

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

## Active Transportation Committee

Date: Monday, September 15th, 2025

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams conference call

### Committee Members:

- Tammy McLemore, Dist. 1
- ✓ Nicole Armstrong, Dist. 1
- ✓ Billy Binder, Dist. 2
- ✓ Seth Stattmiller, Dist. 2
- ✓ Ethan Kleinbaum, Dist. 3
- ✓ Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
- Larissa Lavrov, Dist. 4
- Haley Foydel, Dist. 4
- ✓ Lou Dzierzak, Dist. 5
- Henrik Kowalkowski, Dist. 5
- Luke Van Santen, Dist. 6
- Anne Vogel, Dist. 6
- ✓ Greg Anderson, Dist. 7
- Clara Sandberg, Dist. 7

### Ex-Officio Members:

- ✓ Julian Fernandez-Petersen, HC PW
- ✓ Tristan Trejo, MnDOT
- ✓ Raymond Eliot, Metro Transit

### Guests:

- ✓ Kristine Stehly, HC Public Works
- ✓ Kelly Agosto, HC Public Works
- ✓ Menno Schukking, City of Minneapolis
- ✓ Brandon Maas, Bolton-Menk

## Notes

- **Marshall St NE Reconstruction Project** **4:04 – 4:37**
  - Kelly Agosto, Hennepin County and Brandon Maas from Bolton-Menk join us for a project update on Marshall St NE reconstruction. The project is a full reconstruction on Marshall from Lowry Ave to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
  - Design is currently at 30% with a preferred alternative identified.
    - Construction from 2027 to 2029
  - Public engagements:

- 1<sup>st</sup> phase was about a year ago, involved several neighborhood organization meetings
  - Project team heard a lot about safety concerns and a desire for better multimodal facilities, also parking concerns.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase saw development of several concepts which were later refined and iterated. In person engagement took place, as well as online. The project team asked for feedback and ranked community support based on category.
  - Designated bikeways and green space were highest priorities for the community.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase underway now through October.
- Preferred alternative / full layout:
  - South of Broadway will be a separated two-way bikeway with two sides of parking
  - North of Broadway will be a two-way bikeway with alternating one-sided parking.
  - Design elements:
    - Increase in green space
    - Preservation of on-street parking
    - Raised crossings and bump outs
    - Closed medians at 11<sup>th</sup> Ave and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave
  - Layout details:
    - Boulevard wide enough for street trees / signage
    - Closed access at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave proposed, with a connected alternative if not. RRFB at 5<sup>th</sup> as well
    - Lots of bump-outs
    - Keeping mature elm trees
    - Closed median at 11<sup>th</sup> with ped refuge island for crossing
    - Closed median at 14<sup>th</sup> with ped refuge island for crossing
    - Raised crossing at 16<sup>th</sup> with thinner median, trail/railroad here
    - Just outside of the project limits, planning to extend bikeway to connect to recently completed Hennepin & 1<sup>st</sup> project.
  - Project team is seeking a resolution
- Questions/Comments?
  - Seth Stattmiller: Happy to see the bumpout crossings and the other improvements. Any plans for a ped/bike bridge over BNSF at 18<sup>th</sup>? Also How do the facilities planned at Lowry connect to this project?
    - Brandon Maas: If and when that crossing comes online there will be room for it based on what's being built.
    - Kelly Agosto: With the Lowry project there will be a bikeway on the north side so some crossing will be needed. With truck movements, the curb locations are hard to move much at all. For

now, we can't do much, but there's a future project on Marshall north of Lowry that will hopefully address this more.

