

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Mackenzie Turner Bargen, Jenny Bordon, Bill Dooley, Wes Durham, Tony Drollinger, Matthew Dyr Dahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Tyler Pederson, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Richard Anderson (excused), Jordan Kocak, Jaime Makepeace, Dan Miller, Nathan Pentz

Others Present: Ethan Fawley, Millicent Flowers, Nick Ray Olson, Alexis Pennie

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the design for the **Consolidated Office Building bicycle parking facilities** as presented.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports matching one-way **protected bikeways on University Ave SE and 4th Street SE** as presented with the following suggestions:
 - Allow off-peak parking on the curbside travel lane on both roadways.
 - Install more substantial physical separation in the buffer, such as planters, islands, or curbs similar to those used on Oak Street SE, especially west of 10th Ave SE.
 - Add bike boxes at intersecting roadways.
 - Mitigate bus stop-bicycle conflicts through infrastructure such as installing floating bus stops.The BAC requests City staff to continue to look at a possible 2-way protected bikeway on University in the future when the roadway is reconstructed. The BAC suggests that the City does as much as possible to evaluate 2-way riding in the protected bikeway and work to mitigate wrong way bicycling crashes.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and March Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Bike Month/Open Streets Update** presented by Nick Ray Olson
 - **Open Streets**
 - There will be 7 events this summer and they are listed on the Our Streets website.
 - The sites are the same as last summer plus a return to the U of MN.
 - Go to the Our Streets website if you would like to participate or volunteer.
 - Nick said that when the new BAC term starts in June we should decide how many Behind the Bigwheel events we would like to do.
 - **Bike Month**
 - May is National Bike Month; Minneapolis, St Louis Park, St. Paul and Richfield will be hosting events.
 - All events are listed on the Our Streets website and also on Facebook.

- Minneapolis will have 5 “Theme Days” as follows:
 - *Bike to School Day* on May 9. It will include a “Let’s Roll” event, similar to last year’s ride, with the Mpls public schools.
 - *Femme/Trans/Women Rider Day* on May 13.
 - *Nice Ride Day* on May 17
 - *Bike to Work Day* on Friday, May 18 will include commuter pit stops and commuter convoys with elected officials. The event culminates with speakers at Hennepin County Government Center at 8:30 am.
 - *Family Bike Day* on Saturday, May 26.
- People are encouraged to serve as “Bike Champions,” to promote bicycling in their workplace, and to take a “Bike Champion Toolkit.”
- Volunteers are needed for Bike to Work day.
- Ethan said people who want extra toolkits should let him know.

2. **Dockless Bike Share Update** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl

- Transportation and Public Works (TPW) passed the first part of the approval process on April 17, adding dockless bikeshare to the City bike ordinance.
- Approved portion includes defining bike sharing, requires a license and outlines how it will be regulated.
- Next week TPW will take up the amendment to the Nice Ride agreement and the license agreement.
- Conversation at TPW focused on equity around station areas, flexibility in station design and data privacy.
- Robin said there was a desire that the language on equity be clear and specific and he read a statement with the likely language that will be approved.
- Nick said he sent TPW an email that included the BAC comments on equity, flexibility and data privacy.
- Discussion on what “station flexibility” means: allowing bikes to be parked in certain types of areas without “virtual stations” – especially outside of downtown.
- Plan is for dockless bikeshare to launch in August.
- Matthew H wondered what “dockless” means if you can only park in a “virtual station.”
- Nick asked if we want Bill Dossett to come to a BAC meeting to discuss roll out plans.
- Ethan pointed out that several communities are launching dockless bike share this summer including Golden Valley, Edina, St Louis Park and St Paul. Most of them are using Lime Bike.
- Non Nice-Ride dockless bikes parked in Minneapolis can be impounded by the City. Will they just pile up in the Impound Lot?

3. **5E Subcommittee** Report presented by Hilary Lovelace – ***ACTION***

- **Consolidated Office Building – ACTION**
 - All of our suggestions plus even more were incorporated into the current plan.
 - Plan includes substantial parking on the first floor as well as the basement.
 - There will be two entrances for bikes, which will be allowed to use the freight elevator.
 - Hilary’s motion to support the design as presented was approved unanimously.
- **5E Subcommittee Chair**
 - A new Subcommittee Chair will be needed as both Hilary and Juana are leaving the BAC at the end of the current term in May.
 - Hilary said that having 2 co-chairs worked well.
 - The Subcommittee agreed to wait for the new membership term for a new Chair.
 - Nick thanked Hilary and Juana for their hard work following through on the Work Plan, and maintaining the focus on this Subcommittee’s goals.

4. **Engineering Subcommittee: University Avenue SE/4th Street SE Protected Bikeway Study** presented by

Chris Linde – ***ACTION***

- This study was first presented to the BAC around a year ago.
- The BAC had stated a preference for a protected 2-way bikeway on University.
- The proposal is for matching 1-way protected bikeways on both University and 4th St, replacing conventional bike lanes on both streets.
- Considerations included timing, cost, and other stakeholders.
- 2 sections: West of 35W to Central Ave: 2 travel lanes with a big buffer; East of 35W: 3 lanes of traffic, no parking and a smaller buffer.
- Chris presented a motion to support the plan with several suggestions and a request that a 2-way bikeway on University be considered in the future.
- Nick said there needs to be a plan to deal with people using the bikeway in the wrong direction.
- Tony asked whether floating bus stops were being considered.
- Chris said the Subcommittee discussed people coming off a bus onto the bike lane.
- The motion was amended to include consideration of bus stop-bicycle conflicts.
- The motion was amended to suggest the city work to mitigate wrong way crashes.
- Juana asked about putting the bike lane on the opposite side so buses are avoided.
- The problem with the other side of the street is more intersections and important for bikes to be where cars expect them.
- The amended motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Juana, Mackenzie and Hilary.

5. **BAC Appointment Update** presented by Matthew Dyrda

- New appointment period starts in June.
- Applications received for 12 out of 13 Wards – only Ward 10 had no applicants.
- Appointments go to TPW on May 15 and to the full Council at the end of the month.

6. **Announcements**

- Nick: since May will be our last meeting with the current BAC membership, he suggested that we follow our next meeting with a Happy Hour.
- Nick: Minnesota Bike-Walk Conference is Sun – Tues in Rochester. There will be 30 sessions with 90 presenters.
- Nick: Bike Alliance of MN is putting on the first Women/Trans/Femme LCI Seminar. Students needed. Deadline extended to midnight tomorrow.
- Joshua: Reimagining I94 Steering Committee is doing two Open Houses to look at I94 improvements and crossings: Sat, Apr 28, 11-3, and Tues, May 1, 3-7, at Augsburg Seward Tower.
- Joshua: State Constitutional Amendment for dedicating sales tax from Auto Parts to highway projects will be discussed tomorrow morning at 8:15 am at the State House.
- Wes: Draft update to the Comprehensive Plan is out. Check the website: mpls2020.com and leave a comment. Nick suggested Wes send us the specific link about where to look.
- Robin: Council Member Cam Gordon is hosting a meeting about the Comprehensive Plan tomorrow morning at St Frances Cabrini Church, 7-9 am.
- Elissa: Transit for Livable Communities merged with St Paul Smart Trips last year. They will announce their new name Monday, June 4 near their offices, 5-7 pm. RSVP.
- Jenny: 2nd Bike Fleet, “Big Red,” now available. Please volunteer to help.
- Jenny: Remember to join Let’s Roll on May 9, 3 pm at Culinary & Wellness Services.

- Mackenzie: as part of the MnDOT 35W/I94 project, Park Ave will be closed from Lake St to 14th St this weekend and Portland next weekend from 15th St to 31st St. Restriping will temporarily move transit.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner