike lanes from Lyndale to Kings Hwy.
  - Joshua's motion to support the project passed unanimously.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Bicycle Lanes – ACTION**
  - Subcommittee discussion focused on need for wide travel lane on the left for turning buses.
  - Buffer being added to bike lane as part of sealcoating.
  - Bikes will be to the left of the right turn lane at Washington.
  - Joshua presented a motion to support the project and it passed unanimously.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Street S – ACTION**
  - Project includes section from Hennepin to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S.
  - 2-way Bike Lanes possible in 2019 but outside scope of current project.
  - Joshua’s motion to support the project passed unanimously.
  
- **11<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Protected Bikeway – ACTION**
  - Plan replaces bollards with curbs and includes testing a protected intersection at 2<sup>nd</sup> St where there is a 4-way stop.
  - Protected intersection is a test so it is just bollards and paint.
  - Joshua presented a motion to support the project and suggest a stop sign for W River Pkwy at 11<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Nick asked about using a roundabout instead of a protected intersection.
  - Mackenzie TB suggested that a 4-way yield might be better.
  - Will the fact that the intersection is not heavily used affect compliance with protection?
  - Joshua pointed out the need to add wayfinding there; tunnel under 35W is nearby.
  - Nick said that a sign asking for feedback on the intersection via 3-1-1 would be useful.
  - The motion was amended to include wayfinding and feedback and passed unanimously.
  
- **Ideas for General Discussion – ACTION**
  - Robin G said that action might be warranted on two things that came up during the meeting: alignment of City and Park Board facilities and accessible parking spaces on Protected Bikeways.
  - Robin’s motion asking City and Park Board staff to explore both of these topics passed unanimously.

2. **5E Subcommittee** Report presented by Juana Sandoval

- **Let’s Bike! Campaign for City Employees**
  - Phil Longenecker, a GreenCorps member at the Health Department and Public Works, shared a PowerPoint presentation on the campaign.
  - Bike fleet survey showed lots of interest in a city bike fleet
  - Dockless bikeshare might take the place of a city bike fleet.
  - When the City promotes employee biking, it promotes the health and well being of employees and can serve as a model for other city employers.
  - Goals of the campaign are to increase employee biking and promote biking in the City.
  - Program would seek to find 20 “Bike Champions” to serve as liaisons, distribute resources and create events.
  - A Bike Champion Toolkit would include a helmet, lock, paniers/backpack, maps, repair kit, lights and maps.
  - Plans to address biking “concerns” such as appearance at work and need to carry stuff.

- There is a commitment for effort to be inclusive.
  - Discussion on incentives and encouragement for employees to bike.
  - Plan to create an inventory of available secure bike parking.
  - Possible “Bike Tune Up Day” the day before “Bike to Work Day.”
- **PAC-BAC 2017 Annual Report**
    - Matthew D will meet with Nick M and Julia Talbot (PAC) tomorrow on their presentation.
    - Presentation to City Council will be at City Hall on Tuesday, March 13 at 10 am.
    - BAC Members are encouraged to attend.
    - Matthew D plans to mention BAC openings, highlight bike lanes and safe routes, upgrading protection on bikeways and innovative treatments.
    - Future goals will include Vision Zero, Complete Streets implementation, winter maintenance and Greenways.
    - Dan M suggested bringing up the need to improve lighting on “non-pedestrian” streets.
    - Nick said they’ll talk about our accomplishments and upcoming important things.
    - Robin suggested including an introduction about the BAC and PAC since there are several new Council Members.
    - Matthew said he’d send us a general outline ahead of time.
  - **2018-2020 BAC**
    - Application forms for Ward reps on the BAC are due by March 30.
    - Juana S said her seat, Ward 8, will be open.
    - Let Nick and Robin know if you don’t plan to reapply for your seat.

## 2. Announcements

- Robin G: The team from the new City building will be at the next 5E Subcommittee meeting to discuss their plan for accommodating bicycles.
- Joshua H: Last night there was a public meeting on plans for improving the Hiawatha Ave/Lake St area. Watch out for upcoming events and outreach on how to implement fixes.
- Joshua H: Kickoff event for extending the Midtown Greenway across the river and through St. Paul on Thurs, April 5, 6 – 7:30 pm at Ann Sullivan Community School. RSVP on Facebook page.
- Wes D: The draft of the City Comprehensive Plan will go live online for public comment on March 22. Check it out at [Mpls2040.com](http://Mpls2040.com).
- Mackenzie TB: MnDOT hiring.
- Nick M: MN Bike Summit March 15.
- Bill D: The next International Winter Cycling Congress will be in Calgary in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner