

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333

1. Member Sign-in and Introductions (4:00-4:05)
2. Approve BAC Agenda and Minutes (4:05-4:10, Attachment 1)
3. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:10-4:25, Attachment 2)
 - Safe Routes to School Update (Attachment 3)
 - 5E's Subcommittee Priorities
4. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:25-5:00, Materials forthcoming)
 - 2014 Projects Summary
 - 2015 Proposed Resurfacing Projects
 - City of Minneapolis
 - Hennepin County
 - MnDOT
 - Penn Ave N Update
 - East Bank Trail
 - Engineering Subcommittee Priorities
5. Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan (5:00-5:20)
 - Staff update, Kelley Yemen
 - Working Group Comments, Paul Frenz and Sarah Stewart (Attachment 4)
6. Agency Overview: Minneapolis Health Department, Sarah Stewart, (5:20-5:35)
7. Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator Update, Nick Mason (5:35-5:40)
8. Announcements (5:40-5:45)
 - December Social Hour

Next BAC Meetings:*

Thursday, December 4, 5E's Subcommittee
Tuesday, December 9, Engineering Subcommittee
Wednesday, December 10, Executive Committee
Wednesday, December 17, Whole Committee

*Moved up one week from the normal monthly schedule due to the Christmas holiday.

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Joe Bernard, Simon Blenski, Ginger Cannon, Shawn Carriere, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Peter Wagenius, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Hayat Ahmed, Richard Anderson, Sgt. Tom Campbell, Max Schollet, Lindsey Wallace (excused), Georgianna Yantos

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports staff recommendations for bicycle facilities on **Minneapolis 2014 resurfacing projects**.
2. For the **MnDOT I-394 resurfacing project**, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports exploring advisory bike lanes on the north frontage road, and more traditional bike lanes on the south side frontage road, including exploring reducing lane widths below 11' to widen the bikeable space.
3. For **Penn Av N**, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports Concept C (bike lanes, parking on one side, two travel lanes).
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **East Bank Trail** project and would like to continue to have conversations about dedicated bike facilities on Marshall St NE from the trail terminus to existing bikeways on 16th/18th and 22nd Ave NE, and further explore intersection treatments for the intersection of Plymouth and Sibley.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee approved a list of comments regarding the **Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Plan**. See Appendix I for the list of comments.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. Following brief member introductions, the Agenda and October Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **BAC Representative on Technical Advisory Committee** from Simon Blenski
 - Simon asked for a volunteer to be the BAC representative on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Downtown Public Realm Planning Process.
 - Could be really important to downtown.
 - Jennifer Ringold and Lisa Shelby are leading the group.
 - Chris Linde volunteered and was appointed.

2. **5E Subcommittee** Report from Roy Hallanger

· **Safe Routes to School Update**

- Jenny Bordon presented the update to the Subcommittee.
- Safe Routes has a website with lots of resources and links.
- Several schools have a “Bus Stop and Walk” Program where the bus stops early and students walk about ½ mile to school.
- “Walk Zone Card” with resources for students who walk to school.
- She showed a video on October Walk and Bike to School Day.
- Walk/Bike/Fun curriculum through Physical Education.
- Transitions Plus for 18-21 year olds includes bike maintenance training.
- Middle School science curriculum on reverse engineering bikes.
- Forrest Hardy provided an update on infrastructure projects which included crosswalk improvements, lights, speed bumps, curb extensions and bumpouts.
- We watched the Walk and Bike to School Day video
- Link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKyvcVWv2IQ>

· **Subcommittee Priorities and Visioning Exercise Discussion**

- Some schools are using the curricula we helped create.
- Look at ideas to see what makes sense for us to try to do.
- Will try to use all 5 E’s.
- Identify gaps and see how things are done.

3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Ciara Schlichting – ***ACTIONS***

· **2014 Projects Summary**

- Simon discussed highlights of 2014 accomplishments with the subcommittee.
- Over 7 miles of bikeways replaced or improved.

· **2015 Proposed Resurfacing Projects – City of Minneapolis – ACTION**

- Simon brought map of proposed projects which are on the Bike Master Plan.
- Proposed projects include 2nd Ave N, Emerson, 9th St S downtown, 11th St N & S, 12th St N & S
- Bike lanes on 26th and 28th Sts E are moving forward.
- 31st St SE is being evaluated for a bike facility.
- Ciara presented a motion that we support the staff recommendations and it passed unanimously.
- BAC members were pleased to be discussing these projects as early as November.

· **2015 Proposed Resurfacing Projects – Hennepin County**

- Kelley Yemen presented bike related improvement projects to the Subcommittee.
- Franklin Ave from 16th to 21st is being studied.
- Franklin Ave Bridge over the Mississippi River redecking project includes protected bike lanes.
- 46th St S from Lyndale to Cedar Ave might have a bike facility.
- Buffered bike lanes on Minnehaha Av S moving forward.
- Bike lanes and buffered bike lanes on Washington Ave N from Hennepin to Plymouth.
- Inncity Trail from Nokomis Pkwy to the Mall of America will be next year.

- **2015 Proposed Resurfacing Projects – MnDOT – ACTION**
 - Gina Mitteco presented MnDOT projects to the Subcommittee.
 - The only Minneapolis project is I-394; the frontage roads could include bike lanes. Frontage roads go west from Penn Ave to St Louis Park.
 - South segment has room for traditional bike lanes except for gutter pans.
 - Short segment on north frontage road from Theodore Wirth Park to pedestrian bridge. Could be used by students at Bryn Mawr. Road is narrow with low ADT, so maybe advisory bike lanes.
 - Ciara presented a motion to put bike lanes on the South segment and to explore options for a bike facility on the North Segment.
 - Gina clarified that the project stops at the city line before Hwy 100.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - **Penn Av N Update – ACTION**
 - Kelley Yemen provided a brief update to the Subcommittee.
 - The BAC tabled a motion last month in favor of an exploratory bike ride first.
 - New “Concept C” presented which includes parking on one side and bike lanes on both sides of the street. Parking alternates sides depending on BRT bumpouts.
 - Concept includes removing all encroachments.
 - It isn’t possible to include Concept C in the online survey.
 - Bike ride showed that Queen Ave would not work well as a bike boulevard.
 - Ciara presented a motion to endorse Concept C and the motion passed unanimously.
 - **East Bank Trail – ACTION**
 - Trail goes from Boom Island and Plymouth Ave along riverfront to BNSF Bridge at about 18th Ave NE.
 - Public hearing going on now.
 - Bike and pedestrian trails will be separate where there is room and will be combined at some narrow sections.
 - North end of Trail dead ends at Marshall and there’s a gap to the 16th Ave Trail.
 - Hard to get to south end of Trail from Plymouth Ave Bridge.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the project, look at intersection treatments, and to continue to discuss bike facilities on Marshall.
 - Ginger Cannon mentioned that there are concept alternatives at Sibley.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
 - **Subcommittee Priorities and Visioning Exercise Discussion**
 - Protected Bikeway Plan will be coming to Subcommittee in December.
 - Look into improving winter maintenance by better understanding policies and having means to document the situation. Also discussed prioritization criteria for snow removal on bike routes like the tiered system for cars.
 - Integrating winter maintenance into the Complete Streets Policy.
 - Discussed design of a bike traffic signal system and how to change the way level of service is measured when projects move forward.
4. **Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Plan** presented by Kelley Yemen – **ACTION**
- Original plan dates from 1997.
 - Vision includes riding bikes for transportation, recreation and health.

- Plan aimed at “Interested but Concerned” 53% of the population but also create a system that works for the “Not able or Interested.”
- Themes from public feedback include: desire for comfort and protection, increased connections, address gaps, winter trail maintenance, and enforcement of traffic rules.
- Programs include bicycle counting, bike parking guidelines, seek bike friendly business status, safety evaluation, education and enforcement mechanisms.
- Looking to quadruple bike commuters and halve bike crashes per capita.
- Implementation includes prioritizing top 25 gaps and corridors.
- Provide design guidelines for bikeway development.
- Action items to be assigned to department or group within the county so responsibilities clear.
- Send comments until Dec 5. Email to bikeplan@hennepin.us
- Paul Frenz presented the comments from the working group that met to discuss plan.
- Comment list in Appendix I is mostly broad; people should send specific comments.
- Paul made a motion that we submit the comment list to the County.
- Plan talks about “crashes per capita.” Discussion on whether this is even informative and bullet revised to ask for best practices metric.
- Robin Garwood suggested we add bullets asking for an update to the Plan based on the city’s upcoming Protected Bikeways Plan and for winter maintenance, and also urge the County to fully fund implementation.
- The revised comment list was unanimously approved with abstentions from Kelley and Ciara.

5. **Agency Overview: Minneapolis Health Department** presented by Sarah Stewart

- A big focus of the Health Dept is health equity: equal access to health and opportunities for health.
- Small department so they mostly act indirectly by bringing other people together, or are involved in planning or policy.
- Sarah works within Policy and Community Programs.
- The goal of her section is chronic disease prevention.
- Most money from state grants through the State Health Improvement Program.
- Goal is to change policies, systems and the environment to support health.
- Initiatives support no smoking and increase access to healthy food and active transportation.
- Sarah showed a map of the city that highlighted health disparities by zip code.
- Active transportation efforts included start up funds for Venture North, expanding Nice Ride into North Minneapolis, promoting biking and walking, and starting Safe Routes.
- Current efforts include the North Minneapolis Greenway project, walk zones, working with seniors, and addressing safety concerns related to walking and biking.
- Future initiative would focus on city policies that support biking and walking during the work day.

6. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Update** presented by Nick Mason

- First round of interviews completed.
- 3 members of the BAC are involved in the selection process.

- Next round of interviews 2nd week in December.

7. **Announcements**

- Nick Mason: send him suggestions for a Happy Hour after next month's meeting.
- Robin Garwood: there was a Council budget hearing yesterday and several people spoke in favor of keeping protected bikeway funding. Watch video to see Ethan.
- Simon Blenski: Welcome back to Jose Luis.
- Robin: we need a new representative from Ward 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.

Appendix I: Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan: Safety and Comfort for All Ages and Abilities

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Comments – November 19, 2014

- Overall, the BAC supports the Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan: Safety and Comfort for All Ages and Abilities, wants to thank staff for their work on the plan, and urges the County to fully fund implementation of the Plan.
- The plan is very good at acknowledging the needs of new users and the barriers to potential users. The plan is good at reflecting this through programs, policies, infrastructure, and support facilities.
- It is great to see references to the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide throughout the plan. A good bikeway system has evolving needs and it is great to see that Hennepin County supports guidance that reacts to the needs of users. The BAC also fully supports the objective to support professional development for staff to ensure they are knowledgeable about current best practices.
- The system map identifies on-street versus off-street facilities, but does not get more specific about facility type. The BAC recommends that during project implementation, the specific facility type that is selected is appropriate for the context of each location. Facility selection should be based on the guidelines outlined in Appendix C – Bikeway design toolkit.
- The BAC recommends reconsidering the use of the term *cycle track*. The term *cycle track* is not a well-understood term among people who ride a bicycle or the general public. The current plan identifies *protected bike lanes* as being street level separated bikeways and *cycle tracks* as side paths behind the curb. The BAC recommends referring to both of these facilities as *protected bike lanes*.
- The plan addressed equity, but in somewhat general terms. The BAC would like to see equity incorporated more specifically throughout the plan. The plan should be more specific about

disparities among different populations. One way to achieve this would be to include equity as a factor in the implementation priority criteria.

- Many of the targets and indicators reference women. The BAC recommends that Hennepin County explore including a wider range of indicators that includes race, ethnicity, age, etc.
- The objective to support Hennepin County employees to bike to and from work is great. The BAC recommends that this objective be expanded to biking *at* work for work-related purposes.
- Is the indicator for the crash target appropriate? It is shown as *a per capita crash rate*, but the BAC recommends that Hennepin County seek best practices metrics to evaluate crashes.
- The BAC recommends including specific commitments and targets on winter maintenance.
- The BAC understands that the County will be doing further work to define their enhanced bikeway network and we look forward to working with them on that and hope it aligns with the Minneapolis Protected Bikeways Plan.