

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Active Transportation Committee

Date: Monday, July 19, 2021

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams conference call meeting

Committee Members:

- ✓ Tammy McLemore, Dist. 1
Gilbert Odonkor, Dist. 1
- ✓ Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Kristel Porter, Dist. 2
- ✓ Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
- ✓ Sara Maaske, Dist. 3
- ✓ Jay Eidsness, Dist. 4
- ✓ Hokan, Dist. 4
- ✓ Judy Jones, Dist. 5
- ✓ Lou Dzierzak, Dist. 5
- ✓ Bob Byers, Dist. 6
- ✓ Lou Miranda, Dist. 6
- ✓ Greg Anderson, Dist. 7
Lee Newman, Dist. 7

Ex-Officio Members:

- ✓ Jordan Kocak, HC Public Works
- ✓ Ashley Morello, HC Public Works
- ✓ Eric Bauer, U of M

Guests:

- ✓ Jason Staebell, HC Public Works
- ✓ Kelly Agosto, HC Public Works
- ✓ Olagoke Afolabi, HC Public Works
- ✓ Dan McCullough
- ✓ Aaron Warford, Bolton & Menk
- ✓ Jesse Thornsen, MnDOT

Notes

- **Approval of the June 2021 minutes** **4:00 – 4:05**
 - Update Member announcements: Greg Carlson – should say Greg Anderson
 - Billy Binder asked for clarification under University and Fourth topic discussion to update AADT reported to 1,000 to 1,500
 - Billy Binder: move to approve the minutes, Judy seconded

- **Minnetonka Boulevard reconstruction** **4:05 – 4:45**
 - Jason Staebell, Hennepin County – project introduction and overview
 - Hwy 100 to France Ave – 2024 full reconstruction
 - Public engagement began June 2021



- Early concepts likely drafted in the fall
 - Jason shared the link for the project website for the public to provide feedback: <https://www.hennepin.us/minnetonka-boulevard>
 - Combination of in-person and virtual engagement to be held
 - Sara Maaske inquired about ROW to determine whether the corridor has room to add a buffer between the sidewalk and vehicular traffic
 - Dave Carlson: 4 to 3 conversion a great start. Favor bike lanes to match Mtka. Blvd. west of Hwy 100. Maybe put utility lines underground and more trees on the corridor.
 - Bob Byers: inquired if the project will include modifications to the CR 25 intersection
 - Greg Anderson: is the project going to redirect vehicular traffic from CR 5 to CR 25
 - Lou Miranda: any discussion of reducing speed limit to 25
 - Jason Staebell explained that based on existing statute, its likely that limit will be posted at 30 mph, but if there is a bicycle facility it is a reasonable request
 - Jason Staebell: will likely return to the ATC in October/November to discuss preliminary concept
- **County Road 101 rehab project** **4:45 – 5:15**
 - Olagoke Afolabi, Hennepin County – project introduction and overview
 - Project is led by the City of Maple Grove
 - 74th Ave to 83rd Ave
 - Converting roadway from rural to suburban
 - 2 lane undivided, stormwater & pavement improvements
 - Left turn lanes at key locations
 - Proposed connections to existing trail to the east
 - Bob Byers: inquired about sidewalks not currently connected to existing network and whether the plan includes ADA improvements
 - Greg Anderson: how will this tie into any other county led efforts
 - Dave Carlson: supportive of wide shoulders as shown in the layout (7 ft)
- **University and Fourth roadway improvements project resolution 5:15 – 5:45**
 - Committee discussion on proposed project resolution
 - Jordan presented the draft resolution. The resolution was initially discussed with the group during the May ATC meeting. This would be the last opportunity for the committee to provide comments
 - Bob inquired whether there was any national peer review of other cities applying bi-directional bikeways on one-way roadways
 - Bob Byers: inquired if the University of Minnesota has stated a formal stance.
 - There was some discussion that the UMN has not formally provided feedback for this project. But the University has indicated support to a one-way bikeway as of 2017. This may be something the project team can pursue to identify the University's stance.
 - Dave Carlson: supportive of one-way on 4th Street
 - Discussion of whether the committee is supportive to the two-way bikeway on University.
 - The group made modifications to the draft resolution language indicating that the ATC would be supportive of two-way bikeways if there is adequate separation
 - Lou Miranda: include language in the resolution to illustrate the unique circumstances of the site location (including on-campus university location with high housing density) to illustrate that this resolution is not applicable precedent for future projects
 - Billy Binder: shared that the Minneapolis BAC is supportive of the two-way on University Ave

- Additional discussion on the language to be depicted in the resolution, including whether to specify the minimum width of a buffer between the two-way bikeway and vehicular traffic
 - Next steps may include a soft vote to gauge where the committee is at. The ATC would likely prefer to give a clear and firm message.
 - Ayes: Bob Byers, Lou Miranda, Lou Dzierzak, Tammy McLemore, Billy Binder, Dave Carlson, Judy Jones, Jay Eidsness, Sara Maaske, Greg Anderson
 - No: Hokan
 - Based on the majority support from the committee, Lou Miranda made a motion to approve the resolution as written, Bob Byers seconded, motion approved
- **Active Transportation Committee** **5:45 – 5:55**
 - Discussion of new committee name, updates to the committee webpage and communications to the public
 - Jordan provided an overview of the proposed website. The committee is seeking alternative ways to share meeting materials on the public website
 - Dave Carlson: we should clarify and specify what “rolling” means
 - Should specify what all active transportation related terms mean
 - The Bylaws should be rewritten to reflect updates (in the committee background section)
 - Possible subcommittee to redevelop the Bylaws to include ATC language
 - Should remove language pertaining to “alternative”
 - Dave Carlson: remove “secretary” language from website.
 - Sara Maaske: recommended an annual progress report with the Board of Commissioners
 - Jordan, staff has previously developed an annual report for the Board of Commissioners on biking/multimodal topics
 - Committee members can interact with their respective Commissioners as well
 - Discussion among the group regarding public participation. The group agreed that the website should include language to encourage public participation and to reach out to Jordan to attend the meeting
 - Jordan provided an overview of the ATC one-pager
 - Discussion whether the ATC website may be shared with cities to publish on their own websites
- **Member Announcements** **5:55 – 6:00**

Next meeting:

Monday, August 16, 2021

4 – 6 p.m.

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