

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

## Active Transportation Committee

Date: Monday, September 20, 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
- vacant, Dist. 5
- ✓ Lou Dzierzak, Dist. 5
- ✓ Bob Byers, Dist. 6
- ✓ Lou Miranda, Dist. 6

- Greg Anderson, Dist. 7; *excused absence*
- ✓ Lee Newman, Dist. 7

### Ex-Officio Members:

- ✓ Jordan Kocak, HC Public Works
- ✓ Ashley Morello, HC Public Works
- ✓ Arman Rajaeian, Metro Transit

### Guests:

- ✓ Jason Staebell, HC Public Works
- ✓ Mackenzie Truner Bargaen, MnDOT
- ✓ Aaron Warford, Bolton & Menk

## Notes

- **Approval of the August 2021 minutes** **4:00 – 4:05**  
Hokan move to approve, Sara seconded. Motion approved.
  
- **Minnetonka Boulevard reconstruction** **4:05 – 4:45**
  - Jason Staebell, Hennepin County – project update and review
  - Minnetonka Blvd between Hwy 100 and CSAH 25, initially discussed at June ATC meeting. Today is to review preliminary concepts
  - Space limitations on the corridor, will need to be mindful going forward with changes
  - 8 alternatives, developed between city & county staff – not all recommended
    - 1: not recommended, concrete separated bicycle lanes – not enough room for signing/lighting and maintenance issues
    - 2: one-way raised bike lanes: not enough room for signing/lighting and maintenance issues. Impervious, not sustainable
    - 3: two-way raised bike lane: approximately 10' for trail provides greenspace
    - 4: outside two-way raised bike lanes – resulted in visibility for bike lanes, resulted in safety issues



- 5: hybrid – not pursued
- 6: multiuse trail on both sides (8-10' wide) – supports equitable, safety, supports bike ped and transit goals
- 7: south side multiuse trail with boulevard on both sides – yes
- 8: no bike facilities – does not support equitable, safety goals
- Dave: why is on-street bikeway not considered
  - Answer: want to consider safety considerations
- Lou: inquired about counts – referred to multimodal counts
- Sara: General feedback from community engagement?
  - Answer: most people want to see improvements for ped connections, general support for 4 to 3 conversion, possible medians or pedestrian refuges
  - Received 100+ comments regarding issue identification
- Dave: strongly in favor of the 4-to-3 conversion. Problem with a two-way bike trail is one direction having to cross this busy street near Hwy. 100.
- Discussion whether Minnetonka project should “match” rest of corridor
- Lou: could lanes be narrowed?
  - Still results in issues for safety
- Dave: On the east end, I think many bicyclists will turn north on France or nearby side street to get to the lakes, so a 2 way trail on the south would require another road crossing for bikes.
- Will be selecting preferred alternatives in the next few months for public comment. Hoping to return to the ATC around the end of the year/new year

- **Upper Harbor Terminal resolution discussion**

**4:45 – 5:00**

- Discuss draft resolution  
Billy Binder and Kristel Porter presented draft resolution. City of Minneapolis is selling property. Committee reviewed draft resolution.  
Discussion to modify language about bikeways on Dowling, 2nd, Washington Ave, etc.  
Discussion to add inclusive language for walking, rolling, biking, etc.  
Billy move to approve the resolution, Kristel seconded. Motion passed – 10 yeas and 2 abstain  
Next steps: Jordan will share to resolution to the County Board

- **Member Announcements**

**5:00 – 5:10**

- Kristel: Cycle Sisters is doing a ride on 10/09/21. Riding on Broadway and Lowry, will be sharing additional information.
- Adjournment
  - Lee N moved, Lou D seconded. Motion approved.

Next meeting:

Monday, October 18, 2021

4 – 6 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting