

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
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, see Attachment 1)
3. New Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Introduction: Matthew Dyrdaahl (4:10-4:35)
4. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:35-4:55, see Attachment 2)
 - U of M Winter Maintenance
 - 311 Bicycle Issues
 - MPD Meeting
 - Winter Cycling Congress
 - Bike Week Funding **ACTION**
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:55-5:25, see Attachment 2)
 - Protected Bikeways Update
 - Washington Ave N **ACTION**
 - 26th/28th St E **ACTION**
 - Broadway St NE **ACTION**
 - HSIP – 2015 Projects
 - Buffered Bike Lane Design
 - Red Flashing Beacon Pilot
6. BAC Update to Council, Nick Mason (5:25-5:45, Attachment forthcoming)
7. Staff Resolution, Nick Mason (5:45-5:55)
8. Announcements (5:55-6:00)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, March 12, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, March 17, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, March 18, Executive Committee

Wednesday, March 25, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Simon Blenski, Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Lindsey Wallace, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Shawn Carriere, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval (excused), Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Georgianna Yantos (excused)

Others Present: Jeff Handeland, Hökan

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to express our **sincerest gratitude to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Section** of the Department of Public Works . Through a challenging, sometimes frustrating, and always demanding year without a team leader, staff did an exemplary job of managing a high volume of projects, programs, and policies. The BAC would like to specifically recognize **Simon Blenski** for his incredible responsiveness, outstanding attention to detail, and (probably too) positive attitude towards managing the needs of the committee and the ongoing demands of the city's bicycle program.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee enthusiastically supports the application from the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition for \$25,000 to fund a **Minneapolis Bike Week in 2015**. It should be noted that this is less than the \$35,000 the city provided last year, and that the Coalition is securing additional funding from sponsorships. The Coalition expects to continue to gradually increase the proportion of funding from sponsorships, so that the event can eventually be self-supporting. Bike Week is extremely important as an opportunity for citywide bicycle encouragement and education. We want to see this event continue, as 2014 was the most successful Bike Week so far, with 11,000 participants.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Washington Ave N Bike Lanes from Hennepin Ave to Plymouth Ave N** and recommends that Hennepin County remove parking on one side of Washington Ave N between Hennepin Ave and 5th Ave N to increase the bike lane width (4 ½ feet proposed) and add a buffer to enhance the comfort of the proposed facility. This section is a critical link between the protected bike lanes on Washington Ave S and the buffered bike lanes north of 5th Ave N.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the project on **26th and 28th St E from Hiawatha Ave to I-35W** as presented. We look forward to seeing the facility continue west all the way to Hennepin as soon as possible.

5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the project on **Broadway St NE from Stinson to Industrial Blvd** and recommends that the travel lanes be narrowed to increase the usable bicycle and pedestrian space.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **modified buffered bike lane design** that omits the cross hatches when the buffer is 2 feet or less.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda was slightly revised. The revised Agenda and January Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **Staff Resolution** presented by Nick Mason – ***ACTION***
 - Nick read the resolution expressing our gratitude to Bike/Ped staff, and especially to Simon Blenski, for great work while they were leaderless.
 - The resolution was accepted unanimously.
2. **Introduction of the New Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator** by Jeff Handeland
 - Jeff introduced Matthew Dyrdaahl.
 - Each BAC member briefly introduced themselves, including one favorite thing about bicycling in Minneapolis.
3. **5E Subcommittee** Report from Roy Hallanger – ***ACTION***
 - **University of Minnesota Winter Maintenance**
 - Steve Sanders explained to the Subcommittee how the U of M deals with snow.
 - They have a budget of \$1.5 million and the work is done by Parking and Transportation, the Land Care Dept and outside contractors.
 - When there is over 3 inches of snow, 350 people start work at 3 am.
 - The Transitway is cleared down to pavement and is plowed more than once/day.
 - Bicycling on campus drops to 50% after the 1st snow and to 20% over the winter.
 - **3-1-1 Bicycle Issues**
 - People should call 9-1-1 if they feel threatened. Call 3-1-1 for nonemergencies.
 - Forrest Hardy manages calls about bicycling for 3-1-1.
 - He forwards reports to the appropriate city department.
 - Even though harassment is a low grade assault, it should be reported so that the data is compiled.
 - Forrest will pursue adding a queue for bicyclists to report harassment by drivers.
 - **Minneapolis Police Department Meeting**
 - Sgt. Campbell researched topics for discussion ahead of the meeting.
 - Targeted enforcement in problem areas not possible now due to staffing.
 - It might be possible to use some federal funds from “Towards Zero Deaths.”
 - Discussed involving the MPD in Behind the Bigwheel and Bike Week events.

- Discussed adding information about bicycling to police training.
- **Winter Cycling Congress**
 - The 2016 international Winter Cycling Congress will be in the Twin Cities.
 - Lots of help will be needed.
 - First planning meeting Monday, March 23 in City Hall, 5 or 5:30 pm.
- **Bike Week Funding – ACTION**
 - Until 2 years ago, funding came from a federal grant.
 - Minneapolis Bike Coalition asking the city for \$25,000 to help fund it in 2015.
 - Bike Week is the biggest single city wide event to promote bicycling education and encouragement.
 - Roy's motion to support the Coalition's funding request passed unanimously with abstentions from Robin Garwood and Bill Dooley.

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

- **Protected Bikeways Update**
 - Anna Flintoft presented the final plan to the Subcommittee.
 - The plan includes corridors, cost estimates and maps.
 - The plan includes 50 miles of protected bikeways, 18 for the next 3 years.
 - The Subcommittee will take action when Anna returns next month.
 - Simon said he would make a copy available to the entire BAC.
- **Washington Avenue North from Hennepin to Plymouth Av N– ACTION**
 - Bob Byers presented the plans for bicycle facilities on Washington Ave N.
 - Plan includes buffered bike lanes north of 5th Av N.
 - Plan includes a narrow facility between 3rd Av and 5th Av due to traffic demands.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the plan but remove parking on one side between 3rd and 5th to provide more room for buffered bike lanes.
 - Bob Hain noted that we need to show up at public meetings to support the plan.
 - Kelley Yemen said that a median would have to be removed along with parking.
 - Paul Frenz added that it's important to connect buffered bike lanes on Washington Av N with the protected bike lanes on Washington Av S.
 - Kelley noted that the PAC was concerned about widening the street for drivers.
 - The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Kelley.
- **26th/28th Streets E from Hiawatha Av to 35W – ACTION**
 - City is recommending paired one way protected bike lanes on 26th and 28th Sts.
 - For most of the length, the bike lanes would be 7 ft wide, with a 7 ft buffer.
 - Small section with off peak parking and buffer narrowed to 4 ft.
 - Due to concerns with snow storage, we suggested widening the bike lane and narrowing the buffer.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the project as presented.
 - Bike lane would be protected with bollards.
 - Robin: we add looking forward to seeing the lanes continue west to Hennepin.
 - The amended motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Simon.
- **Broadway St NE from Stinson to Industrial Blvd – ACTION**

- Currently no bicycle facility in that section.
- City is proposing an 8 foot shared bike/ped space with a 3 foot buffer.
- Section is on County bike plan so they are contributing funding.
- We suggested narrowing travel lanes due to gutters.
- Ciara's motion to support the plan passed unanimously with abstentions from Kelley and Simon.
- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP)**
 - As part of the 2015 HSIP
 - § Bike lanes will be re-striped at 6 in (instead of 4 in) at several locations.
 - § Green thermoplastic markings will be added to 39 intersections.
 - § 11 intersections will get new push button signals for bicyclists.
 - Federal money disbursed by the state to improve safety.
 - 1st bike projects in MN to use these funds; result from crash analysis.
- **Buffered Bike Lane Design – ACTION**
 - City is considering revising buffered bike lane design: to not paint cross hatches when the buffer is 2 ft wide or less.
 - NACTO guidelines say hatches not needed if buffer is 3 ft or less.
 - Robin made a motion that we support this change.
 - The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Simon.
- **Red Flashing Beacon Pilot**
 - At intersections with slow flashing yellow light, city is planning pilot, where, after activation, lights will flash yellow and then flash red.
 - Initially set up at 4 pilot intersections.
 - City will assess effectiveness by setting up videos at these locations.

5. **Mayor's Challenge** presented by Peter Wagenius

- Peter reported that Minneapolis will respond in the next week or so.
- Acceptance provides technical assistance and recognition but not money.

6. **BAC Update to the City Council** presented by Nick Mason

- The BAC will be presenting an update on our accomplishments to the City Council.
- Presentation now scheduled for 9:30 am, March 24th. All BAC members welcome.
- Tentative document presented was compiled by Simon with help from Nick.
- Matthew will do the presentation with assistance from Nick and Ciara.
- PAC will also present on same day; discussion on coordinating priorities with them.
- Nick said key priorities will be winter maintenance and Bike Friendly status.
- Suggestion to list key priorities clearly on first page.
- Robin said we may have a PowerPt as well as a handout.

7. **Announcements**

- Nick: Minnesota Bike Summit is tomorrow. 100 people have registered.

- Paul Frenz: reported from the Park Board (PB) Minnehaha Trail CAC. The PB is considering putting the bike trail under the bridge at Lyndale. Discussion of the William Berry trail focused on the pedestrian path where repair is badly needed.
- Lindsey Wallace asked people to let her interview them (and take a photo) for her blog about people's experiences biking.
- Roy Hallanger: the March 5E Subcommittee Meeting will include a discussion with Public Works about winter maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner