

Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee
Portland Avenue from 60th to 66th Street

Approved by the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee, February 18, 2014

It is hereby resolved that:

The Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) recommends that the county add bike lanes on both sides of Portland Avenue from 60th Street to 61st Street; add sharrows on both sides of Portland Avenue from 61st Street across the Crosstown Bridge, and; post appropriate signs to the sharrows area stating that bicycles may use the full lane. Direct Hennepin County to continue to work with the City of Richfield to safely connect bike riders from the Crosstown Highway to 66th Street South, including the possible use of sharrows as an interim treatment.

Background:

Portland Avenue and Park Avenue (both county roads) are the only continuous and direct route to and from downtown Minneapolis and Richfield.

Existing bicycle lanes on Portland Avenue end and start at 60th Street in Minneapolis but do not extend south.

The Minneapolis Bike Master Plan includes the section of Portland between 60th Street and the Crosstown Bridge.

Richfield will in 2015 be doing reconstruction work on Portland Avenue and adding bicycle infrastructure between 66th Street and 76th Street.

Richfield Public Works will in early 2014 be preparing preliminary conceptual layouts for bicycle infrastructure from 66th Street and the Crosstown Bridge (which is on the Richfield Bicycle Plan), and

Hennepin County Public Works (HCPW) has indicated that bicycle lanes could be added on Portland Avenue between 60th Street and 61st Street, but HCPW has further indicated that there are traffic pattern problems that prevent the addition of bicycle lanes from 61st Street and across the Crosstown Bridge.