- Dave Carlson: At 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, how are you planning on getting folks over to the trail? Any thought about having folks cross at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE instead?
  - Brandon Maas: Shows the connection from Hennepin/1<sup>st</sup> to the new project and explains the intended crossing and path.
  - Dave Carlson: Want to make sure this isn't at all awkward for folks, so signage will be important for that

- **North 2<sup>nd</sup> St Bikeway Project**

**4:37 – 4:56**

- Menno Schukking from Minneapolis Public Works joins us for a project update on the North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bikeway. Here to share the recommended concept.
  - North 2<sup>nd</sup> street from Dowling to Plymouth.
  - Shares some history of the corridor, including historical difficulties as a barrier for Northside residents getting to the river.
- Project is a 2.2 Mile street-retrofit.
  - 2-way curb protected bikeway
  - ADA compliant ped curb ramps
  - Lowry and Broadway avenues to be fully reconstructed.
- Project engagement from 2024 to 2025. Final design Fall 2025 to 2026. Construction in 2027
  - Engagement showed focus on intersection safety, signal operations, support for closing sidewalk gaps, mentioned bike-ped conflicts in shared-use paths, support for greening/trees and stormwater improvements, pavement improvements, and more.
- ROW space is not changing, but street to be reconfigured to move bikeways to the side. This will hopefully make the ROW feel narrower and help with traffic calming.
- Signalized intersection. Plan to add APS. Project team also hopes to pursue ped recall and leading pedestrian intervals.
- Shared use path from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> only, which will close a sidewalk gap at the south end. Low pedestrian volumes here, so conflicts with cyclists should be minimal.
- Proposing lots of green space opportunities on the corridor.
- Questions?
  - Dave Carlson: I've traveled 2<sup>nd</sup> street and traffic volumes were low. I thought the existing on-street bikeways were adequate. Any consideration for one-way bikeways on each side of the street? Also want to ask about the mixing zone at intersection. Worried that bikes queueing here would be an issue.

- Menno Schukking: To add a buffer between the bikeway and the parking lane we needed a 4-foot space. There wasn't enough room to add this 4-foot buffer on both sides of the street without removing parking for one side of the street and for all of the north half of the project.
  - Project team is proposing the mixing zones at 3 intersections: 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. These are all low pedestrian volume side streets, so the thought was that this project would be an opportunity to try out the designs.
    - Dave Carlson: Any thought to raising the crossing at 31<sup>st</sup>?
      - Project team did not consider raised crossings due to heavy truck volumes.
  - Ethan Kleinbaum in Chat: What are rough pedestrian counts for this corridor?
    - Under 80 people per day
  - Seth Stattmiller: I think for a retrofit this is a great step in the right direction. For a full reconstruction we'd ask for more, but this is an important commuter corridor. Thanks for sharing.
- **Approval of the August 2025 minutes** **4:56 – 4:58**
  - Ethan Kleinbaum motions to approve the August 2025 minutes, Nicole Armstrong seconds. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.
- **Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction resolution** **4:58 – 5:30**
  - District 3 members introduce the draft resolution for committee consideration
  - Ethan Kleinbaum reads out the resolution, which is generally disapproving of the preferred alternative and the shared-use paths proposed on the project.
  - Ethan Kleinbaum moves to accept the resolution, Dave Carlson seconds.
  - Discussion:
    - Dave Carlson: Do we want to include a specific goal for the project in the affirmative? Or are we just asking the project team to go back to the drawing board?
    - Ethan Kleinbaum: in a previous resolution we expressed support for the Blue and Orange proposed alternative. We could reiterate that support now.
      - Dave Carlson agrees.
    - Some discussion about the "transit ready" lanes, and the use of the word "speculative" concerning the change of traffic patterns and the uncertainty about when aBRT would be implemented on Lyndale. General talk about traffic volume growth.

- Luke Van Santen had some submitted edits that are reviewed by folks. Changes in the "WHEREAS" section are kept, while changes in the "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" section are omitted due to redundancy.
- Some small grammar and word choice changes are made.
- Ethan Kleinbaum moves to accept the resolution, Dave Carlson seconds. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Member announcements**

**5:27 – 5:29**

- Jordan: Bike Free MSP event this Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm in downtown Minneapolis hosted by move Minneapolis. Check it out if you have time!
- Lou Motions to adjourn, Nicole Seconds, Motion passes unanimously via voice vote. The meeting ends at 5:29 PM CST.

Next meeting: October 20 | 4 – 6 p.m. Microsoft Teams