

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Bill Dooley, Tony Drollinger, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Dan Miller, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Jenny Bordon, Wes Durham, Jaime Makepeace, Tyler Pederson (excused), Nathan Pentz, Greg Sautter

Others Present: Ethan Fawley, Millicent Flowers, Joshua Johnson, Phil Longenecker, Kate Matusinec, Caroline Miller

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the general direction of allowing Nice Ride MN exclusive rights to operate **dockless bike share** in Minneapolis through the remainder of the grant agreement. Minneapolis should work to ensure that users' personal data is protected, that the City gets as much aggregated usage data as possible, following best practices such as those from the Better Bike Share Association, and ensure that the location of virtual stations meets the City's equity goals.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) supports enclosed, easily accessible bicycle storage for City employees in the new **City of Minneapolis Consolidated Office Building**, and supports that bicycle storage be located on the first floor, with direct and easy access from the street. The BAC does not support placing all or the majority of the bicycle storage in the building's basement, and opposes bicycle storage in the basement without easily accessible and available elevator access. Bicycle parking spaces should be accessible for all types of bicycles and all types of riders, which means that a significant number of non-elevated spaces should be available, and the spacing between them should be at the widest option recommended by the manufacturer. The BAC is willing to accept fewer high quality, accessible indoor bicycle storage spaces on the street level over more spaces that are less accessible.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **5th Street NE Bikeway** Project as presented.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **24th Avenue Bikeway** Layout as presented with a suggestion that staff explore switching the Advisory Bicycle Lane between Nicollet and Stevens from the Eastbound side to the Westbound side and switching the widths of the travel lanes accordingly.

5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports dedicated on-street Bicycle Lanes in both directions for the **Lowry Avenue N Bicycle Gap**. The preferred method to achieve that goal would be a 4 to 3 conversion and extending it at least one more block to the west.

6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee encourages MnDOT to work with city staff to develop designs for the **3rd Avenue Bridge** over the Mississippi River. We support maximizing nonmotorized space ideally by transitioning the roadway from 4 travel lanes to 2 travel lanes for the maximum length possible. If that's not possible, we support minimizing the barrier width and minimizing the shoulder width. We support separating bicycles and pedestrians within the non-motorized space.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and February Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Dockless Bike Share** presented by Joshua Johnson – **ACTION**

The City is in the process of creating regulations around dockless bikeshare.

Joshua J suggested that the BAC invite Nice Ride to talk about the big picture and their incorporation of equity.

3 main actions from the City:

Ordinance change defining dockless bikeshare and allowing it;

Modifications to the City's existing agreement with Nice Ride;

Forging a dockless bikeshare license agreement with Nice Ride.

Agreement goes to Transportation & Public Works on April 17 and to the City Council on April 22.

Basic approach to parking dockless bikes will be to use "virtual stations" or "geo fences."

App will direct users to acceptable parking and to find available bicycles.

There will also be "visual cues" showing the virtual stations.

The city will be collecting data and Joshua asked for our input on what we'd like to see.

The governing document will be the license with Nice Ride and we were asked for input on what we'd like that to include.

Nice Ride and Motivate will determine the number and location of stations; on-street a possibility.

Questions about consequences for parking incorrectly; Rent charges for bike will continue; a text could be sent to user; City can cite/enforce.

Nick M said it will be important to have the proper bicycle density.

Tony D said it will be critical for Nice Ride to promptly remove improperly parked bikes.

Joshua J emphasized that this is a pilot project so license agreement can be amended.

Hilary L pointed out that virtual stations provide an opportunity to showcase local art.

It will be illegal for people to park other companies' bikeshare bikes in Minneapolis.

Robin presented a motion to support the City's exclusive agreement with Nice Ride.

Nick M said that there were good reasons for the exclusive agreement with an experienced operator that we trust.

Collected data should be protected and the City should have access to it.

Matt H added that the success of dockless bikes could depend on the docks being in highly visible locations such as street corners.

Ethan F said that the city should use its leverage to ensure its goals are being met.

They want license agreement to be flexible so it can be revised as the situation changes.

Nick asked Joshua to come back next month to both the 5E and full BAC meetings to share details of the license agreement.

Hilary expressed hope that there could be a regional discussion on bike share, too.

Bill D said it is important to get community input on the location of dockless stations.

The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Steve Elmer and Tony Drollinger.

2. **5E Subcommittee: Consolidated City Office Building** presented by Hilary Lovelace – ***ACTION***

Plan called for 226 vertical bike racks in the basement.

Access to the bike racks would be through a side door with a guided track.

There would be 16 single shower stalls in the building; 5 stalls in the basement.

Subcommittee expressed concern that some bikes wouldn't fit on the tracks or in the vertical bike racks.

The only elevator to the basement would not be available for bicyclists to use.

Plan included outdoor bike racks, similar in number to City Hall.

Subcommittee preferred fewer more accessible back racks.

Robin's motion supporting more accessible bike racks, with some on the first floor, passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Hilary added that the 5E Subcommittee will need a new Chairperson.

3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Chris Linde – ***ACTIONS***

5th Street NE Bikeway – ***ACTION***

Mill & Overlay in 2018 from Broadway to E Hennepin.

Bike lane improvements include widening bike lanes and replacing sharrows with advisory bike lanes.

Chris presented a motion to support the project as presented.

The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Hilary Lovelace.

24th Street Bikeway – ***ACTION***

Mill & Overlay in 2018 from Hennepin to 3rd Ave S.

Plan includes bike lanes, buffered from Hennepin to Lyndale.

Discussion at the Subcommittee focused on the 2 blocks from Nicollet to Stevens where we suggested switching the advisory bike lane to the north side.

The plan removes parking on the north side from Stevens to 3rd Ave S.

Bill D said that some community members are concerned about the removal of free parking near the MIA.

Chris presented a motion to support the project and switch the advisory bike lane.

The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Hilary L.

Lowry Avenue Bike Gap – ***ACTION***

This is an important gap and there is money to close it.

Various options were presented to the Subcommittee.

Chris presented a motion that favors on-street bike lanes and a 4 to 3 conversion.

Sarah S pointed out that the next block has public housing and the street is in poor condition for pedestrians.

Ethan suggested we add the PAC to this discussion.

Extending the 4 to 3 conversion another block was added to the motion.

The revised motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Jordan Kocak.

3rd Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River – ACTION

Historic bridge needs replacement.

There is not room to separate bikes and peds with 4 travel lanes.

Mackenzie TB said she will bring cross sections to us for feedback.

Streets on both sides of the bridge have 4 lanes.

Chris presented a motion to transition the bridge to 2 travel lanes and to separate bikes and peds.

The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Mackenzie TB.

Hennepin Avenue – Downtown, Washington Avenue to 12th Street

This project will come back to the BAC with preferred layouts before presenting to the City Council.

Ethan F suggested we form a task force to be proactive and to better delve into the details.

Scott S said that the project seemed to be in good hands with Simon Blenski and Ciara

Schlichting working on it.

Email Nick M or Matthew D if you have ideas, or visit hennepindowntown.com.

Hennepin Avenue: Douglas Avenue to Lake Street

City is just getting started by applying for regional solicitation funds by July.

It's on the Bike Master Plan but may not be compatible with dedicated bike lanes since it is a major bus corridor.

Mackenzie TB said a solution might be seen in Market St in San Francisco.

4. BAC Member Reports presented by Nick Mason

National Bike Summit

Around 400 people attended, a similar number to previous years.

Lots of groups are lobbying in DC.

Asks included better pedestrian and bicycle usage and crash data, and the inclusion of multimodal transportation in the infrastructure package.

Annual Report to Transportation & Public Works (T&PW)

This time we worked with the PAC ahead of time to present a unified report.

Check out video of presentation (March 13) on T&PW website.

5. Announcements

Robin G: yesterday, T&PW voted to support the staff recommendation for 4th St going to 2 lanes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner