DATE: Monday, August 19th, 2019
TIME: 4 to 6 p.m.
LOCATION: 701 4th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Committee Members:
Kristel Porter, Dist. 2
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
Judy Jones, Dist. 5
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

Alternates:
Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Erin Daly, Dist. 3
Hokan, Dist. 4
Dave Gepner, Dist. 5

Ex-Officio Members:
Jordan Kocak, HC Public Works
Emily Kettell, HC Public Works

Guests:
John Ekola, HC Public Works
Carl Reim, HC Public Works
Kevin Swehla, SRF Consulting
Arman Rajaeian, Metro Transit
Cameron Muhic, MnDOT
Tyler Pederson, MPRB

* Approval of the June 2019 minutes 4:00 – 4:05
The July 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

* Attendance 4:05 – 4:35
Dave Carlson, Greg Anderson, Judy Jones, Peggy Kvam, Hokan, Erin Daly, Cameron Muhic, Dave Gepner, Jordan, Gilbert, Tammy McLemore, Kristel Porter
Trey Joiner, Dan Patterson

* Review and vote on committee resolutions 4:05 – 4:35

  • W. Broadway bridges and Lowry Ave reconstruct project in Minneapolis and Robbinsdale
    • Hokan: It’s very mild; I think we had particular concerns about bike and pedestrian
      routing. Erin – I think our conversation got very vehicular-bicyclist heavy; if I were not as
      comfortable a cyclist, I would like the off-street facilities.
    • Dave: The narrow width of the crossings can create congestion among people biking and
      walking. It would be good to separate them, at least have it wider. Would like to see
      both on-street and off-street
    • Kristel: It’s good to have that choice, on- or off-street.
• Dave’s language “Theodore Wirth/Victory Memorial Parkway crossing to better accommodate people walking and biking”
• Hokan move /Dave Carlson second unanimous

• Glenwood Avenue mill and overlay in Golden Valley and Minneapolis
  • Kristel suggested adding language to reconfigure the median east of TH 100 to make space for bike lanes. “… as presented, with the additional recommendation of reconfiguring the painted median east of Highway 100 to better accommodate an on-street bicycle facility.”
  • Dave Carlson: Would like wider space for bicycle and pedestrian crossing at Glenwood Avenue and Theodore Wirth Parkway.
  • Hokan move/ Greg Anderson second unanimous

• Nicollet Ave mill and overlay project in Richfield and Minneapolis
  • Dave move / Tammy second unanimous

• Hennepin Ave Mill and Overlay and Presidents Bike Boulevard Projects
  Trey Joiner introduced the project, which will improve the crossing at 5th Ave NE and Pierce in 2020, the county will be resurfacing the corridor also in 2020.

  The crossing is an important connection for people walking and biking, connecting to presidents bike boulevard. The corridor will be a 4-3 conversion, which will remove the multi-threat problem. The project will improve safety and reduce the level of traffic stress.

  The project will expand the north sidewalk to create a two-way trail as part of the city’s low-stress bicycling network.

  30 percent design in October.

  Greg Anderson: Could there be a warning system for the blind spot at Pierce?
  Judy Jones: What about pedestrian warning signals? Trey: We’re shortening the crossing distance and reducing lanes, so it should improve visibility and yielding rates.
  Dave Gepner: Bottom left, if you’re continuing south on 5th, there’s a one-way opposite. Trey: You’ll want to go to 6th to avoid waiting forever at an unsignalized crossing.
  Hokan: IIHTS discovered that two-way urban cycle tracks cause crashes. They’re more dangerous than one-ways or bike lanes or just riding in the street. Trey: It will be better than a shared use path; pedestrians will be separate. Peggy: The problem with two-ways is intersections; here there’s only one block.
  Kristel: That’s a lot of pavement; have you considered permeable pavers? Trey: There’s a huge flooding issue here, but we’re not looking to address it here.
  Greg Anderson: How will winter maintenance be done? Trey: It will be all maintained
  Dave Carlson: The 10-foot center lane isn’t really used; could lanes be shifted to narrow the median and create more space? Jordan: Our county engineers would hate that. Trey: We’re looking at an 8-foot left turn lane
  Judy: Would like to see an 8-foot turn lane.
• **Mill Street Feasibility Study**  
  5:10-5:30  
  Dan Patterson, from Hennepin County Transportation Planning, presented about a 2019 feasibility study  
  - Judy requested that the study/concept include a direct ramp connection from Mill Street to the Minnetonka LRT Trail  
  - Dave Carlson and Peggy Kvam were not supportive of removing shoulder to gain an off-street trail – especially on the opposite/west side of the roadway from the trail – requested that even a narrow shoulder remain for southbound people on bikes  
  - Erin Daly stated support for the off-street trail and noted that an off-street protected facility would attract a wider range of potential users – people walking and biking – than bikable shoulders would – this is in keeping with the Hennepin County Bike Plan goal of encouraging “interested but concerned” bicyclists. Kristel Porter concurred.  
  - If a shoulder was to remain consensus was that 3-4’ would be the bare minimum  
  - Kristel Porter stated that there should be no gaps, that the trail should be consistent the entire way  
  - Hokan asked that where possible the trail should be wider than 10’  
  - Judy Jones asked for an enhanced crossing at 3rd Street  
  - Dave Carlson asked that some consideration be given to what happens at the 5 legged intersection with Excelsior Blvd

• **Bloomington to Eagan parallel 494 status?**  
  - Apparent miscommunication on 5th

• **Member Announcements**  
  6:00  
  Jordan: Volunteering for bike/ped count in September. Jordan has emailed you about it  
  Jordan: We’ve applied for Bicycle-Friendly Community status; I sent out a survey as part of that application, check your inboxes.  
  Judy: Free Bikes for Kids October 5. No location yet. They take used bikes in any condition and get them to kids who need them.

Next meeting:  

Monday, September 16th  
4 – 6 p.m.  
Minneapolis Park Board  
2117 West River Road  
Minneapolis, MN 55411