

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

**Members Present:** Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Jenny Bordon, Erika Dani, Tony Drollinger, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Liz Johnston, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Nick Mason, Elissa Schufman, Aaron Shaffer, Sarah Stewart, Anthony Taylor, Emily Wade, Georgianna Yantos

**Members Excused:** Joshua Houdek

**Members Absent:** Richard Anderson, Steve Elmer, Jaime Makepeace, Dan Miller, Tyler Pederson (excused), Greg Sautter, Emily Smoak

**Others Present:** Simon Blenski, Ethan Fawley, Millicent Flowers, Kathleen Mayell

### **Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the off-street bicycle facility along Webber Parkway and a dedicated bicycle facility on 44th Avenue as part of the **Webber44 Project**. We request that City and County staff explore tradeoffs between parking and green space in this corridor, and also take a close look at improving the crossings at Penn/Osseo, Humboldt and 44<sup>th</sup>, 42nd Avenue N at Lyndale Avenue, 44<sup>th</sup> Ave N at Fremont Ave N, and 41st Avenue N at Washington Avenue N. We also request that the City and County engage with nearby public housing and schools.
2. Beginning next month, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee **5E Subcommittee** will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm.

### **Summaries of Discussions**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda was revised to include the 3rd Avenue S protected bike lane and the June Minutes were corrected. The revised Agenda and Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Transportation Action Plan (TAP) Update** presented by Kathleen Mayell, Minneapolis Public Works
  - Kathleen first explained what the Transportation Action Plan is.
  - It replaces Access Minneapolis which was only a 10 year plan and has expired.
  - Access Minneapolis was evaluated last November and most goals accomplished.

- The TAP will include data driven approaches, benchmarks, incorporation of Complete Streets, Vision Zero, interagency coordination, emerging technologies, design elements and minimizing construction impacts.
- The Action Plan will get into details from policies established by Minneapolis 2040.
- The Plan will update the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plans and also include Transit, Advanced Mobility, Freight, and Street and Sidewalk Design Guidelines.
- Demographic and travel trends will be studied, as will community engagement practices.
- Timeline: assessments happened last year; this year committees will be convened; this fall: more engagement around a draft plan; winter: write; next fall: official draft plan to Council.
- At Open Streets events they have asked people: How do you get around? How would you prefer to get around? The majority of people use cars but would prefer to bike.
- Committee Structure will include a Steering Committee, Policy Committee and Work Groups.
- Simon Blenski will lead the Bicycling Work Group which they hope will include several BAC representatives. Members were asked to email Matthew D or Nick if they are interested.
- The goal of the Bicycling component will be providing a low-stress bicycle network throughout the city.
- The Bicycling group will update the Bikeway network, prioritize projects and research other topics.
- Nick emphasized that this is an important project for the BAC.
- Emily W said that people with disabilities should be included in the bicycle planning.
- Sarah S suggested there be a joint BAC/PAC work group to discuss overlapping concerns.
- Nick pointed out that the previous Bike Master Plan involved lots of people, expertise, and community outreach and included all 6 E's, not just infrastructure.
- Robin asked about overlap with Vision Zero and emphasized the importance of Enforcement, Education and Encouragement.

## 2. **Greenways Study** presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl

- Draft of Greenways Study is nearly complete and will soon be posted on the website.
- Purpose of the Study was to document existing policy, summarize existing Greenways, and look at community initiatives and what other cities are doing.
- The Study defines 3 types ("typologies") of Greenways:
  - Trails (off street shared use paths)
  - Protected bikeways (on street)
  - New neighborhood Greenways: Bicycle Boulevards and full Greenways.
- Greenways should be on low volume streets, with parks and schools, providing an optimal travel route for bicycles and pedestrians with fewer cars.
- A full greenway would remove or significantly limit use by motor vehicles.
- Many people felt that the "RiverLake Greenway" was not really a Greenway.

- Part of the motivation for this study was to help determine how to proceed with several community Greenway proposals.
- There was a discussion on what the term “Greenway” should mean.
- Emily W said it’s important not to dilute the meaning of “Greenway” by applying it inappropriately.
- Some cities use other terms for “Greenways”, such as the “Beltline” or “Cultural Trail.”
- Anthony T said the term might be defined around the experience of the user.
- Wes D said that the term might include amenities adjacent to the corridor that provide opportunities to linger.
- Robin said key elements of the Midtown Greenway are few intersections and not having to stop often.
- Liz J said that she thought Greenway meant environmentally friendly.
- Using the term “Greenway” provides branding, marketing and could involve funding.

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

- **Hoyer Heights Residential Reconstruction**
  - There’s no bicycle component but it’s adjacent to the future bikeway on 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.
  - It provides an exciting opportunity to have raised crosswalks along 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.
  - This project will be constructed in 2019; 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NE would be in in 2022.
  - Project will return to the BAC when it’s at 30%.
- **Webber Parkway Reconstruction – *ACTION***
  - This is a County-led project along 44<sup>th</sup> Av N, Webber and a couple of blocks on Lyndale Ave N.
  - The streets are on the Bike Master Plan.
  - Subcommittee discussion focused on improving a couple of intersections.
  - Matt D was concerned that bicycle facilities in the plan might be eliminated.
  - Chris L presented a motion to support the bicycle facilities in the plan and look at improving some intersections.
  - Several people suggested adding additional intersections to the motion.
  - Tony D asked about how the bike lane would work at planned BRT bus stations.
  - The modified motion was passed unanimously with abstentions from Jordan K and Tony D.

4. **5E Meeting Time Discussion** led by Elissa Schufman – ***ACTION***

- Current meeting time doesn’t work for current Subcommittee Co Chairs.
- Summary from survey done by Elissa: best time was 4 pm on a Tues or Wed.
- Elissa made a motion to have the 5E Subcommittee meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm.
- The motion passed unanimously.

5. **August Bike Ride Discussion** led by Matthew Dyrdaahl

- Nick reminded us that our August meeting usually consists of a short or nonexistent business meeting followed by a bike ride to look at recent or upcoming bicycle facilities.
- Matthew D said the ride could include Plymouth Ave bike lanes, 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Marshall St, Johnson, Broadway, Lowry and the East Bank trail.
- He said he would come up with a plan of about 10 miles.
- It was pointed out that a key element of the ride is the spot where we end up for social time.

6. **3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S Protected Bikeway Update** presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl

- There will be a pilot project between 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets, adding planters to the protected bikeway.
- Planters will remain until the winter. Downtown Improvement District (DID) will take care of maintenance, such as watering.
- It was pointed out that the original plan for 3<sup>rd</sup> Av S, which was narrowly defeated in the City Council, would have included permanent greening along the corridor.

7. **Announcements**

- Nick said the 5E Agenda should include the recent fatal and serious crashes. It has also been difficult to find out information about a collision from April.
- Sarah S: the findings from the Northside Greenway pilot project are now posted. She said the response from residents was overwhelmingly positive.
- Jordan K: bike racks are now installed on the south side of City Hall. A vending machine with bike parts is coming.
- Robin: we should renew our request for a BAC representative from the police department.
- Emily W: Our Streets memorial for Dana Schwan is coming soon.
- Aaron S: the Ward 8 RiverLake Greenway pedestrian bridge over 35W is closing on Friday for 2 years as part of the 35W construction project.
- Nick: Bike Alliance fundraiser at Indeed tonight. Also a Slow Roll tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner