

To: Minneapolis City Council  
Minneapolis Public Works

From: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: September 5, 2018

Subject: Support of a physically protected bikeway throughout Portland Ave Corridor

### **Support of a physically protected bikeway throughout Portland Ave Corridor**

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee supports filling the sidewalk gap and providing a protected bikeway, reducing and narrowing lanes, and lowering speeds to connect corridors through a protected bikeway on Portland Avenue. We support a physically protected bikeway throughout the entire corridor.

We support ensuring there is enough space for bicycle and pedestrian use, and delineating those spaces visually. Center turn lanes and through-lanes should be narrowed to increase the width of the mixed-use trail. As the lanes on the bridge are narrower than those on the rest of the roadway, the same widths are sufficient for the full affected area. We support the proposed removal of the free right turn lane onto Portland Avenue from MN-62.

Because MN-62 disrupts the grid and provides very few opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle crossing, it is vital that this project maximally protect these vulnerable users.