DATE: Monday, May 20, 2019
TIME: 4 to 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Hennepin County Brookdale Library
          Brooklyn Center, MN

Committee Members:
Tammy McLemore, Dist. 1
Kristel Porter, Dist. 2
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
Judy Jones, Dist. 5
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

Ex-Officio Members:
Emily Kettell, HC Public Works
Dan Patterson, HC Public Works

Guests:
Carol Hejl, City of Minnetonka
David Davies, Southwest LRT Office
Sarah Ghandour, Southwest LRT Office
Cameron Muhic, MnDOT Metro District

Alternates:
Gilbert Odonkor, Dist. 1
Billy Binder, Dist. 2
Dave Gepner, Dist. 5

1. Approval of the April 2019 minutes 4:00 – 4:05
   The January minutes were unanimously approved. Billy Binder moved, Peggy Kvam seconded.

2. BAC new members 4:05 – 4:20
Chair Judy Jones welcomed new BAC members Gilbert Odonkor from District 1 and Kristel Porter from District 2. The new members briefly introduced themselves:
   • Gilbert has lived in U.S. since 1997 and in Brooklyn Park for 18 years. He’s originally from Ghana. He went to the University of Minnesota, got into construction industry and started his own business. He now works for Hennepin County in construction procurement. He’s interested in exploring new bike paths, reviewing drawings and construction management. He rides a Trek mountain bike and a Cannondale road bike.
   • Kristel Porter lives in north Minneapolis, in District 2. She started a club called the Cycle Sisters. They go on rides every other week and support local businesses. The first 20 people get giftcards. She also is executive director of Cleveland Neighborhood Association.
3. **Excelsior Boulevard trail project – City of Minnetonka**  
   4:15 – 4:45
   - Carol introduced trails and biking in Minnetonka. Created citywide system in 1976, looped trails in the 1980s. There are about 90 miles of trails in addition to regional trails. 81 miles maintained year-round.
   - Identified 71 trail segments to add 42 miles. Adopted gas franchise fee in 2018 to fund expansion.
   - Prioritized gaps by difficulty (10 percent), cost (20 percent), nature of use (30 percent), community access (40 percent).
   - Current study is almost complete for an 8-foot wide trail on the south side of roadway generally with about four feet of boulevard. There will be an open house in about 10 days. Have had one-on-one meetings with affected residents. Two stages of construction, in 2020 west of 494, 2021 east of Baker Road to Shady Oak Road.
   - Dave — Are you planning to keep paved shoulders on Excelsior Boulevard? It’s a popular bike route and many would not be comfortable sharing an 8-foot trail. Typically would use 10 feet. Carol — The county really wants to keep the shoulders; we’re showing some striping shift to allow a bikeable shoulder but also minimal impacts to adjacent property owners. We realize 8 feet is not ideal, but we hope a bikeable shoulder with a trail can be a workable solution.
   - Dave Carlson – When cities did bike plans to connect place to place, but didn’t include connecting to other communities. Carl – We did include destinations outside the city, like downtown Hopkins and other neighboring communities.
   - Judy – Will there be pedestrian crossings to the roads on the north side? Carol – We will have the ramps to access those roads, but we won’t have striped crosswalks at every. At higher-demand locations we’ll have the medians but not crosswalks.
   - Greg – Did you consider rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs)? Carol -- With the nature of use and current number of crossings we didn’t see the need for them. But if there is a future need we would look at that.
   - Cameron Muhic: Would that be OK with ADA? Would it be set back far enough to have a 5x5 landing pad? Carol -- In some places the paved boulevard would serve as that landing pad. In other areas it would be the trail itself. New guy -- I’m concerned a bike could collide with someone exiting the bus.
   - Peggy – There probably will be more bus activity once light rail goes in.
   - Peggy – What are you going to improve awareness of people biking on the trail? Carol – A lot of it will be signage and education. Do you have any suggestions? Peggy – Green striping to call out those areas.

4. **Green Line Extension bikeways update**  
   4:45 – 5:15
   - David Davies from the outreach office covering Minneapolis and Sarah Ghandour of design to cover bikeway closures and detours.
   - Construction starting now with a schedule to open in 2023. To this point there has been a lot of mobilization, plans and submittals.
   - Closing Kenilworth and Cedar Lake trails in coordination with cities, county, parks.
   - Kenilworth closed from Midtown Greenway to 21st Street for about three years.
• Cedar Lake trail closed from east of N Cedar Lake Trail in Hopkins to France Avenue in St. Louis Park for about two years.
• Trails have been closed for one week. We have had feedback. Three main areas: signage (e.g. arrows missing, pointed wrong way, wayfinding to destinations); detour conditions (e.g. haven’t been swept yet, with gravel, sand, tree roots); routes and other options (e.g. the detour is bad)
• Upcoming closure of Cedar Lake Trail from Van White Blvd to Royalston Avenue for about two years, starting as early as June 3. Glenwood Avenue also will close between Lyndale and 11th Avenue.
• Dave – Did you consider keeping bike/ped traffic open despite construction? Sara – There wasn’t room. We would if we could keep it open.
• Dave – Can we keep it open from the Luce Line bridge to Van White Boulevard? David said they will take it back and see what we can do.
• Dave Gepner – This is less than ideal. Were good detours sacrificed to save money? Sarah – There was a time we were going to try to keep open Cedar Lake, but through the process with contracting and risk management, we did ultimately take it out. We will get three more grade separations and a roundabout at Kenilworth/Midtown Greenway once the trail reopens.
• Dave – Detour period – Could that be shortened? Will trail construction happen during closure or after? Sarah – When closure ends there will be new trail. It’s unlikely they would open early.

5. Hennepin Avenue mill and overlay and presidents bike boulevard intersection 5:15-5:55
• Emily Kettell, Hennepin County transportation planner, presented on a draft layout of the Hennepin Avenue corridor. There are three projects in the corridor.
• Hennepin County will be upgrading 10 ADA ramps this year and others will update another four in the corridor.
• In 2020 between 8th St SE and Stinson the county will mill and overlay next year. We’re looking at a four-to-three lane conversion from 8th to Johnson.
• Minneapolis is going to build a multiuse trail on the north side from 5th to Pierce Street with help from a Hennepin County grant. It will include a median at 5th and possibly one at Pierce. We’ll be doing outreach in the next few months in coordination with the city, probably in June or July.
• Trying to include bike lanes the length of the four-to-three.
• Buffered bike lanes with 2- to 3-foot buffer.
• Judy – Don’t just end the lane, merge it into traffic
• Gilbert – Could you get back to us with the schedule for the ped ramps?

6. Member announcements 5:55 – 6
• Dave Gepner – Could you update list and contact information of BAC meetings and send to everyone?
• Judy – Next month with be at Nice Ride offices. Dave – Are we going to meet with the U? We usually do that each summer.
• Billy Binder – May 30 next Brookview Community Center 6 p.m. Glenwood Avenue study group, 2020 paving project from 100 to Thomas Avenue North. It’s a key corridor, with access from Golden Valley to downtown Minneapolis. Connects lots of schools, people drive.
• Billy Binder — Had 50 people at biking pit stop on Bike to Work Day. It was a love fest. Lots of reverse commuters there, going to General Mills, other jobs.
Kristel – Almost 200 people on pit stop on Plymouth Ave Bridge, on other side of Boom Island Park. People going both directions, going to Parkway and downtown. Lots of city employees.

Judy went to Richfield pit stop. They expected to see more people headed downtown Minneapolis, but lots of people headed to Best Buy, QBP, Erik’s.

Dave – St. Louis Park had one, counted 75. Three Rivers and SLP had vans there, police and fire.

Tammy – Took Mississippi River Trail to 2nd Street to Hennepin to Government Center. In left lane to take a left turn, driver jumped the line and almost hit me.

Next meeting:

Monday, June 17, 2019
4 to 6 p.m.
Location: Nice Ride offices, 2030 Elm Street SE, Minneapolis