

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Active Transportation Committee

Date: Monday, October 18, 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

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- ✓ 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
- ✓ Arman Rajaeian, Metro Transit

Guests:

- ✓ Josh Potter, HC Public Works
- ✓ Tom Musick, HC Public Works
- ✓ Jason Staebell, HC Public Works
- ✓ Jody Raider, HKGI
- ✓ Phyllis HejlStone, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
- ✓ Madeline Hudek, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Notes

- **Approval of the September 2021 minutes** **4:00 – 4:05**
Update adjournment to reflect that Lee Newman made a motion.
Lee Newman made a motion to approve, Jay Eidsness seconded. Motion approved.
- **Minnehaha Parkway at Portland Avenue and 50th Street** **4:05 – 4:35**
 - Madeline provided an overview of the project. The Park Board worked with the city to develop and approve a Master Plan for the Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail. Currently in the implementation phase of the Master Plan
 - Divided trail into four segments with key focus areas (including Portland Ave)
 - Project goals: Improve visibility for all users, improve safety of trail for all, address legibility of intersection for drivers
 - Completed a traffic study for E 50th St and Minneapolis Parkway – realigning 3-way stop would result in less traffic queueing from the east. West end would result in seven cars for queueing, which is an acceptable level of service. This plan would result in less conflicts anticipated for bicyclists & pedestrians



- Minimum trail widths: 12' min for shared use, 10' min for bicycle trail with trail moved slightly south to prevent tree roots from lifting/disrupting trail
 - Portland improvements include opposing one-way conversions on north and south frontage roads
 - Removing existing parking bay (approx. 6 cars) on southern frontage road of E Minnehaha Parkway, preserving rest of existing parking
 - Will be refining design over the next few months, construction slated for 2022 (completed next summer). Construction will result in detours
 - Will affect a few adjacent properties surrounding the trail
 - Bob Byers inquired about bike lane at Minnehaha and Portland Ave – currently no NB bike lane planned north of the intersection, people often bike on the wrong way because the connection to Park Ave does currently exist
 - Park Ave improvements is identified as a possible future phase, not currently a funded implementation project
 - Dave Carlson supportive of the T-intersection improvements, consider softening curve for bicyclists crossing
 - Jay Eidsness, may want to discourage vehicle traffic onto the frontage roads due to high volumes of non-motorized traffic
- **Lyndale Avenue restriping project 4- to 3-lane conversion** **4:35 – 5:05**
 - Josh provided overview of Lyndale Ave – south of Franklin to 31st Street
 - Lyndale Ave experiences a large volume of traffic, particularly from 35W detours (15 – 18,000 typical ADT); Lyndale experiences between 20-30,000 ADT
 - Update on medians located at 25th and 27th Street (no existing traffic signals). Starting this week, will be adding ped ADA ramps, medians, converting both roadways to RiRO, rectangular flashing beacons this week
 - Lyndale will be a pilot 4-to-3-lane project, will evaluate impacts to all users and seeking feedback from community
 - Summer of 2022 – 4-3 conversion repaving completed
 - Lyndale to be reconstruction in 5-7 years
 - Billy Binder inquired whether bike lanes would be considered. Josh explained that existing parking has an impact. In addition, Lyndale is not on the county or city bikeway plans, worth more discussion
 - Lou Miranda inquired about possible turn back for Lyndale Ave
 - Lyndale Ave project will be discussed again with group for December ATC meeting
 - **Member Announcements** **5:05 – 5:10**

Jordan shared that next month, he will share meeting materials and agendas via Microsoft OneDrive to make it easier to share county documents and plans.

Lee Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Billy Binder seconded. Motion approved.

Next meeting:

Monday, November 15, 2021

4 – 6 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting