A Resolution regarding the East Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52) mill and overlay project and the President's Bicycle Boulevard Crossing Improvement Project in the City of Minneapolis

DATE: Monday, September 16, 2019

Motion: Moved by: David Gepner Seconded by: Billy Binder

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County will be repaving East Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52) in the City of Minneapolis from 8th St SE to Johnson Street NE in 2020. Hennepin County, has the opportunity to improve mobility access for people biking the corridor; and,

WHEREAS; The City of Minneapolis will be improving the President’s Bicycle Boulevard crossing of East Hennepin at 5th Ave SE and along East Hennepin Ave from 5th Ave SE to Pierce St NE

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan has designated CSAH 52 as a future dedicated bike route; and,

WHEREAS; this segment of CSAH 52 currently is a four-lane undivided roadway and has no dedicated bicycle facilities; and,

WHEREAS; four-lane undivided roadways are known to be Hennepin County’s roadways with the highest crash rates; and,

WHEREAS; 4 to 3 lane conversions have been shown to calm traffic and reduce vehicle speeds. A dedicated bikeway on CSAH 52, as part of a larger 4 to 3 roadway restriping project would improve safety, comfort and mobility for all travel modes within the corridor; and,

WHEREAS; a dedicated bikeway on CSAH 52 would provide neighborhood residents with greater multimodal connectivity and would provide valuable local and regional connections; and,

WHEREAS; the President’s Bicycle Boulevard crossing of CSAH 52 presents safety concerns for people walking and biking in the form of poor motor vehicle driver yielding rates and double threat crash potential; and,

WHEREAS; eliminating one general travel lane in each direction and constructing a center refuge island within CSAH 52 at 5th Ave SE and constructing a dedicated off-street bicycle facility along CSAH 52 between 5th Ave SE and Pierce St NE will make the crossing of CSAH 52 safer and more comfortable for people walking and biking and improve the yielding rates of people driving motor vehicles while reducing the double threat crash potential; and,

WHEREAS; the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed concept and discussed its merits with County staff;
NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED;
The Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee, with the goal of making this corridor safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, states its support for a 4 to 3 conversion on East Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52), dedicated bicycle facilities along the corridor as presented, and improved President’s Bicycle Boulevard crossing facilities as presented.

Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee:
Tammy McLemore – District 1
Billy Binder (alternate) – District 2
Dave Carlson – District 3
Hokan (alternate) – District 4
David Gepner (alternate) – District 5
Peggy Kvam – District 6
Greg Anderson – District 7

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

[Signature]

Attest:
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator