

## **Broadway St. Task Force Minutes**

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### **Introductions (5 mins.)**

- Present: Bob Byers (County), Bill Emory (Commissioner Fernando), Tracy Le Capitaine (NE Park), Jordan Backstrom (Sheridan), Jeff Klen (Logan Park), Dan Brady (STAWNO), Shaina Brassard (Logan Park), Caroline Miller (City of Mpls – Public Works), Christina Perfetti (SAENA), Peter Anderson (SAE), Carin Peterson (Sheridan), Patrick Sutton (SAENA), Mike Ferrin (Beltrami)

### **Background on similar County projects and community engagement efforts (15 mins.)**

1. Bob Byers has worked on 12-15 corridors, each one unique
  - a. Has found success working directly with neighborhoods
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> step is to get full understanding of issues/goals
    - i. Develop strategies, search for funding
  - c. Examples of Successes
    - i. 46<sup>th</sup> St S
      1. 4 to 3 lane conversion
      2. Typical with initial concern from residents / businesses, but good outcome for everyone
    - ii. North Loop (Washington)
      1. 1 ½ years ago
      2. Pilot test determined it would work
    - iii. Cedar/Franklin Area
      1. Very controversial, affected many communities including Native Americans and Somalis
      2. Many businesses affected
      3. They seeked Seward Neighborhood Statement of Support
        - a. Had large community meeting/s
      4. Eventual community buy-in
  - d. One of the big issues for some of these items is who is responsible for maintenance issues
  - e. Bob impressed with our nearly 1,000 survey responses for Broadway
  - f. Also stated 4 to 3 lane conversions can in theory cut crashes in half

### **Review [survey results](#) and Task Force [draft recommendations](#) (40 mins.)**

1. Some portions of Broadway may lend themselves to a 4 to 3 conversion
  - a. Some areas/intersections not possible

2. ADT – Average Daily Traffic
  - a. 16,000-19,000 is a lot
  - b. Broadway is in the 17,000-18,000 range
  - c. ½ traffic is regional, ½ traffic is local
3. Re-paving project gives 8-10 year life
4. Reconstruction project gives 20+ years life
5. Phase I – Can do now with re-paving
  - a. Issues with left turns
    - i. Tyler going south (by Spyhouse)
    - ii. Quincy by Highlight Center is like playing frogger
    - iii. Lots of commercial has gone into both areas
    - iv. Bob – Signage is not that effective, people do it anyway
  - b. Zebra striping at intersections with traffic signals
    - i. Pedestrian safety big from survey
    - ii. Zebra striping will be done with re-paving
    - iii. Caroline – City standard to be done for all crosswalks with traffic lights now
  - c. Bike crossing
    - i. Fillmore, 5<sup>th</sup> St, and Central all considered bike boulevards
    - ii. We need to increase safety
    - iii. Not necessarily asking for bike lanes/paths at this time
  - d. Additional feedback – More speed signs
    - i. Bob suggested dynamic speed signs (displaying speed)
6. Phase II – With Traffic Study
  - a. We would like to see buttons for pedestrian crossings w/ traffic lights
  - b. No parking on Broadway
  - c. There is only 1 East-West bike corridor in NE
    - i. Something to keep in mind / consider
    - ii. City & County both understand the need for higher level of comfort and safety for bikers
  - d. It is State Law (requirement for state funding) for cities / counties to offer streets and lanes for trucks
  - e. People traveling through the neighborhood will be the ones against the 4 to 3 conversion, not local residents
7. Additional areas of concern
  - a. Bob would like locations photos of the following
    - i. Storm grates in the right lane during stretches of Broadway
      1. Tires have been blown
      2. Good chance this is cleared up with re-paving
    - ii. Bridge areas (Buchanan) being unable to get 4 cars through
8. Potential Issue - Plans for re-paving go out basically now being contracted out
  - a. Hard to incorporate changes
  - b. Can tell contractor not to paint, city can take over painting
  - c. Goal to push back paving as late as possible

## **Timeline and meeting schedule (20 mins.)**

### Meeting 1 (February 21<sup>st</sup>)

- Discuss resident thoughts and concerns – survey findings
- Locations in most serious need of improvement
- Review Broadway Street Task Force Draft Recommendations
- Next steps in the study process

### Meeting 2 (March 21<sup>st</sup>)

- Existing characteristics (crash history, traffic volumes)
- County & City bike & pedestrian planning efforts
- Design guidelines, operational practices, funding sources
- Scope of the paving project – possible opportunities for improvement

### Meeting 3 (late April)

- Continued discussion regarding short term improvement options (emphasis on items which could be done with the paving project)
- Other improvements which may require more time to implement
- Potential for pilot testing of ideas, temporary solutions

### Meeting 4 (mid-late May)

- Finalization of short term improvement strategies
- Continued discussion of longer-term improvement options

### Meeting 5 (late June)

- Details of paving project and schedule
- On-going Task Force involvement
- Monitoring before / after performance of changes
- Summary documentation and wrap-up notes

- Timeline can be flexible
  - Bob needs at least a week in advance to prep
- Let's figure out summer paving items ASAP
  - Continual discussions to take place after these 5 meetings
    - If something not done this summer, we will continue working
    - May have to wait on right opportunity or funding
- Bill Emory and Commissioner Fernando's office will be more involved
  - [www.hennepind2.com](http://www.hennepind2.com)
  - Willing to help, can utilize website as well
- There have also been around 200 new apartment units opened in the last few months

**Action Items (10 mins.)**

- Each neighborhood to continue discussion and promotions through newsletters
- Each neighborhood to reach out to their Broadway corridor businesses
  - Establish relationships if you haven't already
  - Christina will work with Bob to create an info card about the project
- Next meeting - Thursday, March 21st