



Hennepin County

Transportation Planning



**Bicycle Advisory Committee
(BAC)**

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
Floor 12 Room 1201
701 4th Avenue South
Mpls, MN 55415
Host: Ned Nelson 612-596-0359

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

Marcy Levine, Dist. 4
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
Mark Brill, Dist. 6
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5
Greg Anderson, Vice Chair, Dist. 7

Ex-Officio Members:

Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Bob Byers, P.E., HC Transportation Planning
Jason McGrew-King, Three Rivers Parks

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Teri Shuraleff, Dist. 3
Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Crystal Myslajek, HCW&T

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

- 1. 2014 Appointments and Elections** – the BAC Work Plan specifies a timetable for the three-year terms that members and alternates serve, as follows:

District 1: 2016 – Pete Hall, Monica Vogel

District 2: 2016 – Dacia Durham, Billy Binder
District 3: 2014 – Dave Carlson, Teri Shuraleff
District 4: 2014 – Marcy Levine, Hoka
District 5: 2015 - David Gepner, Kay Mitchell
District 6: 2014 – Mark Brill, vacant
District 7: 2015 – Greg Anderson, vacant

All three members whose terms were up in 2014 and their corresponding alternates were reappointed by their commissioners.

After a short discussion, and by a voice vote, both David Gepner and Greg Anderson were reelected to their respective Chair and Vice Chair positions.

2. Bicycle Plan Update status – Bob screened a PowerPoint presentation on the Bike Plan status:

- Toole Design and Community Design Group are the consultants
- Three Rivers Parks has partnered with the county on this project
- Rose Ryan, Bob and other county staff and consultants are part of a team that periodically meet to guide the project
- Vision and Goals have been revised with simpler language
- There will be a total of five open houses/listening sessions and a website for comments
- Open house meetings / workshops have been held at St Louis Park, Orono, Lowry Avenue Open Streets, and Quality Bicycle Products
- These meetings occur at the beginning, middle and end of the project
- Listening sessions are at regular community meetings and events
- Like our November meeting, these listening sessions gathered public opinion on biking and will aid efforts to improve ridership
- The first nine listening sessions had 150 participants and over 1,200 text or map-based comments
- As of December 5th, there were nearly 1,400 wikimap and 1,900 online survey engagements
- Attendees at these meetings represented a wide variety of different interests and levels of bike usage

Bob also showed:

- A variety of typical sections
- A matrix of common design applications
- Discussed the challenges of new vs. retrofit and how Right-of-Way (R/W) constraints can impact road and bikeway design

A Draft Bicycle Plan is due out by the end of May. Next steps include review by Three Rivers, Minneapolis staff, an HC internal working group and a project advisory group. Several members expressed interest in more BAC involvement in the Bike Plan. So far, Greg has participated in the consultant hiring process, and Mark would like to be included in the Draft review.

3. 2014 County Improvement Projects – Bob touched on a few upcoming HC bike projects:

- CSAH 11 in Independence is currently a two-lane road with a tight gravel shoulder. Our operations people have agreed to add about two feet to the bituminous shoulder outside the white line. Any more widening will require major slope filling and culvert extensions.

- Franklin at Cedar Avenue is being redesigned to carry bike traffic. This project runs from 16th to 21st Avenues S., and also involves a community art project.

4. Miscellaneous –

The November and December 2013 BAC minutes were approved.

Monica Vogel – has been appointed as Dist. 1 alternate.

As a reminder, Due to the President’s Day holiday, the upcoming BAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, location TBA

Minnehaha Avenue Concept – the approved design layout for Minnehaha Avenue was shown to the group. Some of the features are:

- Bump outs extending the curb at intersections make a shorter crossing for pedestrians but do not interfere with the proposed bikelane
- Skewed intersections are improved at 37th, 36th, 31st and 27th Avenues, and 33rd and 32nd Streets
- Two intersections are being consolidated
- Addition of a 1.5 foot striped buffer zone
- Driving lanes will narrow from 12 to 11 feet wide
- Lighting, striping and other miscellaneous bike improvements are being considered

Metropolitan Council Bike Master Study- is under development. Bob has discussed bicycle access to MAC Terminal 1 with Met Council and MnDOT in the past, and it would be good if this issue were addressed in the new Master Plan. The BAC sent a letter of support to MAC for such access in August 2012.

Richfield is holding an open house – on January 22nd to discuss the design of the eastern portion of the 66th Street corridor as well as Portland Avenue north from 66th.

A volunteer representative from the BAC – the Lowry Avenue Northeast Corridor Study has asked the BAC for a representative, and Hokan volunteered.

BAC Member Orientation – will be scheduled once alternates have been appointed.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, February 18, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: HC Government Center
Room C-2350
Mpls, MN 55487

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



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300 S 6th Street
Mpls, MN 55415
Host: Ned Nelson 612-596-0359

ATTENDEES:

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David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5
Greg Anderson, Vice Chair, Dist. 7

Ex-Officio Members:

Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Kelley Yemen, HC Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator
Jason McGrew-King, Three Rivers Parks

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Monica Vogel, Dist. 1
Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Chuck Darnell, HC Housing, Community Works and Transit

Meeting Start – 4:00 p.m.

- 1. New Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator** – Kelley Yemen is a Minnesota Native. She graduated from UW Madison, attended Rutgers, and worked for several consultants. Most recently she worked for New York City DOT in their bike and ped office.

2. CSAH 112 Bikeway Project – County Engineer Jim Grube spoke to the group about an upcoming bike project in the Cities of Long Lake and Orono:

- The road being reconstructed is CSAH 112 old US 12
- MnDOT turned back this road to the county after completion of the US 12 bypass
- This jurisdictional change included 4.5 miles of road
- Part of the agreement was assigning ‘turnback funds’ from the state to rebuild the road
- The two city councils are being asked to approve the design and help pay for an offroad trail

The design of the bikeway will feature a combination of on and offroad:

- Starting from the west at CSAH 6, there are 8-foot paved shoulders, and the county is recommending that the speed limit be reduced from 55 to 50
- A 10-foot bituminous trail goes offroad at the Orono Schools athletic fields, on the north side of CSAH 112
- Our roadway section east of Old Crystal Bay Road also includes paved shoulders and a six-foot sidewalk on the south side
- This section continues east to just past the former Burger King site, where the shoulders narrow and the offroad trail goes north, passing through a city park
- The road section through downtown features sidewalks, parking, no bike infrastructure, and will have a speed limit of 30
- East of downtown, the roadway will feature a three-lane design
- Passing through the city park, the trail emerges at Martha Lane where it crosses CSAH 112
- Continuing east, the trail parallels 112 to Greenhill Lane, and crosses to the north of 112 and extends east to Old Long Lake Road
- East from downtown, the road features eight-foot paved shoulders
- If successful, this project should begin construction in 2017 and be completed in 2020

The Chair thanked Jim for his continuing dedication to biking issues.

3. Bike Plan Status – Bob Byers, Mark Brill, Kelley Grissman from Three Rivers and Tony Hull from Toole have been part of the update process. Bob and Mark were both absent from the BAC meeting. We will offer a bike plan update in March.

4. 2014 County Capital Improvement Projects – look for an update in March. Members can expect some materials before the March 17 meeting.

5. Miscellaneous –

The January 2014 BAC minutes were approved.

BAC Member Orientation – will be scheduled once alternates have been appointed.

Hokan offered a rewritten resolution – this resolution has to do with Portland Avenue (CSAH 35) south from 60th Street to 66th Street (CSAH 53). The resolution asks that Hennepin County stripe a bike lane on Portland Avenue from 60th to 61st Streets and place sharrows and signage from 61st to 66th Streets. An amendment asks the county to continue working with the City of Richfield to design a more bike-friendly Portland Avenue. The resolution passed on a voice vote. See the entire resolution below:

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.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
Floor 12 Room 1201
701 4th Avenue South
Mpls, MN 55415
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-596-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



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Pete Hall, Dist. 1

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Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Gina Mitteco, MnDOT Bike Section

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Teri Shuraleff, Dist. 3
Hokan, Dist. 4
Monica Vogel, Dist. 1

Others:

Patricia Fitzgerald, Housing, Community Works and Transit (HCW&T)
Kelsey Dawson-Walton, HCW&T
John Hardy, Hiawatha Bicycling Club
Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC, Chair Engineering Sub-Committee

Meeting Start – 4:10 p.m.

1. Penn Avenue Community Works Project – Patricia Fitzgerald from HC Housing, Community Works and Transit spoke to the group about efforts to study this corridor:

- The Penn Avenue corridor starts at CSAH 152 Osseo Road and 49th Avenue North and follows CSAH 2 Penn Avenue southward to the proposed Penn LRT Station at I394
- Housing, Community Works and Transit has taken a leadership role on other community works projects, including the Midtown Greenway, Humboldt Avenue North, Lowry and Minnehaha Avenues
- These partnerships in redevelopment have enhanced the tax base
- The county committed to this study in conjunction with the Bottineau BRT project
- On February 25, the county created a consultant team featuring Hoisington Koegler Group, a local planning and landscape architecture firm
- There are many other local stakeholders on this team
- The process will stress improved connectivity and corridor redevelopment
- Pre-project public meetings have already received great input from the community
- Initial phase of study will take 18 months
- The county is just starting to identify long-range issues and opportunities
- The Penn project will be done in phases and respect current right-of-way (minimal additional right-of-way is anticipated)
- One possible feature is construction of arterial bus rapid transit
- Patricia asked for a member to represent the BAC on this project, and Dacia volunteered.

The Chair thanked Patricia for her presentation and suggested that the group get regular updates.

2. 2014 Bikeway Projects – Bob passed a handout (see attached) which highlighted several projects of interest to the group:

- Project 2 – CSAH 5 Franklin Avenue from 16th to 21st Avenues, involving curb and median work, planning includes neighborhood groups and a Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) art project
- Project 3 – Franklin Avenue Mississippi River Bridge with planned protected bikeways and striped approaches, March 2014 bid opening, and a two-year construction schedule
- Project 9 – Penn Avenue CSAH 32 four-to-three lane conversion with bikeable shoulders, from 67th to 75th Avenue S
- Project 19 – CSAH 101 Bushaway Road from Minnetonka Boulevard to US 12, with narrow shoulders and offroad trail, a three-year construction project
- Project 21 – a Diverging Diamond intersection design is planned for TH 101 at CSAH 144 in Rogers, including an offroad trail. Find more information at the MnDOT website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadwork/divdiamonds.html>
- Project 24 – 36th Street bikeway, from Dupont Avenue to Lake Calhoun, a collaboration between Minneapolis, Minneapolis Parks and Hennepin County
- Project 25 – Bluff Street tunnel, from 2nd Street S and 13th Avenue S, under I35w, and connecting to Bridge #9 and the Dinkytown bypass bikeway
- Project 26 – the Intercity Trail, offroad trail from Cedar Avenue at Lake Nokomis, through Richfield, to the Mall of America. Thanks to Three Rivers Parks for taking the lead on this project. Eventually this trail will connect south through Bloomington to the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge, which will be renovated partially with funding from Metropolitan Council

- 3. A Bike Plan** sub-committee is planning on meeting every two weeks to assist in reviewing various components of the Bike Plan. Other comments:
- Our Bike Plan is regional and will identify corridors, match up with city plans and define gaps
 - The plan will be an living document, with independent sections that can be modified
 - An update to our trail maintenance policy is being considered
 - A draft should be available in May
 - Additional information can be found at: <http://www.hennepin.us/bikeplan>

Note that Version 3 of the Bike Plan Map is due this week online.

