

Broadway Street Task Force Meeting Minutes

3/21/19, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

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Present: Nick Guggenbuehl (Highlight Center, Quincy & Broadway) Emma Pachuta (Waite Park), Tracy Le Capitaine (NE Park), Christina Perfetti (SAENA), Larry Jones (SAENA), Bob Byers (Hennepin County Public Works), Caroline Miller (Mpls Public Works), Allan Klugman (Mpls Public Works), Nels Sandberg (NE Park), Patrick Sutton (SAENA), Abby Reynolds (Beltrami), Mike Ferrin (Beltrami)

Task Force Membership

1. Discussed who is a member of the task force, who is responsible for sharing information with neighborhood/board, and who are we sharing docs with
 - a. Most of these documents are public, and Bob is ok with them being shared
2. Original plan was for the neighborhood org liaisons to report back to their board
 - a. We are sticking with this, each neighborhood should be represented at the task force meetings
 - b. No reason for Christina to continually field requests for information. Follow procedure and check with your board rep

Project Background

1. Broadway will be repaved between Marshall and Stinson this summer
 - a. Repaving gives 7-8 year life
 - b. Road should probably be rebuilt, but not enough money at this time
 - c. We are trying to push back paving as late in season as possible
 - d. Have a handful of improvements for 'now' vs 'soon' vs 'later'
 - i. First priority is creating strategy / action plan for repaving
2. StreetLight is a new software tool for tracking statistics
 - a. 86% of all traffic travels at or below the 30mph posted speed limit
 - b. 30% traffic is local, 70% of traffic is regional
 - i. Local = Under 5 miles driven
 - c. Statistics are not 100% accurate

ADA improvements to be done

1. Specific intersections to be addressed
2. Zebra stripes at all lighted intersections

Vision Zero Crash Study

1. <http://www.minneapolis.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/webcontent/wcmsp-216606.pdf>
2. Goal to eliminate all vehicle deaths by 2027
 - a. Study done between 2006-2015

3. Streets like Broadway make up 2% of all corridors
 - a. However, they represent 36% of all crashes
 - b. And 15% of all fatal and severe crashes
4. Intersections with the most vehicle crashes in Minneapolis
 - a. Broadway has both #10 (University) and #14 (Johnson)
5. Met Council Regional Truck Highway Corridor Study ranked Broadway #1 in a top 30 crash hotspot analysis

Survey Results – Proposed Solutions

1. Get zebra stripes with repaving
2. Consider green paint on bike crossing intersections
3. Review locations for no left turns
4. Long term – 4-3 conversion, no parking, further improvements

City of Minneapolis Guiding Documents

1. Complete Streets Policy (passed in 2016)
 - a. Priorities: 1. Pedestrians 2. Bicycles 3. Vehicles
2. Vision Zero
 - a. See above
3. Climate Action Plan
 - a. Goal to reduce greenhouse emissions 80% by 2050
4. Access Minneapolis (since 2007)
 - a. Will be updated – pedestrian plan, transit plan, freight, bikes, street operations, street designs
 - b. Open houses to follow
 - c. Philosophy to become more current

Hennepin County Guiding Documents

1. Hennepin County Complete Streets Policy (2009)
2. Hennepin County Pedestrian Plan (2013)
3. Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan (2015)
4. Crosswalk evaluation guidance
5. County more balanced whereas city more hierarchy

4 to 3 Lane Reconfiguration

1. Context and conditions have to be right
 - a. Can be great if it works
2. Typically today the county would NOT design a 4 lane, undivided highway (like Broadway)
 - a. Space limited in Minneapolis, can't have 4 lane w/ median here
3. With bikers and pedestrians it's now about comfort and safety
4. Potential constraints / trade-offs
 - a. Possible delays and congestion
 - b. May not be desirable for short segments between busy intersections
5. Considerations
 - a. What happens during peak hours

- b. Need transition areas (ideally 300 feet)
 - i. Is it worth it for a 900 foot stretch for example?
- 6. Some segments of Broadway good potential candidates for 4 to 3
 - a. Under BNSF bridge by Buchanan
 - i. Only 17.5 feet for 2 lanes
 - 1. Should be 11 per lane
 - 2. Warrants single lane
- 7. We looked at a demo / model of a single-lane setup for a stretch of Broadway
 - a. Seems like it works!

Next Meeting - Early to Mid May (Meeting 3 w/ City and County)

- 1. Additional information from evaluations and investigations
- 2. Discuss short-term improvement options to be considered during scope of 2019 repaving project. Possible consideration for piloting / testing of potential short-term improvements
- 3. Discuss future improvements that may be considered after the repaving project (continued review at future meetings)

Additional Discussion Regarding Potential Community Meeting

- 1. Ideally between Meeting 3 and Meeting 4
 - a. Early June?
 - b. Need 1 to 1 ½ months lead time
 - c. Aggressive timeline
 - i. Considering this meeting being more introductory
- 2. To be discussed further