



Hennepin County

Transportation Planning



Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

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
Mark Brill, Dist. 6
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
Ginger Cannon, Minneapolis Park and Recreation
Gina Mitteco, MnDOT

Alternates:

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

Others:

Jesse Reinhardt, HC GIS group
Eric, HC GIS
Tony Derrick, Nice Ride
Anne Houghton, HC GIS
John Hardy, Hiawatha Bike Club

Meeting Start – 4:00 p.m.

- 1. New Alternate Member Adjoa Akofio-Sowah:** Adjoa is Commissioner Greene’s new alternate. She is a cycling advocate, and works at JXTA, a non-profit that encourages youth artists. She is also a blogger, and brings that perspective and energy to the group.

- 2. Future Online Bike Map** – Jesse Reinhardt from the Hennepin County GIS office brought several of his troops to discuss an online version of the upcoming Bike Map:
 - Our GIS group is working with Kelley Yemen on this project
 - An example of a successful interactive online map is the Three Rivers Parkfinder, found at: <http://gis.hennepin.us/Parks/Map/Default.aspx>
 - Other maps include Yahoo StreetLevel, Google StreetView, and Strava Routemaster at <http://www.strava.com/routes>
 - The HC map would be better because we own and update our accurate data
 - We would also include MnDOT and city information
 - Potential online features include A-B routes, trip time, drinking fountains, trail and road closures, restrooms, parking, complaint contacts, non-complying routes, popups to show images and details
 - You should be able to choose the type of route, whether safe, quick or convenient
 - Consider adding a traffic volume feature, low, medium, high or actual ADTs
 - Accommodate trip chaining (multiple stops on a single trip)
 - The GIS group will check back with the BAC to discuss progress on this project

- 3. Nice Ride update** – Tony Derrick from Nice Ride MN spoke to the group about the Nice Ride program:
 - The program saw a 46% increase in ridership last year
 - They are currently undergoing ‘densification’ into the downtown core
 - Usage in Minneapolis vs. St Paul is 10:1
 - Planning includes 20 more stations for 2015
 - Their mission is basically to ‘get more butts on bikes’
 - Also increase urban rideshare, become a mobility system, sponsor a local bikeshare conference, partner with car share programs to make car ridership and ownership obsolete
 - In a pilot program, 200 bikes were sent to Bemidji, it was a fiscal failure but a community success
 - 147 bikes were divided between north Minneapolis (Northpoint) and Frogtown in St Paul
 - Major Taylor Bicycling Club was a big factor in the north Minneapolis project
 - Efforts are being made to get non-bikers to ride, including vouchers for those who ride at least two times a week
 - The voucher program has a 30-35% success rate
 - Nice Ride is pushing for more city and county involvement in improving infrastructure
 - SouthWest Transit has 75 gold and white bikes for use around their Eden Prairie transit center
 - Tony thanked Blue Cross/Blue Shield for their continuing sponsorship

4. BAC goal setting for 2015 – Kelley asked the group to consider what the BAC goals should be for 2015. She challenged them to set a vision for the future, a sentiment echoed by several of the members and alternates. Kelley had sent out a draft BAC meeting schedule with venues specified. She also mentioned the Bike Plan and upcoming approval and implementation.

5. Miscellaneous -

- *The December 2014 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *The review of initial ideas for the backside of the print bikemap and the agency overview will be put off until February.*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
- *BAC minutes via email – save paper by giving us your email address*

Next Meeting:

NOTE: Day change due to President's Day

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building
Floor 12 Room 1201
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Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

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



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Billy Binder, Dist. 2

Others:

Dan Patterson, HC Bike and Pedestrian Planner
Jennifer Lowry, S.P.E., HC Road Design
Nathan Ellingson, HC Road Design

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

- 1. Washington Avenue Cycletrack update** – Jennifer Lowry and Nathan Ellingson from HC Road Design had a presentation on the CSAH 152 Washington Avenue reconstruction project and its accompanying cycletrack:
 - Final detail design and the bidding process are underway, with construction beginning this summer
 - The Minneapolis BAC, PAC, MACOPD (Minneapolis Advisory Committee On People with Disabilities) have all commented on this project design
 - There is one public meeting on this project left
 - The proposed cross-section features a two-foot setback from the curb, a five-foot one-way sidewalk-level bikelane, sawcut joints, a six-foot separation filled with planters, lights, signs, benches, pavers, NiceRide stations
 - Darker concrete will be used to differentiate bikeways, with standard concrete for pedestrian zones
 - The ramps to carry cyclists to street level will feature a waiting area
 - Bus stops will have an eight-foot waiting/loading area, and bikeway geometrics and striping will slow bikers in these areas and minimize conflicts and crashes
 - A left turn bike box treatment will ease bike turns at the single intersection where it applies
 - A jug handle treatment with a pushbutton signal will help cyclists cross Washington at 4th
 - Bike signalheads will allow cyclists a seven-second head start on cars

- 2. Overview of the HC bike/ped team 2015 work plan** – Kelley and Dan discussed their project for the upcoming year:
 - Dan showed a PowerPoint highlighting features proposed for the 2015 Bike Map
 - The non-map 'B' side of the map will have an education and encouragement theme, appealing to the 53% of people that are 'interested but concerned'
 - Many of these IBC potential riders are women aged 25 – 45
 - The idea is to increase safety to encourage riding, including links on the map to tips for biking and biking laws, NiceRide station locations
 - Consider guiding bikers to the Midtown Greenway
 - Staff is looking into showing all municipal bikeways on the map
 - Possibly print a short run for 2015 and print an improved, larger run for 2016
 - Kelley's work plan includes defining the mission of the BAC
 - Refining the HC Bike Plan and gaining HC Board approval, possibly by the end of March
 - Work on the Complete Streets Design Guide
 - Work on the Bottineau Boulevard bike study
 - Contribute to the Brooklyn Park Plan

- 3. Agency Overview** – Kelley showed a spreadsheet that laid out the public works organization chart. She and Dan work in Planning, Policy and Land Management (PPALM) whereas Bob Byers and Ned work in Transportation Planning. Other BAC contributors include Katie Walker and Patricia Fitzgerald from Community Works (CW) and Debra Brisk from Public Works Administration.

- 4. Project Updates** – Kelley spoke about some of the projects we have recently discussed:

- Hennepin County is in process to commission a study to find the dollar amount to solve the problem of getting bikes safely through the Portland Avenue – TH 62 Crosstown Highway intersection
- Bike access to MSP Terminal 1 Lindbergh is also being studied for cost
- Franklin Avenue CSAH 5 at Cedar Avenue CSAH 152 is delayed in the community involvement process
- Penn Avenue CSAH 2 is under study for a Bus Rapid Transit line. The current preferred design does not include any bike facilities

5. Miscellaneous -

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- *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.
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Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2015

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Ginger Cannon, Minneapolis Park and Recreation
Crystal Myslajek, HC Community Works

Alternates:

Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Hokan, Dist. 4
Billy Binder, Dist. 2

Others:

Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC
Nadine Chalmers, HC Community Works
Matthew Dyrsdahl, City of Minneapolis
Nathan Koster, City of Minneapolis
Heather Kienitz, SEH
Allan Klugman, Program Manager
Hannah Pritchard, Toole
Ciara Schlicting
Bob Hain





Meeting Start – 4:00 p.m.

- 1. West Lake Street Areawide Multimodal Study** – Nathan Koster from the City of Minneapolis Public Works discussed this study:
 - This study includes only the area around the proposed West Lake Green Line LRT Station
 - Study partners include Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Metropolitan Council and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
 - The City has held three workshops facilitated by Toole
 - Project limits area the city limits on the west, Cedar Lake on the north, Lake of the Isles on the east and Lake Calhoun/Excelsior Boulevard on the south
 - One study feature is bike and pedestrian movement to the station and vertical circulation from the West Lake Station to the Lake Street overpass
 - Also at issue are local pedramps, commercial access, bike flow, covered bike parking, bike cages, wayfinding signage, NiceRide
 - There has been a great deal of public input
 - Detours during construction remain a concern of the BAC

- 2. Hennepin County bicycle counting program** – Nadine spoke about the county efforts to get counts on bikes using HC facilities:
 - This project is in its pilot stage, and data collected will be used in a Masters project at the U of M
 - There is a lot of bike counting going on, but almost none on roadways
 - HC has 600 count stations, half of which are counted each year
 - These stations count vehicles for 48 hours each, and the counts are factored according to month and day of the week, and compiled on an annual map
 - The counting project will start with 40 locations, using MetroCount hardware, and add about 50 stations per year

- 3. Update from the National Bike Summit** - Kelley attended the summit, held in Washington, D.C., on March 11:
 - A big part this year was women and bikes
 - The Vision Zero Act focuses on zero traffic deaths through engineering, education and enforcement. See more at: http://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/VZ_FAQ.pdf
 - Funding is always a hot topic
 - The Federal Highway Administration is sponsoring a Mayor's Challenge to encourage elected officials to take action to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Read more at: <http://www.dot.gov/mayors-challenge>

- 4. 2015 Project Updates** – will be discussed at a future BAC meeting





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5. Roles and responsibilities of BAC members – the County Board is meeting in May to review the structure and appointing process of all advisory boards. Also up for discussion may be the role of the BAC, pedestrian issues and the possibility of a Pedestrian Advisory Board.

6. Miscellaneous -

- *The February 17, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *The 2040 Bike Plan will be a topic at the March 24th HC Board committee meeting. Other points could be trail construction and maintenance, safety issues and of course funding. BAC members are encouraged to attend.*
- *Matthew Dyrdaahl is the new Minneapolis Bike/Pedestrian Planner and Active Living guy, he comes to the City from the Minnesota Department of Health*
- *Lake Calhoun Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board trails are undergoing a \$3.2 million renovation this summer*
- *The TH 5 crossing over the Mississippi at Fort Snelling will be closed next summer for repairs to this fracture-critical bridge. Bikers will need to plan ahead given the distances they will have to detour. No upgrade to the steps at the Fort or on the St Paul side is planned.*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
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Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, April 20, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

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DATE: Monday, April 20, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

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Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

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Adjoa Akofio-Sowah, Dist. 3

Others:

Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC
Nadine Chalmers, HC Community Works
Ginny and Liberty Herman, Minneapolis Bike Coalition

Meeting Start – 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Bike Week** – National Bike Week is May 11 – 17. Ginny Herman from the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition spoke to the group:
 - The Coalition was given \$15k by Minneapolis to celebrate Bike Week





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- On Monday, Wednesday and Friday local bike shops are sponsoring 'pit stops' offering advice to new commuters, the ABCs of bike riding, open repair shop spaces and more
 - Monday, May 11th is Fix it Day, sponsored by local bike shops
 - Tuesday, May 12th is Go By Bike Day
 - Wednesday, May 13th is Nice Ride Day, time to try a green bikeshare bike
 - Thursday, May 14th is Women's Day, trying to get more women and girls on bikes
 - Friday, May 15th is Bike to Work Day, with multiple group rides
 - Saturday, May 16th is Bike to Small Business Day, supporting local retailers
 - And Sunday, May 17th is Family Parks Day
 - There are many events happening on these respective days, thanks to sponsors, vendors and volunteers. For more information go to <http://www.mpls bikeweek.org/>
 - There are 30 schools involved in Bike Week, and May 6th is Bike to School Day
- 2. Buses and Bikes** – Metro Transit Supervisor of Street Operations Demetairs Bell spoke to the group:
- MTC teaches a 'sharing culture' for buses, cars and bikes
 - Drivers attend a twice-yearly training that emphasizes awareness and a four-foot clear zone from bikes
 - Day to day difficulties include lights, visibility, bikers of varying skill levels, newer drivers
 - Demetairs will continue to be our contact with the MTC
- 3. Bike Friendly communities application** – Nadine is involved in the current County application process:
- This designation is given by the League of American Bicyclists
 - Hennepin County once had this honor, but the qualifications changed and made it very difficult to earn
 - There are 11 bicycle friendly cities in Minnesota, no counties
 - Minnesota is a Bicycle-Friendly State, nationally ranked #2
 - Possible levels of award include Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze
 - Benefits of earning this designation include positive attention and political leverage
 - Nadine had a handout describing the five 'E's – Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation/Planning
 - She also had a list of questions focused on helping her fill out the forms needed for the Bike Friendly application. Members were asked to consider their answers before the May meeting. The application is due in August.
 - Nadine will keep the BAC informed on her progress and results
 - Read more at <http://bikeleague.org/community>
- 4. New Bike Map preview** – the 2015 Hennepin County Bicycle Map will be available next meeting. This map will be reprinted each year to keep it fresh.





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5. Construction update – county projects:

- Franklin Avenue Mississippi River Bridge – for summer 2015 the bridge crossing will be open for bikes, there will be detours on the adjacent trails. For summer 2016, the bridge will be closed to all traffic.
- Minnehaha Avenue from 46th to Lake Street will have long-term closures for the total road reconstruct summer 2015

6. Miscellaneous -

- *The March 16, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *For our next meeting – the Queen Avenue alternative, Portland Avenue over TH 62, Golden Valley Road and bike access to Terminal 1 Humphrey.*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
- *BAC minutes via email – save paper by giving us your email address*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, May 18, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Midtown Greenway Coalition offices (Greenway Bike Center)
2834 10th Avenue South
Greenway Level, Suite 2
Minneapolis, MN 55407
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.





Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, May 18, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Midtown Greenway Coalition offices (Greenway Bike Center)
2834 10th Avenue South
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Alternates:

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Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC
Lisa Middag, HC Community Works
Bob Hain
Chuck Darnell, HC Community Works
Kelley Grissman, Three Rivers Parks
Soren Jensen, Midtown Greenway Coalition

Meeting Start – 4:00 p.m.

- 1. SW-LRT Bike Facility Study** – Chuck Darnell from HC Community Works spoke about bicycle facilities related to the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project:
 - The SW-LRT serves both urban and residential areas, in St Louis Park / Hopkins and Minnetonka / Eden Prairie
 - This study defined ‘bikesheds’, an area similar to watersheds, the geographic area that falls within a certain biking energy expenditure of an LRT station





- Some of these bikesheds overlap between stations, a unique combined area
- GIS analysis allows for certain assumptions in LRT boardings and bike parking needs
- Some form of bike parking will be featured at each station
- Bike parking could include covered racks, cages, and possibly a repair center
- Lockers are not considered an efficient use of parking resources

Plans are to prioritize improvements, start small, allow room for expansion

2. Queen Avenue Bike Boulevard – Kelley had handouts showing some of the situations along the potential bikeway on Queen Avenue from TH 55 to 44th at Osseo Road. Some of the design challenges include:

- Cleveland Park – diversion or route through school property
- Broadway Avenue (CSAH 81) – crossing at Penn / McNair, driving lane removal and placement of a cycletrack
- Willard Park – has security issues, is on Minneapolis Park Plan
- TH 55 – Queen to Penn trail connection – LRT / BRT access

Community engagement on this project is upcoming

3. Midtown Greenway Intervention Projects - Lisa Middag spoke to the group about further Community Works improvements on the Greenway:

- The Midtown Greenway has been a county project since 1995
- This corridor was ranked America's Top Urban Bike Path by USA Today – go to <http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2013/07/23/best-urban-bike-paths-across-the-usa/2576801/>
- There are 60,000 jobs within biking distance of the Greenway
- The county investment in the Greenway thus far has been \$48 million
- County goals include economic benefits and best bang for the buck
- The Cepro site is County –owned but has no county funds dedicated for maintenance. This site has potential for art shows and performances
- Other locations for interventions for summer 2015 include the Nicollet Bridge, Bloomington and 26th Avenues
- Adding streetscaping and destination signage
- Lisa asked the group to continue to offer opinions and ideas, and handed out a sheet of suggested uses for Cepro

4. Midtown Greenway Coalition update – Soren Jensen from the Greenway Coalition updated the group on Greenway events:

- The Greenway is open 24 hours a day
- The Greenway Glow is an art festival / ride / fundraiser





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- Crime is very rare in this corridor
- Cameras are in use around the clock, accompanied by Trailwatch signing
- The Coalition is adding business node signage
- Construction along the Greenway is booming – look at all the new condos!
- The challenge is to get the development oriented to put more eyes on the Greenway

5. Miscellaneous -

- *The April 20, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *Kelley showed a draft resolution – for submittal to the HC Board*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
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Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, June 15, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Brookdale Library
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.





Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 15, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Brookdale Library - Creekside Room
6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy,
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

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Gina Mitteco, MnDOT

Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Parks

Bob Byers, HC Transportation Planning

Alternates:

Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5

Billy Binder, Dist. 2

Others:

Laura Frederick Wang, HC Community Works

Andrew Hogg, City of Brooklyn Center

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

1. Queen Avenue Bike Boulevard – Kelley had handouts showing the bikeway options for the Queen Avenue Bicycle Route:

- There is an open house with the neighborhoods scheduled for June 16th. Next up the project goes to City staff and eventually the Council
- The handout shows sites that offer challenges for designing the bikeway
- Several parks need to be crossed or circumvented
- The crossing at Broadway could involve street closures, parking issues and possibly a short protected bikeway
- The project could end at the TH 55 BRT stop or go south to the Penn LRT station.





- The BAC offered opinions on these design issues. Kelley will keep the group informed on this project as it moves ahead
- 2. Brooklyn Center / Hennepin County Active Living Project** – Laura Frederick-Wang and Brooklyn Center Engineer Andrew Hogg spoke about their joint Active Living initiative:
 - This is part of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP)
 - They are targeting obesity and other chronic disease
 - An open house, workshop and discussion are being scheduled
 - A demo trail section will be set up on 57th Avenue on the route of the future Three Rivers Twin Lakes Trail
 - This demo section will be in place on July 25
 - 3. Cedar/Franklin update** – Bob spoke about this project:
 - This intersection was a federal turnback
 - This area is scheduled for an overlay in 2016
 - Issues here include high crash rates, public art, food trucks, foot traffic
 - Possible solutions include closing Minnehaha, removing the signal there, aligning left turn lanes
 - This intersection makes for complex bike movements
 - 4. MnDOT update** – Gina had some handouts, but due to time agreed to cover this topic at a future BAC meeting
 - 5. Three Rivers update** – Danny talked about the many trail projects ongoing and upcoming:
 - 57th Avenue from TH 100 to the Mississippi River will have a trail constructed in 2016. This will complete the Twin Lakes Trail
 - A parking lot is planned for CSAH 19 at Bass Lake Road (CSAH 10) and also in St. Bonifacius
 - The Intercity Trail is under construction, and will eventually end at the Cedar Avenue Bridge at Long Meadow Lake. This bridge is owned by the City of Bloomington, and will be under construction in 2016
 - Nine Mile Creek Trail from TH 100 to TH 62 should be under construction Spring of 2016
 - Four local connectors to Three Rivers parks are funded
 - The trail from French Park to Bassetts Creek will be built in 2016
 - 6. Miscellaneous -**
 - *The May 18, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
 - *Kelley discussed Scoping Fund projects - These are special projects that need study, including:*





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- Portland Avenue bikeway at TH 62 Crosstown
- Lindbergh Terminal 1 bike access
- Parking on Marshall Street in Northeast Minneapolis
- These projects will involve hiring consultants and need innovative thinking
- *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.
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Next Meeting:

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LOCATION: U of M
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.





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DATE: Monday, July 20, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: University of Minnesota – Transportation Offices
300 Transportation and Safety Building
511 Washington Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Host: Steve Sanders

ATTENDEES:

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Others:

Nadine Chalmers, HC Community Works
Steve Sanders, U of M Transportation
Bob Hain, Minneapolis BAC
Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC
Robin Garwood, City of Minneapolis
Matthew Dyrsdahl, City of Minneapolis
John Hardy, Minnehaha Bike Club
David Juliff, SRF
Ginny Herman, Minneapolis Bike Coalition

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1. **Open Streets Events** – Open Streets at the University of Minnesota will be held on September 12th. A planning session will be held this Thursday to discuss look and feel of the event. Features will include:
 - Food and entertainment
 - Activities
 - Walking and biking
 - Pedicabs
 - Activities for kids
 - There is space for the BAC to have a booth if they would likeGroup comments on previous open streets:
 - The Northeast event was too sprawling – four miles long!
 - MTC buses had to take detours, they are working hard to serve the community during events
 - MTC needs access to the Franklin/Cedar shops during Open Streets thereFor more information go to <http://www.openstreetsmpls.org/events>

2. **U of M update** – Steve Sanders had an update on biking at the U:
 - Steve had a striping plan for the Pleasant Avenue Corridor that features a bus lane, green bike lanes and a whole lot of signage
 - Pleasant is a city street and some negotiation goes on when striping is involved
 - On an ordinary day there are 8,000 bikes on campus – this represents a historic double-digit increase in most years
 - There is an Origin-Destination Study underway that will eventually help change the bus system
 - About 11% of the trips to campus are by bike vs. 15% busing and 5% carpooling
 - The U is considering a reward system for carpoolers
 - In a weather vs. biking study it was determined that wind speed, not precipitation was the determining factor in deciding to bike to campus
 - When the thermometer reads 35 degrees or we have the first snowfall that is predicted to stay for the winter, U biking drops by 85%
 - The U of M Bikecenter is doing well, all lockers are full
 - Three vehicle parking stalls in the Transportation Building ramp were converted to 72 (!) bike parking spaces
 - There is an ongoing three year study on the interaction of buses and the LRT through campus, including considering bike signals
 - A cycletrack is planned for Oak Street this summer
 - The intersection of Oak and University is complex
 - The Dinkytown greenway has been very popular with riders heading for their jobs downtownThe Chair thanked Steve for his commitment to bikes on campus.





3. **Bike Friendly Community application update** – Nadine had the 16-page draft bike friendly community application:
 - She asked the group for comments on the draft
 - Several members offered suggestions on content
 - Nadine will look for a law enforcement contact for the BAC
 - She wants additional comment by August 4th

4. **Update on scoping locations** – Scoping involves assessing the costs and risks of a project, and setting parameters. Kelley had updates on the three locations:
 - Bicycle access to MAC Lindbergh Terminal 1
 - MnDOT issues on airport access
 - Consultant to look at local street system
 - Costs, bike parking
 - Focus on employees
 - Biking on CSAH 35 Portland Avenue over TH 62 Crosstown
 - This is very much an engineering challenge
 - South from 60th to CSAH 53 66th Street
 - Can the current bridge be modified
 - There are multiple sidewalk gaps
 - Costs are significant
 - There are three options
 - Bikeway on CSAH 23 Marshall Street
 - Alternative to the Mississippi River Trail
 - Running from 10th Avenue SE to St. Anthony Parkway
 - Parking modifications – in areas there is little offstreet parking available
 - Input and concern from local businesses

5. **Miscellaneous -**
 - *The June 15, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
 - *Major Taylor Bicycling Club of Minnesota* – Hosted the 2015 National Brotherhood of Cyclists Conference on July 15-18. Attendees came from all over the country to enjoy Minnesota hospitality. Dacia reports that the attendees were amazed at our bike friendliness, facilities and the seeming endless miles of bikeways.
 - *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.
 - *BAC minutes via email – save paper by giving us your email address*

Next Meeting:





Hennepin County
Bicycle Advisory Committee

DATE: Monday, August 17, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: TBD
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

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





Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, September 21, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park
10360 West River Road
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5

Greg Anderson, Vice Chair, Dist. 7

Marcy Levine, Dist. 4

Dave Carlson, Dist. 3

Ex-Officio Members:

Kelley Yemen, PPLM

Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning

Bob Byers, HC Transportation Planning

Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Parks

Alternates:

Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5

Billy Binder, Dist. 2

Others:

Nathan Koster, City of Minneapolis

Allan Klugman, City of Minneapolis

Hannah Pritchard, Toole

Heather

David Juliff, SRF

Dan Patterson, Hennepin County Community Works

Meeting Start – 4:05 p.m.