4. Miscellaneous –

The February 2014 BAC minutes were approved. Hoka asked that the text of the resolution approved in February be included in the minutes.

Portland Avenue (60th Street to TH 62 Crosstown Highway) Hennepin County staff have discussed options with Minneapolis staff regarding extending a bikeway south from 60th Street into Richfield. It was decided that TH 62 congestion problems affecting the interchange preclude any changes at this time. Hennepin County and Minneapolis will continue to work with MnDOT on strategies to alleviate the congestion and develop options for adding bike facilities.

Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, April 21, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
Floor 12 Room 1201
701 4th Avenue South
Mpls, MN 55415
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



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Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Brian Funk, Metro Transit
Ethan Fawley, Minneapolis Bike Coalition
John Hardy, Hiawatha Bicycling Club
Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC, Chair Engineering Sub-Committee

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

1. **Bike Plan Map Update** – Mark Brill has been representing the BAC on the Bike Plan Committee. The process has included development of a new Bikeway System map, now in Version 4.0. Some of the discussion point were:
 - This map is a draft in progress, with overlays by Toole, our project consultant
 - We need help from the BAC ridership, to look at the areas they ride for accuracy
 - Determining the onroad vs. offroad
 - Metropolitan Council has contributed via its Regional Bike Master Study
 - Year-round maintenance is one of the topics
 - Working to reconcile the county system plan with that of Minneapolis
 - Discussing whether the MnDOT trunk highway system is realistic as a bike system
 - Should non-complying segments be somehow represented
 - The map should show both on and offroad where both are present
 - Will the published map and plan map converge
 - Gaps will be on a layer on the plan map
 - Funding is the key to for future development
 - The System shows bikeways that are funding eligible, helps set goals, and quantify concrete results
 - The group was encouraged to submit comments on the Bike Plan Map to Kelley or Bob
 - For the most current map go to:
<http://www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/residents/transportation/documents/biking-and-walking/draft-bikeway-system-map.pdf>

2. **Bike Plan – Goals and Objectives**
 - The Hennepin County Bicycle Transportation Plan has a draft Vision:

Riding a bicycle is a fun, comfortable and routine part of daily life throughout Hennepin County for people of all abilities and ages.

 - Several attendees had suggestions on this draft Vision, with comments on purpose, simplification, measures, ridership, recreation vs. commuters, and use of the word ‘fun’.
 - The group asked for an opportunity to rework, refine and clarify the Vision. They decided to meet next Monday, April 28 at the 701 Building, Room 1201, to discuss and provide comment on the Vision.
 - There are two upcoming public meetings on the Bike Plan, on May 7th at Minnetonka Community Center, and the other on May 8th at the Central Library
 - For the most current Vision and Goals go to :
http://www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/residents/transportation/documents/biking-and-walking/2013-12-20_A003_DRAFT%20Vision%20Goals_only.pdf

3. **Hennepin County Bike Website** - The HC bicycle webpage was discussed, with suggestions such as offering links to projects, making the site more elder-friendly, and links to projects and the Road and Bike Map on the front page.

4. **Miscellaneous** –
 - *The March 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
 - *The State Bike Plan* has meetings scheduled for May 14th and 15th. For details go to www.mndot.gov/bike

- *MnDOT is holding a complete streets workshop on May 14-15, 2014 at Richfield City Hall. For more information go to:*
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/completestreets/workshop.html>
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
- *The May BAC meeting – will include a mini-tour of Minneapolis pavement markings then a meeting to discuss what we saw.*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, May 19, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
Floor 12 Room 1201
701 4th Avenue South
Mpls, MN 55415
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, May 19, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:15 PM

LOCATION: Pierre Bottineau Library
Sheridan Meeting Room
55 Broadway St NE
Mpls, MN
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

Greg Anderson, Vice Chair, Dist. 7
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5

Ex-Officio Members:

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Jason McGrew-King, Three Rivers Parks
Gina Mitteco, MnDOT Bike Section

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Hokan, Dist. 4
Teri Shuraleff, Dist. 3

Others:

Steve Elmer, Metropolitan Council
John Hardy, Hiawatha Bicycling Club

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

This meeting was held at a structure that was originally part of the historic Grain Belt Brewery. David Gepner gave a brief history.

- 1. Bike Plan Vision / Goals Update** – the Strategies, Actions and “Objectives” were discussed:
 - A handout with six pages of Plan strategies and actions

- Kelley provided a tabulation sheet and asked members to help choose the most important strategies
- The importance of measureable goals, staff is examining various performance measures
- A worksheet was handed out for BAC members to help define what an enhanced network should be. This concept is an outgrowth of public input received asking for higher comfort and safer facilities.

2. Bike Plan – Design Guidelines – Kelley showed a Powerpoint slideshow featuring:

- Retrofit and new 44 and 48-foot wide roads
- Typical sections
- Important intersection crossings
- Paints for striping – latex wears quickly, epoxy, thermoplastic materials
- NACTO ideas, Park/Portland Avenue examples for various right turn treatments
- Bike boxes
- Prioritization - a handout was passed with a list of prioritization criteria, and the BAC was asked to rank the top five

3. Bike tour of facility types from Design Guidelines – was canceled due to rain.

4. Miscellaneous -

- *The April 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *The Metropolitan Council Bike Master Study is out.* David introduced Steve Elmer from Metropolitan Council and mentioned the issue of bike access to MSP Airport. Hokan said that during a meeting with Metropolitan Airports Commission this past year it was stated that MAC now supports a bike connection to Terminal 1 Lindbergh.
- *The email list for attendees needs to be reviewed for accuracy and completeness*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, June 16, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
 Floor 12 Room 1201
 701 4th Avenue South
 Mpls, MN 55415
 Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



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Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 16, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Franklin Community Library
Friends of Franklin Community Meeting Room
1314 E Franklin Ave
Minneapolis, MN
Host: Bob Byers/Dan Patterson

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

Mark Brill, Dist. 6
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5

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Jason McGrew-King, Three Rivers Parks

Alternates:

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Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Hokan, Dist. 4
Teri Shuraleff, Dist. 3

Others:

Dan Patterson, HC Bike and Pedestrian Planner
Maury Hooper, HC Road Design
Bob Hain
Andy Hestness, NACDI (Native American Cultural Development Institute)
Jeff Pearson, City of Richfield Transportation Engineer
Bill Klingbeil, Kimley-Horn

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

This meeting was held at the historic Hennepin County Franklin Library.

1. **Introduction of the new HC Bike / Pedestrian Planner** – Dan Patterson is the new Bike and Pedestrian Planner at Hennepin County. He comes to us from Dakota County, where he had similar responsibilities. He lives in south Minneapolis and is a daily bike commuter.
2. **66th Street (CSAH 53) reconstruction** – Maury Hooper from HC Road Design presented the two proposed roadway sections for CSAH 53 66th Street. Some of the discussion points were:
 - The City’s “Guiding Principles” are to be considered in the development of all transportation projects within the City of Richfield
 - The Richfield Transportation Commission has seen the proposed designs and will eventually report and offer recommendations to the City Council
 - The three open houses gathered public comments, and some people characterized the current roadway as noisy, dirty and congested
 - The existing roadway features a four-lane undivided design on both the east and west ends of the project, a design that has twice the crashes as a four-lane divided roadway
 - The existing center section of the project, from I35W to Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) is a four-lane divided design with left turn lanes
 - This center section has high traffic volumes and the I35W crossing is especially restrictive
 - Concept 2 includes an onroad bikeway with a shared offroad path
 - Concept 4B is an offroad bikeway next to the shared path separated from traffic by a 6-foot boulevard
 - The preliminary concepts to date involve the acquisition of a number of homes between Penn Avenue and I35W. This is true even without the provision of a bike facility
 - The City has requested evaluation of roundabouts at all signalized intersections
 - Traffic volumes support a three-lane design in only the east segment of the project
 - This project has a 2016 deadline for its \$7.8 million in federal funding
 - The BAC offered comments regarding concern for the amount of access along the corridor in conjunction with the offset bikeway shown in Concept 4B

Review the existing road sections and the two Concepts here:

<http://richfieldsweetstreets.org/what-its-about>

3. **Draft Bike Plan** – Bob Byers had some displays and led a discussion of the Bike Plan:
 - The Plan is about 100 pages long and still in a rough draft form
 - Three Rivers Parks has been a key partner on the project
 - There will be graphics additions in the review copy
 - The implementation strategies are being finalized to include county and park staff responsibilities and priorities
 - The Plan should be ready for BAC review the end of July
 - The timeline looks like a HC Board briefing on September 18th, a 30 – day comment period from September 23rd to October 22nd, and Board approval in December
4. **Bike Tour of the Cedar (CSAH 152) – Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) intersection** – there was a sudden downpour, forcing the group indoors to the Native American Cultural Development Institute (NACDI) meeting room/gallery. Our new host, Andy Hestness, has been working in this neighborhood for over a decade, and anticipates good things happening at Hiawatha, Cedar and Franklin:

- The NACDI Art Marketplace project in the Franklin Avenue median west of Cedar Avenue is anticipated to be completed late this year or early next spring. This project will include public art, a farmer's market and space for food trucks.
- The county originally had a paving project scheduled for this August, however the project has been delayed until 2015 to allow the county and city to initiate a study of the Franklin / Cedar intersection area and explore ways to improve traffic operations, sidewalks / crosswalks and integrate bikeways. A public meeting with various interest groups will be held soon to discuss potential ideas.

5. Miscellaneous -

- *The May 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *Bike access to Terminal 1 Lindbergh* - This idea is decades in the making. Other airports of similar size, specifically Pittsburgh, have gone to great lengths to provide access to their terminals by bike. In our May BAC meeting Hokan mentioned that during a recent meeting with Metropolitan Airports Commission it was stated that MAC now supports a bike connection to Terminal 1 Lindbergh.
- *The Long Meadow Bridge* – project at Old Cedar Avenue has come to life, involving the reconstruction of the historic steel bridge
- *The email list for attendees* needs to be reviewed for accuracy and completeness
- *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, July 21, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: University of Minnesota
Room 311 - Transportation and Safety Building
511 Washington Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Host: Steve Sanders: 612-625-1333

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



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Others:

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Jennifer Lowry, S.P.E., HC Road Design
Nathan Ellingson, HC Road Design
Carol Anderson, HC Housing, Community Works and Transit (HCWT)
Kelsey Dawson Walton, HCWT
Say Yang, HCWT
Kelly Hoffman, HCWT
Charles Carlton, Metro Transit

Nick Peterson, S.P.E., HC Road Design
Jeff Handeland, City of Minneapolis

Meeting Start – 4:10 p.m.

This meeting was held at the University of Minnesota Transportation Building

1. Lowry Avenue NE – Carol Anderson from Hennepin County Housing, Community Works and Transit Development Division spoke about some of the challenges on this project:

- Lowry Avenue west of the Mississippi River was a great success, with on-street bike lanes featured the entire length of the project
- The new Lowry Bridge includes bike facilities
- The segment east from the river is now in the comment phase
- Bike lanes, wider sidewalks and a four to three lane conversions are some of the concepts
- Concept C with wide sidewalks and no bike lane is favored at this time, see the link below for details
- Property acquisition is unpopular with residents and not seen a priority for success of the project
- November 1 is the target for finishing the planning process
- The community advisory group formed for this project agrees that pedestrians are the most underserved by the current design of Lowry Avenue NE

For more details and images of the proposed typical sections, try the following link:

<http://www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/lowry-avenue-community-works>

BAC members voiced concerns about concepts that did not include bike facilities.

2. Penn Avenue North - Kelly Hoffman and Kelsey Dawson Walton from Housing, Community Works and Transit (HCWT) and Charles Carlton from Metro Transit presented on the study of Penn Avenue (CSAH 2) in Minneapolis:

- This study extends from I-394 north to 49th and Osseo Rd and includes a two-block buffer on all sides
- The project is in the beginning stages of the community engagement process and will have scenarios for community feedback in September
- Mobility and circulation are key in this study
- Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is being included in project planning
- Regular Route 19 buses will still run
- Penn is pretty narrow for bus shelters, so bump-outs for bus loading and offloading are being considered
- Automated payment systems will improve BRT loading times, which are now a huge slowdown
- On-bus bike racks are also a slowdown
- The project timeline began in 2013 and ends with implementation in 2017
- Alternate bike routes on Oliver or Queen Avenues are a consideration

For more information on the Penn Avenue study, try this link:

<http://www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/penn-avenue-community-works>

3. Washington Avenue update – Jennifer Lowry had a slideshow showing design elements on the Washington Avenue (CSAH 152) reconstruction project:

- This project involves reconstruction of Washington Avenue from Hennepin Avenue to 5th Avenue South
- There have been two years of public engagement
- The concept layout also runs from 5th Avenue South to I35W – with no funding or projects identified at this time
- The Approved Roadway Section has two lanes in each direction, with dedicated left and right turn lanes at key intersections, two one-way cycletracks and sidewalks
- The cycletrack is at sidewalk elevation separated from traffic by a curb
- Ramps transition the bikeway to street level for street crossings
- Paint, striping and different materials are being considered as treatments to carry the cycletrack through intersections
- There are few driveway crossings through this project
- Careful design is needed at bus stops to minimize conflicts between cyclists and transit users entering and exiting buses. ADA compliance and special treatments are also design considerations
- Design options to accommodate left-turning bikes, such as two-stage turn boxes or jug-handle features, are being considered
- No special bike signals are currently proposed, but signals will be pre-wired to accommodate future upgrades
- Construction is anticipated to begin next year
- Jennifer asked the group to fill out a questionnaire, attached to this email
- Also attached are a left-turn treatment detail and the slides that she showed the group

More information on this project is available at:

<http://www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/washington-ave-mpls>

4. U of M update – Steve Sanders talked briefly about bikes at the U of M:

- The Green Line LRT is now open and runs through the center of campus.
- Signal timing for the LRT has been less than ideal, the bugs are still being worked out
- At first there were 100 cars per day pulling down the rail
- Double-digit bike travel increases continue at the U, with nearly 7,000 bikes a day on the Washington Avenue Bridge
- Bike usage drops by 85% in the winter and depends on snow removal
- When school is in session, there are about 8,000 bikes per day passing through campus
- No bike or pedestrian crashes with the new light rail line have been reported
- About 150 bikes a year are stolen on campus, almost all with cable locks
- The Dinkytown Greenway has been open since September, with a vertical access into Dinkytown planned for next year
- The Bluff Street tunnel opened July 20th, connecting 13th Avenue South with Bridge #9
- The U of M Bike Center has doubled its users since opening several years ago, but virtually nobody uses the showers

- The Zap Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) program is gaining in popularity, with 2,800 riders on campus and 6,000 riders citywide.
- Zap has a high female participation, Zap data is used by grad students for analysis, and some users can earn health insurance discounts and other perks from their employers

5. Miscellaneous -

- *The June 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *There is a housing boom around the U of M – particularly on 4th Street NE*
- *The email list of attendees if you are still getting USPS minutes, consider going paperless and send Kelley or Ned your email*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, August 18, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Hennepin County

Transportation Planning



Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, August 18, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Three Rivers French Visitor Center
Oakwood Room
12605 Rockford Road
Plymouth, MN 55441

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

Mark Brill, Dist. 6
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4

Ex-Officio Members:

Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Kelley Yemen, Strategic Planning and Resources
Jason McGrew-King, Three Rivers Parks
Ginger Cannon, Minneapolis Parks

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Hokan, Dist. 4
Teri Shuraleff, Dist. 3

Others:

Kelly Grissman, Three Rivers Parks
Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Parks Trail Manager

Meeting Start – 4:15 p.m.

This meeting was held at the Three Rivers Parks French Park Offices.

1. **Project Status Listing** – Bob Byers sent out an updated Project Status Listing to the group. The BAC was invited to review this listing and contact Bob or Kelley Yemen with any questions or concerns.

2. **Hennepin County Road and Bike Map update** – Ned passed out copies of the current 2013 county map and asked for BAC input. Some of the comments:

- Make the map interactive online like Cyclopath
- Show links between bikeway segments, even if they do not meet our standards
- Rank bikeways to allow different classes of cyclists to plan their ride
- Include wide-shouldered Trunk Highways as onroad bikeways
- Display frontage roads that are adequate for bikes but not striped or signed
- Have more roads available when you zoom in on the online map
- Show locations of help stations as planned by Three Rivers
- Locate bike shops, air stations, bathrooms, kiosks, and other amenities

3. **Bike Plan Performance Measures** – Kelley Yemen distributed a handout (see attached) which is page 6 of the Executive Summary / 2040 Hennepin County Bicycle Transportation Plan. Page 6 details the Targets for biking improvements developed by HC and Three Rivers. Some of these are:

- Quadruple the number of bike commuters by 2040
- Double the mode share of biking to work from 1.8 to 3.6%
- Double the number of HC employees biking to work
- Complete 20 miles of new bikeway each year
- Close five gaps per year
- Reduce greenhouse gasses

These metrics all represent short term goals. Other related discussion topics included:

- Winter biking and snow control
- Lifestyle changes and Active Living at the HC Board level

This draft of the Bike Plan goes to the County Board October 2, with a 30-day public comment period after that. Final Board approval is expected later this year.

4. **Three Rivers Parks update** – Kelly Grissman, Jason and Danny showed a large map depicting the planned future of the Three Rivers Parks trail system:

- The future plan calls for doubling the miles of existing trails
- Crystal Lake Regional Trail should be let this year
- Segments of the Nine Mile Regional Trail are under contract
- Due to the booming economy, trail construction costs (bids) are up drastically

The traditional role of Three Rivers has not been to provide community access to its trails. Recent surveys have shown that more people would use trails if easy connections were offered. Three Rivers approached all cities in the county asking for access proposals, and six trail connection projects were selected this year.

5. **Miscellaneous -**

- *The July 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *On October 2* – there will be a draft 2015 overlay list for review
- *Danny McCullough* – will replace Jason as Three Rivers Park rep on the BAC. Danny is the newly appointed Three Rivers Trails Manager, leaving his duties in park law enforcement

- *The email list of attendees* if you are still getting USPS minutes, consider going paperless and send Kelley or Ned your email
- *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Offices
2117 West River Road
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Host – Ginger Cannon Ph. 612-230-6413

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



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Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
Minnehaha Room
2117 West River Road N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Host: Ginger Cannon

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

Pete Hall, Dist. 1
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3

Ex-Officio Members:

Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Kelley Yemen, HC Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Parks
Gina Mitteco, MnDOT
Ginger Cannon, Minneapolis Parks

Alternates:

Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC
John Hardy, Hiawatha Bike Club

Meeting Start – 4:10 p.m.

- 1. Bike Plan Presentation and draft Plan** – Kelley spoke to the group about the upcoming Bike Plan:
 - The Plan is still too preliminary to show to the BAC
 - It will be shown during the October 2 Board Briefing

- After the briefing, there will be a 30-day comment period during which the BAC can review the Plan and make comments

Kelley distributed copies of her draft Board Briefing PowerPoint presentation, containing maps and other information from the draft Bike Plan:

- Why invest in bicycling?
- What does the public think?
- The Plan Vision – *Riding a bicycle for transportation, recreation, and health is a comfortable, fun, routine part of daily life throughout the county for people of all ages and abilities*
- The Five Plan Goals are – Ridership, Bikeway System and Facilities, Safety and Comfort, Sustainability, and Maintenance
- Performance Measures by 2040 include:
 - Increasing bike commuting by 400%
 - Improve women commuters to half of all bike commuters
 - Decrease bike crashes by half and move toward zero bike deaths
 - Construct 20 miles of the Bike System each year
- An additional \$1.5 million is needed annually to achieve these goals
- Other highlights of the program include bicycle counting, parking guidelines, education and enforcement, and wayfinding

2. Minneapolis Park and Recreation update – Ginger Cannon, Park Planner with Minneapolis Parks, had an update on parks and trails in the city:

- The Minneapolis Parks website has a Current Projects List at: <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=33>
- This list includes trail-related projects and all Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects
- Reconstruction of the West River/James I Rice Parkway trail from Plymouth Avenue to Franklin Avenue is underway, 3.2 miles of bike and pedestrian at a cost of \$1.8 million. Benches and lighting are part of the work. A complication is the landslide on West River Parkway at Fairview Hospital, estimates to restore this hill area are at around \$6 million.
- Continued expansion of the Wirth Park mountain bike trails is supported by volunteers of MOCA (Minneapolis Offroad Cycling Advocates) and MORC (Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists). Future master plans call for a connection to the west side of Brownie Lake
- Renovation of the Nokomis and Hiawatha Lake trails and improved connections are in the works
- A trail connection on along the east bank of the Mississippi River is planned from the Scherer Lumber site north to the CP Rail Bridge and then east to Marshall St. (CSAH 23). This project would use Tea-21 and Legacy funds
- The Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan is in the update process. This regional park encompasses at least ten smaller park properties starting at the Plymouth Avenue Bridge and following downstream to the I35W Bridge. There are numerous bike connections being proposed within the updated Master Plan.
- Trail standards for markings and signage are continuing
- A trail traffic study has been underway for three years in partnership with the U of M Humphrey School and DPW. The project has now installed the first trail Eco-Counter in Minneapolis funded by the Rails to Trails Conservancy. These counters cost \$2,500 and post live-time counts to the cloud. They can even distinguish bikes from peds.

- By the latest estimates, user miles traveled are 28 million miles on Minneapolis trails annually

The Chair thanked Ginger for Minneapolis Park and Recreation's continuing dedication to improving trails and biking.

3. Miscellaneous -

- *The August 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *Richfield bike advocates* are part of Penn Fest, featuring an Open Streets event next weekend. Included will be the shutting down of Penn Avenue from 76th to the Crosstown, countless opportunities for food and fun, and four-wheeled bike (surrey) races. Chair David Gepner encouraged the group to become involved in his hometown festival. Go to <http://www.penncentralofrichfield.com/id20.html> for details.
- *Kelley passed out a sheet* asking for BAC opinion of the sidebar content on the new HC Road and Bike map. She will analyze the responses and apply her findings to the map
- *Hennepin County is applying with the League of American Bicyclists* to be certified as a Bicycle Friendly Business. For more on the League go to: <http://bikeleague.org/business>
- *The Plaza at Target Field Station* will feature a 'Share the Road' video
- *Our next meeting* will be held at Quality Bicycle Parts. Chair David Gepner has planned a meeting beforehand with business leaders to encourage corporate bike commuting
- *The email list for attendees* contact Ned or Kelley to be put on our email list
- *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson

Ginger led the group on a tour of bike projects in the City of Minneapolis, starting at MPRB HQ and following the West River/James I Rice trail to the south, over the Stone Arch Bridge, through Main Street and Boom Island, and over the Plymouth Bridge back to MPRB HQ. Numerous river development projects and trail connections were discussed at multiple stops. Attendees ended the tour at 7 pm.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, October 20, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Quality Bicycle Parts

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



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Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 20, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Quality Bike Products
6400 W 105th S
Bloomington MN 55438

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

Marcy Levine, Dist. 4
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

Ex-Officio Members:

Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Kelley Yemen, Strategic Planning and Resources
Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Parks
Bob Byers, HC Transportation Planning

Alternates:

Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5

Others:

John Hardy
Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC
Kelly Hoffman, HC Housing, Community Works and Transit
Seth Nesselhuf, QBP

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

This meeting was held at Quality Bicycle Parts in Bloomington.

- 1. Pre-meeting tour of Quality Bicycle Parts** – a walking tour of QBP was given to early attendees:
 - Quality Bike Parts is very proud of its green facility and continues to implement eco-friendly initiatives

- They have over 650 employees company-wide and sell products and services to 5,000 independent bike shops
- All employees are encouraged to bike to work – protected parking, giveaways and other incentives are offered
- Their ACE (Advocacy, Community service and Environment) program empowers staff members to work in the community
- Custom high-end bikes are built to order on-site
- QBP supports the cycling community and is active in the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), promoting off-road cycling as a high school sport
- For more go to qbp.com

The Chair thanked Seth and Gary for Quality Bike's continuing support of biking and the community

2. Hennepin County Bike Plan update – the new Bike Plan is out for review:

- Comments are requested until December 5th
- This Plan has required a lot of staff effort
- Three Rivers is our partner on this and has helped to provide focus
- The Three Rivers Master Plan is considering trails as having a transportation purpose
- The 1997 Bike Plan set the stage, bike are now considered part of the design process, as is maintenance
- Look in the appendices for additional detail
- The Plan will go to the County Board for approval in early 2015

Kelley Yemen will ask the BAC for a resolution approving the Bicycle Plan in December

3. The Penn Avenue Vision and Implementation Framework - Kelly Hoffman from HC

Community Works and Transit had several handouts showing design options on the Penn Avenue (CSAH 2) corridor:

- The County has assembled a consultant team and is setting project goals and open houses
- The current roadway is unfriendly to pedestrians
- Key topics are connectivity, mobility, and livability from 49th Avenue to I394
- Considerations of the Vision include implementation, overview and feedback
- Option 1 – Bikes and eliminate parking
- Option 2 – Parking with no bikes
- Bumpouts will be better for peds but present a design challenge for bike lanes
- Queen Avenue is being considered as an alternate bike route but has its own challenges, including the crossings at Lowry and Broadway
- The proposed Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) will run from the Brookdale Transit Center south down Penn, east at TH55, and terminate at the Royalston LRT Station
- The roadway layout will be determined by January, with a 20% complete plan in March 2015

4. 2015 HC Bike Projects – Bob Byers had a handout showing 2015 Bikeway Related Improvement Projects.

5. Miscellaneous -

- *The September 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*

- *Protected Bikeway Study* – Minneapolis is proposing 30 miles of new protected bikeways, largely on county roads. HC has provided comment to Minneapolis staff
- *Late in 2014 two overlays were completed* - CSAH 11 in Independence and a portion of CR 26 in Minnetrista have been paved with two-foot bituminous shoulders. These segments do not meet our bikelane standards but are more bike-friendly.
- *The email list of attendees* if you are still getting USPS minutes, consider going paperless and send Kelley or Ned your email
- *Committee alternates* are needed for Districts 3 Marion Greene, 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 17, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

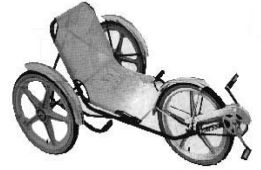
LOCATION: 701 Building
701 4th Avenue S
Room 1201

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



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Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 17, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
Floor 12 Room 1201
701 4th Avenue South
Mpls, MN 55415
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

Marcy Levine, Dist. 4
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
Greg Anderson, Vice Chair, Dist. 7
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5

Ex-Officio Members:

Kelley Yemen, Strategic Planning and Resources
Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2

Others:

Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC, Chair Engineering Sub-Committee

Meeting Start – 4:10 p.m.

1. Bike Plan comments from BAC – Kelley fielded comments on the Bike Plan:

- The section of Portland Avenue (CSAH 35) from 60th St south to 66th St (CSAH 53) is described as part of the corridor going from 60th to 98th rather than a Gap
- Improve shoulder maintenance, including patching, overlaying and cleanup of debris
- Keep onroad bikelanes when reconstructing roadways
- The Plan is considered by the group to be generally very good
- The Table of Contents needs review

- Maps and statistics in the Plan will constantly be updated
- There are typical sections on Pages 90 – 92
- City comments have been catalogued
- Open houses are done, a presentation at Robbinsdale City Hall is tonight
- Members are still reviewing the Plan
- Comment period ends December 5th, members are welcomed to submit through the online website

2. Bike Plan photos slide show – staff went into the field to gather photos for the Bike Plan:

- Three Rivers trails were chosen as sites for random photos
- All manner of bikes were observed, including recumbents
- No BAC members were available to be in the photos
- During three days of shooting all participants were wearing helmets and all signed releases

3. Penn Avenue ride and project – three potential options for the Penn Avenue (CSAH 2) project, running from Olson Memorial Highway (TH 55) to 44th Avenue North were discussed:

- Parking with no bicycle amenities
- No parking with bicycle features
- No parking on one side and including bikelanes
- Penn Avenue is typically about 50% parked up

The process for this project is basically to gather area public input, blend this with technical input and submit to the City Council for action. The desire is to have the corridor BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) running by 2016.

4. Future BAC locations – the 701 Building is centrally located and easy to reserve. This will be our meeting place in December 2014 and January, February and March 2015.

5. Member recruitment – the BAC needs alternates from District 3 Marion Greene, District 6 Jan Callison and District 7 Jeff Johnson. In the past many prospective members have been associates or friends of current members.

6. Miscellaneous -

- *The October 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
- The 2015 National Bike Summit is on March 10 – 12 in Washington, D.C.
- Minneapolis was considering placing protected bikeways on the one-way pair of 26th and 28th Streets north of Lake Street (CSAH 3). There was much local opposition to these plans and the project has been tabled.
- The Nicollet Mall is being considered for a streetcar route and the accompanying tracks. This would push bikes off the Mall. The City is considering directing bikes to Marquette and 2nd as an alternate route.
- The City of Richfield staff and the County have agreed on a design for 66th Street (CSAH 53). Next is review by the city Transportation Committee, and then on to the City Council.
- *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 3 Green, 6 Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.
- *BAC minutes via email* – save paper by giving us your email address

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, December 15, 2014

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
Floor 12 Room 1201
701 4th Avenue South
Mpls, MN 55415
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



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Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes (draft)

DATE: Monday, December 15, 2014

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Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Hokan, Dist. 4
Adjoa Akofia-Sowah, Dist. 3

Others:

Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC, Chair Engineering Sub-Committee
Anna Flintoff, City of Minneapolis
Bob Hain, Minneapolis BAC
Steve Clark, League of American Bicyclists
Jeremy Bergeson
CJ Linder

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

1. Minneapolis Protected Bikeway Study – Anna Flintoff from the City of Minneapolis spoke about their Protected Bikeway Study:

- Anna had two handouts, one describing the protected bikeways update to the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan, and the other detailing the cities Feasibility Analysis Results dated 12/9/2014.
- The City defines a protected bikeway as having a physical separation from the street, such as parked cars, curb, planters, not just paint striping, shared markings or a bike boulevard
- Acceptable would be delineators and paint
- A five-foot lane with two-foot buffer would be the minimum, with seven and three optimal
- Special care must be taken in designing mixing zones at intersections
- The second handout features corridor concepts which work within existing curblines
- Some of the county roadways included in the protected bikeway analysis are:
 - Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) – should work at the River and under Hiawatha (TH 55), but not west of Bloomington Avenue – 24th Street is a possible alternative
 - Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52) – should work north from Washington, with some bikelanes, south of Washington needs more study
 - The one-way pair Park and Portland (CSAHs 33 and 35) are being considered, especially north of the freeway
 - Another one-way pair, University and 4th (CSAHs 36 and 37) is proposed as a one-way bikelane on 4th and a two-way protected bikeway on University
 - Main and Marshall (CSAH 23) is being coordinated with Minneapolis Parks to direct users to their planned offroad trail running from Boom island to the BNSFRR bridge north of Broadway, and maybe remove some parking?
 - Washington Avenue (CSAH 152) from 5th Avenue S to the I35W Bridge – this project may be affected by the new 4th Street ramp access to northbound I35W

The City is currently preparing cost estimates for these and the non-county protected bikeways. They budgeted just \$190k for the year 2014. The projects go through a review process and then are up for City Council approval.

2. Bicycle Friendly Communities – innovative biking facilities – Steve Clark, community specialist with the League of American Bicyclists (LAB), described his new job and some of places he has worked, with a slide show to accompany:

- In 2014, Steve visited 77 cities interested in obtaining Bicycle Friendly Community status
- There are currently 304 communities nationwide that have earned some level of status
- The slides showed bike facilities in Memphis, Phoenix, San Jose, Oakland, Chicago, Seattle, Tucson, Madison, and Palo Alto and others
- The five award levels for bike friendly status are Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond
- A side effect of biking is lowering employers medical insurance costs – Quality Bike Products saved over \$169k in 2014
- After a four – to – three lane conversion the crash rate drops by 29%
- The advisory bikelanes in Minneapolis are getting noticed by other communities nationally
- Steve recommends that a bikelane be half or more of the width of the adjoining roadway
- A member suggested that the LAB begin a ‘Bicycle Friendly Airport’ designation. Steve noted that MSP Terminal 1 is practically inaccessible to bikes

The Chair thanked Steve for his lifelong dedication to biking issues.

- 3. Washington Avenue N** – Kelley showed the group a layout of a preliminary striping plan for Washington Avenue west of Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52). Some of the discussion items were:
- This is a striping project, not mill and overlay, planned for summer 2015
 - The proposed bikelanes will match up with the upcoming protected bikeway on Washington Avenue (CSAH 152) at Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52), County Project (CP) 9840, planned to begin construction in 2015
 - The old striping would be removed starting at Hennepin and going west to Plymouth Avenue, and including a transition area about a block west of Plymouth
 - There is a section between 5th and 10th that could be a protected bikelane, with the parking lane designed to buffer the bikelane on the road side
 - The alternative to the parking lane buffer on this section is a two-foot striped buffer, six-foot bikelane, and two-foot buffer against the parking lane, possibly with bollards
 - Kelley asked the group if they had a preference, protected vs. bikelane
 - The City has offered comments on this layout, suggesting a new eastbound left turn lane at 1st Avenue N, considering protected bikeways in places along this corridor and studying refuge islands on the long unsignalized stretch of continuous left turn lane at 8th Avenue N

4. Miscellaneous -

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