

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Hilary Lovelace, Greg Sautter, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Lindsey Wallace

Members Absent: Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon, Steve Elmer (excused), Bob Hain, Nick Mason (excused), Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval (excused), Ciara Schlichting (excused), Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen (excused)

Others Present: Hōkan

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout for **Lake Street** near I-35W as presented.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout for **Glenwood Avenue**, with clarifications: (1) an 8 foot buffered bike lane is provided through project limits. This would be a 6 foot bike lane with a 2 foot painted buffer, from Aldrich through the intersection of 9th/7th/Glenwood. (2) Better connections should be made to Cedar Lake Trail from Glenwood Avenue.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout for **4th Street SE** as shown.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout concept for **Hennepin Avenue** as shown (curb level protected bikeway), with a field trip to be taken by city staff, the BAC, and the PAC. (Field trip will visit similar layout already installed on Park Avenue, between 3rd and 4th.) BAC would like to see the project again after more details have been determined. The BAC encourages staff to seek variances to narrow travel lanes to the extent possible and put the space saved into pedestrian space.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layouts for **E Franklin Avenue** and **11th Avenue S** (as part of the **2016 Protected Bikeways** plan) as shown, except we would like to see the green markings on Franklin Avenue extend further west to include the Seward Coop curb cut.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm and chaired by Paul Frenz. The Agenda and March Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Reminder for Application:** Matthew reminded the citizen members of the BAC to reapply for their positions and asked people who do not plan to return to let him know.
2. **5E's Subcommittee** Report presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl
 - **Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities & Advisory Committee on Aging**
 - The Subcommittee had a discussion with representatives from these two advisory committees.
 - Discussion of issues where we should coordinate such as the Winter Study and Complete Streets.
 - Plan to continue joint discussions.
 - **Winter Maintenance Study**
 - Forrest Hardy presented an update to the Subcommittee.
 - The Study had 150 volunteers and collected lots of information but there was not much snow this winter.
 - Have not yet done research on other cities and how to improve.
 - Also still need to identify priority corridors for enhanced clearance for bikes.
 - New hire will work on this with Forrest.
 - In response to a question from Hōkan, Matthew said he will check about publishing the raw data.
 - Bill Dooley said Council Members hear more complaints from pedestrians than cyclists so we have to make sure our voice is heard.
 - Chris Linde said that Bike Boulevards are not cleared until Day 3, so they should be prioritized.
 - **Bike Lockers and Flexible Reservation Technology**
 - Craig McCann presented a plan to the Subcommittee for bike locker pods which could be accessed by a smartphone app.
 - He was looking for feedback and suggestions about locations.
 - He might be able to use our support in moving forward.
3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Robin Garwood – ***ACTIONS***
 - **Lake Street – ACTION**
 - Plan to rebuild the street and add sidewalk improvements to a short stretch straddling I-35W.
 - Asking for state variances on lane widths to enhance sidewalks.
 - The motion to support the project passed unanimously.
 - **Glenwood Avenue – ACTION**
 - Hennepin County project from Aldrich to 10th Street.
 - Subcommittee liked the layout but wanted to see a buffered bike lane throughout the length of the project, which is one block further than presented.
 - Subcommittee also wanted to see better connections.
 - Motion presented by Robin with these suggestions passed unanimously.
 - **4th Street SE – ACTION**
 - Extension of the 4th Street SE project we've discussed before, now 29th to 25th.
 - Motion to support the project was approved unanimously.
 - **Hennepin Avenue – ACTION**

- The city is applying for a federal grant for a full reconstruction from 12th St to Washington Avenue.
- Planning would begin in 2016 for construction in 2020.
- Questions to answer: How many travel lanes? How much ped space? Type and location of bike lanes? Transit space? Turn lanes?
- Proposed plan includes raised 6-7 ft bike lanes and 18 ft sidewalk, where possible.
- Proposal includes 4 travel lanes except for turn lanes at Washington and 3rd St.
- 9 ft buffered bike lanes would have been preferred.
- Robin presented a motion to support the proposed layout but also to have a field trip to Park Ave between 3rd and 4th to see the treatment there.
- Motion also asks to see the project later since details will be important.
- Robin provided an amendment to the Subcommittee motion that encourages staff to optimize pedestrian space.
- The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Joe Bernard.
- Theatre Trust concerned about space outside theatres when shows conclude.
- Discussion about developing a good relationship with the Theatre Trust.
- **2016 Protected Bikeways – 11th Avenue & Franklin Avenue – ACTION**
 - Plans to convert current bike lanes to bollard protected bikeways on Franklin Av from W River Pkwy to 28th Av S and on 11th Avenue from 6th St S to W River Pkwy.
 - Robin presented a motion to support the project.
 - Seward neighborhood group suggested improvements like slip ramps and bike boxes.
 - Joshua Houdek suggested an amendment to extend the green paint to the Seward Coop.
 - The amended motion was unanimously approved.
- **US Bank Stadium Travel Management Plan (TMP)**
 - Informational presentation to Subcommittee from Ciara, on behalf of Toole.
 - During events, streets will be closed to vehicles but bicycle and pedestrian access will be maintained.
 - Possibility for bike valet if bike racks are filled and there is demand.
- **Franklin Avenue Bridge detours**
 - Large detour when the Bridge is closed from May 4th through Labor Day.
 - Also, large section of Mississippi River bikeway closed due to new sinkhole.
 - Hōkan suggested wayfinding signs at entrances to detours.

4. Minneapolis Bicycle Encouragement Events led by Matthew Dyr Dahl

- **Open Streets (Behind the Big Wheel)**
 - Matthew asked for input on which 3 Open Streets events should have Behind the Big Wheel, since it involves a lot of volunteers and work.
 - Consensus for these 3: East Lake St, U of M and Lyndale.
 - Joshua suggested that Matthew seek input from the Coalition planners.
 - Roy pointed out that the location within the event matters, too.
 - Discussion on ways to motivate bicyclists to check out Behind the Big Wheel.
 - Matthew formed an ad hoc subcommittee to work on this with him: Nick, Roy, Kelley, Hōkan, Lindsey.

- **Bike to Work Day**
 - Is Friday May 4.
 - Sarah Stewart said the city is doing some promotion.
- **Bike Week** is May 16-22.
- **Youth Bike Summit** on Saturday, May 28 at Macalester College.
- **Let's Roll MPS (Minneapolis Public Schools)**
 - First complete MPS bike ride.
 - Slow ride from district HQ at Broadway and Girard through North Minneapolis.
 - Several groups invited to join in.
- **National Bike Challenge:** sign up. Starts May 1. Ask Nick if you have questions.

5. Announcements

- Sarah Stewart: Health Dept is thinking more about their role in biking and walking. 3 students are doing research on what we do and on other cities. Also will have a Green Core member working on this.
- Roy Hallanger: Diamondback Bicycles partnering to offer employee discounts. See him for more information.
- Sarah: Health Dept open funding opportunity: "Community-Driven Solutions for Health" will fund 2 community agencies on topics related to health improvement.
- Sarah: Northside Greenway demonstration project on 5 blocks of Irving Av N will be tentatively installed starting June 1, with a June 11 Grand Opening.
- Joe Bernard: Capital Long Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) and City Planning Commission annual public hearing on May 12th in room 319 at 6 pm. Lots of BAC recommendations are included.
- Sarah: Health Dept will be providing a letter of support for Complete Streets.
- Robin: City Council deal on funding for parks and streets could provide funds for smaller trails within city parks and more street bicycle infrastructure.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.