- 1. West Lake Street Study** – this study runs from France avenue on the west to East Lake Calhoun Parkway on the east:
 - Feedback is being gathered through public meetings and online comments
 - The analysis includes crash data, traffic counts, BAC and PAC review
 - The next workshop is October 7 at Jones Harrison Senior Living on Cedar Lake





Staff have identified three levels of sub-project that relate to the study and the SW-LRT project as a whole, and categorized the 60 recommendations

- Level 1 – Planning is ongoing, needs some additional engineering
- Level 2 – Doable, fundable, buildable
- Level 3 – Larger, no timetable for implementation, outside scope of study

City staff had a handout that described several of the three levels of projects:

- A bike roundabout at Kenilworth and the Midtown Greenway
- 32nd at Excelsior Boulevard – bike boulevard vs. sharrows, city striping
- 32nd at West Calhoun Parkway – green pavement markings
- Lake Street at Lagoon – add offstreet pedestrian feature
- Short and long term parking at Lake Street LRT Station

Trail continuity, bike/pedestrian separation, and the potential Midtown Transitway are other discussion points.

For more information on the West Lake Multimodal Study visit their website at:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/all/WCMS1P-138480>

2. 46th Street in Minneapolis – Bob passed handouts describing the summer 2016 mill and overlay project on 46th Street. With this paving project comes the opportunity to redesign the striping to make this corridor more bike and pedestrian friendly. The next open house on this project is October 21st at the Field Middle School, 4546 4th Avenue South. The website can be found at www.hennepin.us/46street.

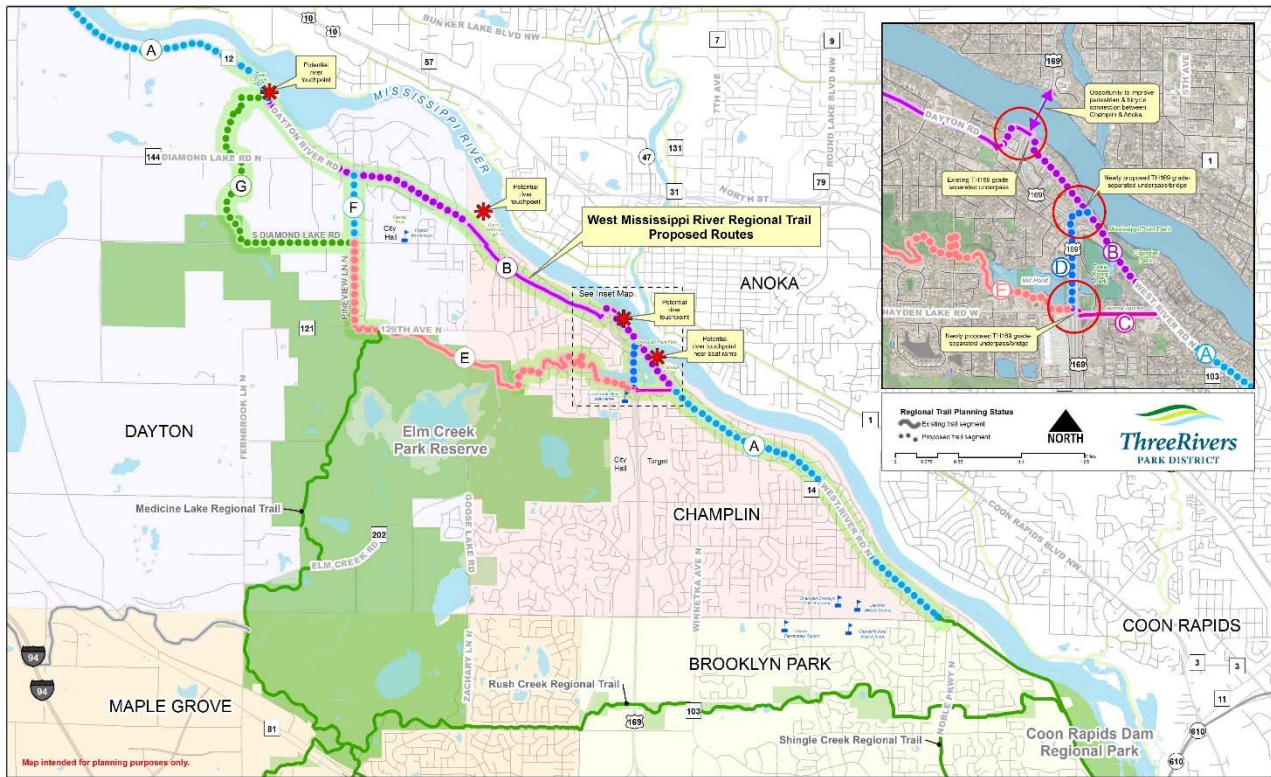
3. Brooklyn Park pedestrian and bike plan – the draft was out September 18th:

- Looking for additional citizen response
- Public comment period goes through October 19th
- There is a lot of recreational cycling in the city
- They have tried to identify gaps and barriers
- Plans are to upgrade sidewalks to shared use pathways
- This study was paid for with \$40k in SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Program) funds

More information at <http://www.brooklynparkpedbikeplan.org/draft-plan.html>

4. Mississippi River Trail (MRT) ride – Three Rivers Park staff had set up an informational kiosk at the Coon Rapids Dam. They had maps and other materials describing the Mississippi River Trail and its potential path through Hennepin County. See the attached map for more details and the proposed alternates.





