



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: March 24, 2015
To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Planned 2015 Protected Bikeways Projects**

Recommendation:

Receive and file update on planned 2015 protected bikeway projects.

Previous Directives:

June 28, 2013 – City Council adopted the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan.
June 22, 2011 – City Council approved the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan.

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Presenters in Committee: Anna Flintoft, Transportation Planner

Financial Impact

Action is within the approved budget.

Community Impact

City Goals: Living Well - High-quality and convenient transportation options connect every corner of the city.

One Minneapolis - All people have access to quality essentials, such as housing, education, food, child care and transportation.

Supporting Information

A protected bikeway is a bicycle facility that is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic. Off-street trails are the most common type of protected bikeway; however, protected bikeways may also be located within street corridors and separated from traffic lanes through parked cars, curbs, medians, bollards/flexible traffic posts, planters or other vertical features.

The current Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan, approved in 2011, addresses a broad range of bikeway facility types, including off-street trails, bike boulevards, bike lanes, and shared lanes, but it does not specifically address on-street protected bikeways. The City of Minneapolis adopted a Climate Action Plan in 2013 that recommends implementing 30 miles of on-street protected bike facilities by 2020. Public Works is leading a planning process to update the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan with priority corridors for implementing protected bikeways in Minneapolis. A draft plan has been prepared and will be shared with the public in April 2015.

In anticipation of this plan, the City Council approved \$790,000 in capital funds for protected bikeway projects in 2015. Public Works intends to pursue protected bikeways in four corridors in 2015 using these funds:

1. **26th/28th Streets (Portland Ave S to Hiawatha Ave S)** – A pair of one-way protected bike lanes are planned. There has been significant public engagement on this project to date. This project is being coordinated with the resurfacing of these streets.
2. **Oak Street SE (Washington Ave SE)** – A two-way protected bike lane on the west side of the street is planned. There has been some public engagement to date on this project and more is underway.
3. **Plymouth Ave N/8th Ave NE (7th Street N to 5th St NE)** – A pair of one-way protected bike lanes are planned, extending the existing protected bike lanes on the river bridge to the east and west. There has not yet been public engagement on this project.
4. **9th Street S (Hennepin Ave S to Chicago Ave S)** – A single one-way protected bike lane is being considered to replace the existing standard bike lane. This route is still early in the planning process, has some significant challenges and there has not yet been public engagement on this project. The street will be resurfaced in spring/summer 2015 and this project would follow that work.

These projects are in different stages of development. Some require more public engagement and design refinement than others. It is Public Works' intention to implement these projects in 2015 to the greatest extent possible.