

# Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 4 PM – 6 PM

Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

**Members Present:** Richard Anderson, Jenny Bordon, Tony Drollinger, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Matthew Hendricks, Joshua Houdek, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Dan Miller, Tyler Pederson, Elissa Schufman, Aaron Shaffer, Emily Smoak, Sarah Stewart, Emily Wade, Georgianna Yantos

**Members Absent:** Mackenzie Turner Borgen, Erika Dani, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl (excused), Steve Elmer, Liz Johnston, Jaime Makepeace, Nick Mason (excused), Greg Sautter, Anthony Taylor

**Others Present:** Millicent Flowers, Josh Johnson, Chris Kartheiser, Dan LeBlanc, Julie Louge, Michelle Molstead, Arman Rajaeian

## Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee encourages the City to ensure that the final **Nice Ride 2018 Parking Zones (“Virtual Station”) Master Plan** and future plans more fully prioritize equity, including but not limited to access for communities of color in North Minneapolis.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports dedicated **bicycle lanes on Golden Valley Road** from Girard Avenue N to Xerxes Avenue N and recommends 7-foot bicycle lanes and 10-foot travel lanes with consideration for advisory bicycle lanes for the area where parking counts are documented to be high.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the proposed plan **for Industrial Boulevard shared use trail** as presented, specifically removal of a travel lane on southbound Industrial Boulevard.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports improving the Bicycle/Pedestrian infrastructure on **Portland Avenue between 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 66<sup>th</sup> Street** with the following recommendations:
  - Make it an enhanced/protected bikeway following the guidelines of the application for this regional solicitation; it is in the Hennepin County Enhanced Bikeway Plan as well as a previous City/County feasibility study.
  - The County should look at crossings, in particular at Highway 62, and
  - Travel lane widths should be reduced to less than 13 feet where possible.

## Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and was chaired by Elissa Schufman. The Agenda and July and August Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Scooter Share Update** presented by Josh Johnson, Minneapolis Public Works

- Josh presented background and data from the Scooter Share Pilot.
- Number of scooters: 100 Bird on July 10, 100 Lime on July 23. Each can add 100 more on October 1.
- Usage statistics from July 10 – September 7, 2018:
  - Over 76,000 rides
  - Over 7 rides/scooter/day
  - 1.46 miles/ride
  - 12.85 minutes/ride
- U of MN has an agreement for 50 scooters from each vendor on Campus.
- Scooters are collected for recharging every night.
- Scooters will be removed Nov 30 or sooner for the winter.
- State of MN has a statute for motorized personal vehicles: size limitations, can't exceed 15 MPH, not allowed to ride on sidewalk, no passengers, no helmet required unless rider is under 18, may operate on bike paths.
- The City asked companies to do education regarding safety and sidewalk riding.
- Companies have tutorials in their apps, messages on scooters, and have committed to safety events.
- The City passed an ordinance for low power vehicles requiring a license agreement to operate a share system. Current agreements are only a "pilot" for this Aug – Nov.
- Share system operators must submit an application to the City to be considered.
- Public Works is charging a fee of \$20/scooter to offset the cost of regulation.
- Analysis and evaluation of the pilot program will include right of way impacts on parking, pedestrians and infrastructure, equitable access and whether it is a viable transportation alternative.
- Public Works will bring a plan for 2019 to the City Council in early spring.
- Sarah S pointed out that Scooters have an advantage over shared bikes since they can be parked anywhere.
- City evaluation will include comparison of 2 parking systems: Scooters "parking anywhere" vs. dockless bikes "only in virtual stations."
- Josh was asked to return to the BAC after the City completes its evaluation of the scooter pilot and designs the license agreement for next year.

2. **5E Subcommittee Report** presented by Elissa Schufman – ***ACTION***

- **Dockless Bike Share – ACTION**
  - Currently 63 dockless stations and 400 bikes.
  - Virtual docks range from 4 to 30 stations.
  - People can request a virtual hub on a property near them.
  - There was discussion of the need for equity in distribution for both scooters and dockless bikes.
  - Josh referred people to the Nice Ride website for their revised site plan.
  - Emily W asked Josh to let Nice Ride know that it was hard to find information on their website, including the phone number to call for more information.
  - Tony D said you shouldn't have to log onto their site to get information.
  - Elissa presented a motion to ensure Nice Ride include equity considerations in their plan for virtual stations.

- The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Tony D.
- **Strategic Visioning**
  - Work on strategic visioning started in August and continued this month.
  - Chris K said that the full BAC meeting next month will include activities to develop targeted action statements.

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

- **Queen Avenue Bike Boulevard**
  - This bike blvd is a consolation prize since no bike lane was added to Penn.
  - Don Pflaum presented the plan to the Subcommittee.
  - \$2 million of federal funds available, but \$1.6 million will go to ramps making it ADA compliant.
  - Attempts will be made at traffic calming; plan now at 0%.
  - There was a discussion in the Subcommittee on requirements for bike blvds.
  - Jenny B pointed out that the route goes through Lucy Laney school, so it will be important to include them in any discussion.
  - Jordan K said they will go back to the outreach feedback from Penn Ave Works.
- **Golden Valley Road Bike Lanes – *ACTION***
  - Section from Girard to Xerxes scheduled for mill & overlay 2019 or 2020.
  - Plan to remove south side parking and add bike lanes on the north side.
  - For the 4 blocks east of Vincent, parking is heavily used, so advisory bike lanes may be needed for that stretch.
  - Chris L presented a motion to support the bike lanes and make them 7 ft. instead of 6ft, by reducing the travel lanes from 11 to 10 ft.
  - Robin G explained that “advisory bike lanes” have intersections where there is no center stripe for cars and the bike lanes are indicated by dashed lines.
  - Chris K added that they seem to work well in low volume areas.
  - Georgianna Y said that residents opposed losing parking.
  - The motion passed with abstentions from Jordan K and Georgianna.
- **Industrial Boulevard Shared Use Trail – *ACTION***
  - This is a bike trail project that fills in a Grand Rounds missing link from 35W/36 to Broadway.
  - It is being coordinated with Park Board projects to the north and south.
  - The Subcommittee was concerned about intersections, especially with parking lots, and requested they be marked.
  - Chris L’s motion to support the project passed unanimously with no abstentions.
- **Portland Avenue Protected Bikeway – *ACTION***
  - Chris L presented a motion left over from August to support bike/ped infrastructure on Portland Ave S with a few suggestions.
  - The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Jordan K.

### 4. **Announcements**

- Dan M: Bike ride on Sat, Oct 6 at 1:30 of Grand Rounds missing links led by District 1 Parks Commissioner. Meet at 30<sup>th</sup> & Van Cleet.
- Jenny B: Oct 10 is Walk to School Day. It will include some 30 schools and 8-9,000 students.
- Jenn B: Free Bikes for Kids gave a gift of strider bikes to kindergarteners at 8 schools to help them learn to ride. Each fleet consists of 20 bikes.

- Emily W: Last Open Streets this year is this Sunday at the U of M, 11 to 5.
- Aaron S: The city is now in the process of replacing the bollards on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave near Gold Medal Park with curb protection.
- Robin G: There's a good chance a bike signal is going in at the dangerous intersection where 26<sup>th</sup> St crosses the Hiawatha LRT Trail.
- Emily S: Congratulations to Metro Transit for being a NACTO affiliate member.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner