

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Actions**

1. The **BAC** elected the following **officers**: Nick Mason as Chair, Elissa Schufman as Vice Chair, Janice Gepner as Secretary, Elissa Schufman and Emily Smoak as Chair and Co-Chair of the 5E Subcommittee, and Chris Linde and Dan Miller as Chair and Co-Chair of the Engineering Subcommittee.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the project to replace the **28th Avenue S Bridge over Minnehaha Creek** as presented, and requests City staff work with Minneapolis Park Board staff on the design of the bridge, and return to the BAC with designs for the proposed trail connection underneath the bridge.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports a separated 2-way bicycle/pedestrian facility on the south side of **18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE** from Johnson Street NE to Stinson Blvd NE.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the project to replace the **Fremont Avenue S Bridge over the Midtown Greenway** as presented.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the concept from the **County/City Marshall Street Feasibility Study** for its entire length from St. Anthony Parkway to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, as well as their application for funding for the section between 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the concept on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Bridge over the Mississippi River** as presented.
7. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that the City Council amend the **BAC enabling resolution** to remove the requirement for a public hearing.

**Summaries of Discussions**

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 and chaired by Matthew Dyrdaahl.

1. Christian Rummelhoff administered the Affirmation of Office to BAC members.
2. **35W at 94-Park/Portland Transit Detour Discussion** led by Allan Klugman, Minneapolis Public Works
  - Presentation by Allan Klugman, Traffic Engineer in Traffic and Parking Services Division, and Julianne Swanson, Associate Transportation Planner in Public Works.
  - They presented a brief summary of their work on Park/Portland as part of the 35W project.
  - 35W project is a huge highway project: \$250 million.

- 2 weeks ago: connections between 35W and downtown were closed. They will remain closed for 120 days this summer.
- Key issue: how to connect transit from downtown to 35W during construction.
- Key downtown bus destination at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marquette.
- They considered 10 different alternative bus routes before selecting Park/Portland.
- Key considerations with Park/Portland: maintain bicycle facility for duration of construction and sensitive to need for parking in many neighborhoods.
- Currently, sections with 2 vehicle lanes and bike lane buffered on both sides and from Lake St north: 3 vehicle lanes with bike lane only buffered next to cars.
- During construction, for entire length: 3 vehicle lanes, one vehicle lane designated for buses only during peak, and narrow buffer for bike lane.
- Road narrower at Greenway, so ramps onto sidewalk provided to maintain bike lane.
- Bridge to downtown closed for 120 days starting from June 15. Northbound buses can return to freeway after that. Metro transit will stay on Park/Portland if needed to maintain schedule.
- When ramp opened from 12<sup>th</sup> St to Corridor, it will likely be buses only due to capacity, and may need to keep buses on Portland longer.
- Decision will be made in the fall and he'll report back to BAC then.
- Robin Garwood has heard concern about the lack of community engagement around this.
- Allan said decision about where to put buses came late in the process and fell between the cracks because it was a separate project.
- Robin also asked for more information on the enforcement plan.
- Allan said there is no formal enforcement program with police. They are trying to saturate the area with signage and traffic control agents as long as buses are on time.
- Robin was concerned that without police enforcement, over time, bus lane would just be used as a regular traffic lane (as happened with bus lane on Hennepin).
- Allan said that traffic control agents may be used to force people using the bus lane to turn. Delineators could be used if necessary.
- Question on whether bus lane could remain a bus lane all day long.
- Allan said that the presence of buses during peak help keep people out of lane then.
- After project is completed, corridors could be returned to 2 lanes throughout length as an experiment.
- Jenny Bordon asked if there was a place to find info on how cars are being routed through neighborhoods so people can avoid increased traffic.
- Tony asked if flipping the bus lane and parking lane was considered, so parking lane could be a buffer for the bus lane.
- Allan said that the parking lane pavement isn't good enough for buses.
- Paul Frenz asked how long they expected arrangement on Park/Portland to last.
- Allan said hope is that buses can leave Park in October; configuration on Portland could last through 2020.
- Allan doesn't expect this configuration to creep south of 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The bike lanes will be maintained through the winter.

### 3. Orientation to the Bicycle Advisory Committee presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl

- Matthew provided a quick overview; more orientation will come in subcommittees; vision and strategic planning will come at a future meeting.

- Our meetings get into details and we provide input for the city Capital Improvement Program.
- New members should feel free to ask questions during meetings.
- Each BAC member spent a minute or so introducing themselves.
- BAC Staff: Matthew is the City Bike/Ped Coordinator, Millicent handles administrative aspects of the BAC and Chris K works primarily with BAC Subcommittees.
- Chris K will lead an upcoming strategic planning session defining Subcommittee goals.
- Matthew presented the BAC charge: to advise the City Council and others on bicycling issues primarily through passing resolutions.
- The 6E's are Equity, Engineering, Enforcement, Encouragement, Education, and Evaluation.
- The 5E Subcommittee advises on policies, programs and practices related to bicycling. This Subcommittee handles all E's except Engineering and takes a longer view.
- The Engineering Subcommittee considers capital projects for formal review.
- BAC Bylaws are on the City website.
- Matthew summarized the BAC & PAC accomplishments from the last annual report to the City Council.

4. **Officer Elections** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl -- ***ACTIONS***

- Elections for 7 Executive Committee Positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and 2 Subcommittee Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- Robin, Matthew and Millicent are also members of the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee sets the Agenda for the BAC meeting.
- Matthew described the duties of the Officers to be elected.
- Nick Mason was elected Chair by acclamation.
- Paul Frenz, our previous Vice Chair, said he did not want to be reelected.
- Elissa Schufman was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.
- Janice Gepner was unanimously elected Secretary.
- Elissa Schufman and Emily Smoak were unanimously elected as Chair and Co-Chair of the 5E Subcommittee.
- Chris Linde and Dan Miller were unanimously elected as Chair and Co-Chair of the Engineering Subcommittee.

5. **Engineering Subcommittee Report** presented by Chris Linde -- ***ACTIONS***

- **Introduction to Engineering Subcommittee**
  - Staff usually come with PowerPoints and/or design layouts
  - See Subcommittee Agenda for projects discussed and attachments.
- **28<sup>th</sup> Avenue S Bridge over Minnehaha Creek -- ACTION**
  - John Morris from Minneapolis Public Works presented the project.
  - Current crossing for bikes as part of the Minnehaha trail is a poor one at grade.
  - Proposed plan has trail going under a new bridge.
  - Chris L presented a resolution supporting the project as presented.
  - Paul Frenz said the plan will take a dangerous crossing and make it safe.
  - Robin suggested Public Works return to the BAC with the trail design.
  - Tyler P expressed interest in talking to Public Works about the Park Board's perspective.
  - Robin presented an amendment to the resolution asking the City to consult the Park Board and also come back to the BAC when they have a design for the trail.
  - The amended resolution passed unanimously.

- **18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from Johnson to Stinson -- ACTION**
  - Don Pflaum from Minneapolis Public Works presented.
  - Project is behind the Quarry shopping center as part of the “Great Northern Greenway.”
  - It’s a CLIC project. Don sought Subcommittee ideas on the project, which is at 0%.
  - Subcommittee wanted project to match 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from Johnson to Monroe.
  - Chris presented the Subcommittee resolution supporting a separated 2-way bike/pedestrian facility on the south side of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.
  - Matthew D pointed out that Don will come back to the Subcommittee when the project is closer to 30%.
  - Project is a total reconstruction.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Fremont Bridge Replacement -- ACTION**
  - Casey Black from SRF presented.
  - Replacement of historic bridge which crosses the Midtown Greenway.
  - No bike facility on the bridge; discussion centered on the detour which will only have to last a week.
  - Chris presented the Subcommittee resolution supporting the project as presented.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- **County/City Marshall Street NE Feasibility Study -- ACTION**
  - Bob Byers from Hennepin County presented.
  - Project is a joint City/County “Regional Solicitation” to the Met Council for federal funding for a total reconstruction project.
  - Application includes a protected bikeway from 16<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, but hope is to eventually extend bikeway from 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (St Anthony Blvd).
  - Chris presented the Subcommittee resolution supporting the concept for the entire length and the application for the limited segment.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S Bridge over the Mississippi River -- ACTION**
  - Chris Hobert from MnDOT and Simon Blenski from Public Works presented.
  - Plan includes 2 vehicle travel lanes and protected 13.5-14.5” separated bike/ped sections on each side.
  - Chris presented the Subcommittee resolution supporting the project as presented.
  - The motion passed unanimously with one Mackenzie Turner-Bargen abstaining.
- **Dezignline Bumpouts** are cool.

6. **BAC Enabling Resolution Amendment** presented by Robin Garwood

- The BAC Enabling Resolution requires that appointments to the BAC have a public hearing.
- Robin said that requiring a public hearing doesn’t make sense.
- Paul made a motion to amend the enabling resolution to delete the requirement.
- The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Announcements**

- Matthew D: from Simon Blenski: there will be two workshops for the BAC and Minneapolis Committee on People with Disabilities to look at Hennepin Avenue with particular attention to the intersections:

Aug 3 and Sept 13, 4:30 – 6:30 pm. He's looking for 3-4 BAC members to participate. Paul, Emily, and Chris volunteered.

- Matthew D: Both BAC and PAC asked for barrier for protected bikeway on the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge. Simon B asked Matthew to share the reasons why staff decided not to add the barrier, among them the added cost.
- Mackenzie TB: upcoming closings of the 48<sup>th</sup> St Bridge and the bridge over the Midtown Greenway as part of the 35W Bridge project.
- Elissa S: Email Nick, Matthew or Elissa if you have thoughts about the 5E Subcommittee meeting time. Current meeting time is 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 5 – 6:30.
- Steve E: The Met Council's Regional Transportation Policy Plan goes online tomorrow for public comment period until Aug 13. Chapter 7 is about Bicycles and Pedestrians and Chapter 2 is about strategies.
- Met Council doing sewer work near Bassett Creek Park, so Luce Line trail closed from Morgan Ave N to Glenwood and there's a detour.
- Minneapolis Comp Plan comment period still open. Comments received so far have been compiled and are posted. BAC members are encouraged to comment.
- Open Streets July 22 at Lake and Minnehaha.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17.

Minutes recorded by Millicent Flowers and respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.