5. Miscellaneous -

- *The July 20, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *Bike access to the airport* – the County has hired Toole Design Group as consultant for this task. Two points – a bikeway to the Lindbergh Terminal will serve not just travelers but also the thousands of workers who commute to the airport every day, and these things take time – this discussion is more than a decade old.
- *Committee alternates* are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.
- *BAC minutes via email* – save paper by giving us your email address

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, October 19, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: TBD
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.





Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 19, 2015

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:

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

Ex-Officio Members:

Kelley Yemen, PPLM
Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Parks

Alternates:

Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Paul Frenz, Minneapolis BAC
Bob Hain, Minneapolis BAC
Sarah Ghandour, Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO)
Mark Bishop, SPO
Jim Alexander, SPO
Sophia Ginis, SPO





Meeting Start – 4:10 p.m.

1. Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) stations and diversions – Sarah Gandour from the SWLRT Project Office (SPO) and a group of her associates led a discussion of the SWLRT project and its impact on the in-place Cedar Lake Trail:

- This project design is at the 60% complete stage
- Construction begins in 2016, completion is planned for 2020
- Where the LRT and trail are side by side, a fence will separate them
- A trail tunnel is planned under Blake Road (CSAH 20)
- This tunnel will be 12'h by 16' wide, 200' long, lit, and have access stairs
- All proposed LRT stations will have space dedicated for future bike parking expansion
- At the Louisiana Station trail users can cross under the existing bridge to the station
- At Wooddale improvements include signals at the TH 7 bridge
- The LRT overpass at Beltline Boulevard will be extended to carry the trail – the ramps here will be 500' long to gain the needed 30' clearance. The city is planning for 6' bikelanes on Beltline
- The Kenilworth trail will be located on top of the LRT tunnel. A bike roundabout is proposed for the LRT trail intersection with the Midtown Greenway, and a signal with video detection is being considered for the trail crossing at Cedar Lake Parkway. All this construction will make for considerable trail detours. The SPO team is working tirelessly to make these detours operate for cyclists, and the team suggested a bike tour through the proposed detours
- The Penn Avenue Station no longer features an over-rail skyway. Bike and pedestrian access to the station will be via a holding platform that will allow trail users to cross the rail and LRT safely
- The SWLRT will pass under Glenwood Avenue on its route west from downtown. This will necessitate reconstruction of the bridge, causing more bike detours.
- See the attached sheets for project schedule and website information

The SPO team will give this same presentation to the Minneapolis BAC tomorrow. They will keep the BAC current on this project as it progresses.

2. 46th Street in Minneapolis – Bob was unable to make this meeting, but sent over a layout generated by the neighborhood. The group had positive comments on this layout and requested to review the striping plan as it is developed by county staff. For updates try the website at www.hennepin.us/46street.





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3. Miscellaneous -

- *The September 21, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *Next month we will look at the Bottineau Bus Rapid Transit*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
- *BAC minutes via email – save paper by giving us your email address*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: TBD
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

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





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Project Schedule

	Schedule
Complete 60% Design	Q4 2015
Complete 90% Design	Q1 2016
Complete 100% Design	Q2 2016
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)	Q2 2016
Record of Decision (ROD)	Q2 2016
FTA Grants Entry into Engineering	Q3 2016
Full Funding Grant Agreement	Q4 2016
Heavy Construction	2017-2019
Revenue Service	2020



More Information

Online:

www.SWLRT.org

Email:

SWLRT@metrotransit.org

Twitter:

www.twitter.com/southwestlrt





Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Mark E. Johnson Conference Room N-202
Minneapolis Central Library
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

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

Ex-Officio Members:

Kelley Yemen, PPLM
Ned Nelson, HC Transportation Planning
Bob Byers, HC Transportation Planning
Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Parks
Gina Mitteco, MnDOT

Alternates:

Kay Mitchell, Dist. 5
Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Scott Peterson, MnDOT
Nadine Chalmers, HC Community Works
Bob Hain, Minneapolis BAC

Meeting Start – 4:00 p.m.

- 1. 46th Street in Minneapolis** – Bob Byers led a discussion on the 46th Street corridor striping project:
 - The project runs from Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) to Cedar Avenue (CSAH 152)
 - The crashes at the 35W bridge are above the critical rate





- The center of the corridor has high traffic volumes (20000 cars) which taper off toward the ends (10000 cars)
- The neighborhood engagement process has yielded 250 comments so far, some very passionate
- A restriping of the corridor could be expected to lower traffic speeds by three to four miles per hour
- The City has a bike boulevard on 17th and considerations are being made for this connection
- This project has been in discussions for almost 10 years

2. The Bottineau Boulevard Bikeway – Nadine Chalmers spoke about the proposed bikeway:

- HC Community Works is studying the first third of the Bottineau Bikeway
- Their method involves establishing a geographic area or ‘bikeshed’ that shows the area within an easy ten-minute bike ride of the proposed Bottineau LRT stations
- They are completing a bike parking analysis, defining low, medium and high demand
- There will be 60% covered bike parking and 40% long-term parking at the stations

3. 35W Minnesota River Bridge – Scott Peterson from MnDOT showed several proposed designs

- The existing bridge has become a maintenance black hole
- Over 100 buses cross every day
- Plans are to raise the low point by six feet
- The bridge itself will be built four feet higher to about 56’ above peak level
- A trail is planned for the east side of the bridge, connecting Burnsville at Cliff Road and Bloomington at 106th
- Construction will be staged to carry traffic and take about 2.5 years
- Some redevelopment and pollution mitigation will take place as part of the project

4. BAC structure – Kelley would like to fine-tune the operating practices of the BAC. Also:

- Districts 1 and 2 have vacancies in 2016. Current members are encouraged to reapply.
- An online form will be available for applicants
- Members should be ride-ready following fair-weather meetings
- No request for County Board action is being considered at this time.





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5. Miscellaneous -

- *The October 19, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *Two resolutions were presented to the BAC, one supporting the above described 46th Street restriping project and the other supporting the bikeway being proposed as part of the 35W Minnesota River crossing. Both resolutions passed on a voice vote, and Kelley and Ned will produce drafts and email them to the members for their approval.*
- *Hennepin County has attained the Silver Award as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists. This award is the result of years of support for bicycles by county leadership and staff, and the BAC should be aware of its role in improving biking in the community. The same organization has granted The City of Minneapolis the Gold Award, and Minnesota was ranked #2 nationally as most bike friendly state. These designations are good for four years. For more information go to: <http://www.bikeleague.org/>*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
- *BAC minutes via email – save paper by giving us your email address*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, December 21, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building Room 1201
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.





Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, December 21, 2015

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building Room 1201
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members:

David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5
Greg Anderson, Vice Chair, Dist. 7
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Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
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Alternates:

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Hokan, Dist. 4

Others:

Alene Tchourumoff
Bob Hain, Minneapolis BAC
Jim Alexander, Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO)
Sophia Ginis, SPO
Tracy Bennis, Kimley-Horn

Meeting Start – 4:00 p.m.

- 1. New Hennepin County Capital Project Prioritization Process** – Alene Tchourumoff from HC Community Works passed a handout on the county Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process:
 - This process focuses on economic competitiveness, resources and action items
 - Also considered are development activities, recommended projects, current/continuous improvements and quality of life





The Transportation Department Capital Improvement Program process includes:

- Community economic development – jobs
- Complete streets – existing and future
- Safety – crash statistics
- Environmental issues – pollution
- GIS support, data support
- The political process
- Also corridor usage, asset management, congestion, policy/plans, and project selection classification

Last year 45 projects were ranked. This includes provisional (not yet funded) projects.

2. Southwest LRT Diversion plans – Sophia and Jim from the Southwest LRT Planning Office (SPO) brought along Tracy Bennis from Kimley-Horn to talk about bicycle route diversions that are part of the Southwest LRT project:

- The Glenwood Avenue Bridge (CSAH 40) over the LRT will be reconstructed and the bike detour will find its way to Van White Boulevard and Royalston
- Another detour will follow the Vineland cycletrack near the Walker Art Center
- The Cedar Lake Parkway will be affected for two years by tunnel construction
- At the Penn Station the bike crossing of the BNSFRR will be maintained
- West of the Midtown Greenway the detours are not as long or complex

Suggestions from the include offering paper maps to trail users showing the detours and kiosks with drawings of the finished trail and LRT features.

3. Roles and Responsibilities of the BAC – Kelley spoke briefly about the duties of being a BAC member:

- Members/alternates serve a three-year term, and may be reappointed if their Commissioner so chooses
- The members from Dist. 1 (vacant) and Dist. 2 (Dacia Durham) are up for replacement/reappointment in 2016
- The group should find a way to attract new members and alternates
- No Board action or major reorganization is being considered

4. 2015 review, looking forward to 2016: Kelley read an impressive list of biking accomplishments from 2015, a preview of the annual BAC report to the County Board:

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Bicycle Advisory Committee

5. Miscellaneous -

- *The November 16, 2015 BAC minutes were approved.*
- *Committee alternates are still needed for Districts 6 Jan Callison and 7 Jeff Johnson.*
- *BAC minutes via email – save paper by giving us your email address*

Next Meeting: **NOTE:** Day Change

DATE: Monday, January 25, 2016

TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 701 Building Room 1201
Host: Kelley Yemen 612-543-1963

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

