

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

A Resolution supporting the Upper Harbor Terminal project in Minneapolis

Date: September 20, 2021

Motion: Moved by: Billy Binder Seconded by: Kristel Porter

WHEREAS; On August 16, 2021 The Minneapolis Public Works Department and Toole Design Group gave a virtual presentation of the Upper Harbor Terminal bike and pedestrian plan to the Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee; and,

WHEREAS; The Upper Harbor Terminal bike and pedestrian plan will provide state of the art bike and pedestrian facilities and greatly improve safe and aesthetically pleasing bike and pedestrian connections of the North Minneapolis community to the Mississippi River as a priority; and,

WHEREAS; The project should feature protected bike and walkway facilities with physical barriers and separation from motor vehicles on Dowling and 33rd Avenues North and on the West River Road North Parkway and in the Upper Harbor Terminal project itself; and,

WHEREAS; The protected bike and pedestrian facilities in the project should be a template for future protected off street bike and pedestrian facilities within the project, to the west along Dowling and 33rd Avenues North, to the north and south on the Parkway and connection to the existing on street bike lanes on North Second Street and Washington Avenue North that will better serve and connect the North Minneapolis community; and,

WHEREAS; The bicycle and pedestrian connection on Washington Avenue from Dowling to North Second Street should have the same layout in the Upper Harbor Terminal Project. A protected bike lane layout on Washington Avenue would be even safer and more attractive to better serve and connect the North Minneapolis Community; and,

WHEREAS; North Second Avenue should have protected bike lanes in the section of Second Street that is in the Upper Harbor Terminal Project to better serve and connect the North Minneapolis Community; and,

WHEREAS; The current plans as presented by the Minneapolis Public Works Department and Toole Design Group at our online Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee meeting on August 16, 2021 include the following:



- Dowling Avenue between Lyndale Avenue and the I-94 bridge: 10 foot multiuse trail on the south side, six foot pedestrian sidewalk on the north side and 10 foot motor vehicle lanes.
- Dowling Avenue bridge over I-94: 12 foot protected bike lanes and a seven foot sidewalk on the south side and a seven foot sidewalk on the north side.
- Dowling Avenue between the I-94 bridge and the Parkway: 10 foot two-way bikeway, six foot sidewalk and boulevard on the south side and a eight foot sidewalk on the north side. 10 foot motor vehicle lanes.
- 33rd Avenue: Eight foot sidewalk on the south side and a 10 foot shared path on north side with a three foot buffer and 10 foot motor vehicle lanes with eight foot painted median.
- Parkway Phase 1: 10 foot red tinted travel lanes, 10 to 12 foot two-way bikeway, six foot sidewalk closest to river.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED;

That the Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee reviewed the Upper Harbor Terminal bike and pedestrian plan on August 16, 2021 and strongly supports the project plan as presented. The committee believes the connections to the community envisioned by the Minneapolis Public Works Department will improve safety and accessibility for people biking, walking and rolling. The committee asks that future Parkway layout, wayfinding details and Dowling Avenue reconstruction project information be made available to our committee for further review.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	_aye _
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	_aye _
Kristel Porter – District 2	_aye _
Billy Binder – District 2	_aye _
Dave Carlson – District 3	_abstain _
Sara Maaske – District 3	_aye _
Jay Eidsness – District 4	_aye _
Hokan – District 4	_abstain _
Vacant – District 5	___
Lou Dzierzak – District 5	_aye _
Bob Byers – District 6	_aye _
Lou Miranda – District 6	_aye _
Greg Anderson – District 7	_absent _
Lee Newman – District 7	_aye _

RESOLUTION ADOPTED Attest: _____


Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator