

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333

1. Member Sign-in and Introductions (4:00-4:05)
2. Approve BAC Agenda and Minutes (4:05-4:10, Attachment 1)
3. Approve 2015 Schedule (4:10-4:15, Attachment 2)
4. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:15-4:30)
 - [Bicycle Friendly Community Status](#)
 - Bicycle Master Plan Review – Implementation Plan
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:30-4:45, Attachment 3)
 - 5-Year CIP rep
 - Protected Bikeways Update
 - Hennepin/Lyndale Ave S **ACTION**
 - 54th St W **ACTION**
6. Proposed 2015 Seal Coat Program and Bikeway Opportunities, Simon Blenski (4:45-5:00, Attachment 4)*
7. Announcements (5:00-5:05)

**Please join us after the meeting for a December Social Hour at [Gluek's](#) (16 6th St N). **

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, January 8, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, January 20, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, January 21, Executive Committee

Wednesday, January 28, Whole Committee

*This item would typically be discussed first at the Engineering Subcommittee. However, due to scheduling, discussion will occur at the Full Committee. Please review the yellow items and be prepared to discuss.

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Simon Blenski, Ginger Cannon, Shawn Carriere, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval, Ciara Schlichting, Sarah Stewart, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Lindsey Wallace

Members Absent: Joe Bernard (excused), Sgt. Tom Campbell (excused), Greg Sautter (excused), Scott Snelling (excused), Max Schollet, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the proposed plan for the **Hennepin Ave/Lyndale Ave S Reconstruction** and asks the project team to consider the following comments:
 - Consider rideability and delineation in the choice of materials for the buffer between the bicycle trail and the pedestrian path; the joints should not be parallel to the path.
 - Consider a raised intersection at Groveland where there have been a high number of bicyclist-motorist crashes.
 - The slip ramp at Oak Grove St should be modified so it is not blocked by queued motor vehicles during peak hours.
 - Ensure that filling the bikeway gap between Vineland Pl and Dunwoody Blvd is coordinated through this and overlapping planning efforts.
 - The connections to Nicollet Mall should be better lit.

2. For the **54th Street West Reconstruction**, the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the proposed revisions, with the following suggestions:
 - Where there are sharrows, the street configuration should be revised to a more controllable 11-foot wide travel lane from 12 feet.
 - Include signage and/or pavement markings to help bicyclists transition to and from the dedicated bike lanes and make motorists aware that bicyclists are allowed to take the full lane.
 - No parking between Girard and Fremont.

3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports staff recommended actions for potential bikeway projects that overlap with the **City of Minneapolis proposed 2015 Street Maintenance Program**.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda was revised to add a discussion of the city budget and the November Minutes were corrected. The revised Agenda and corrected Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. 2015 Schedule presented by Simon Blenski was approved unanimously.
2. 2015 City Budget Update from Robin Garwood.
 - The 2015 Budget approved by the City Council includes the money for protected bikeways and ongoing funding for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements.
 - It includes 8 Open Streets events.
 - Possibility that funding for safety improvements may not be continued, so it's important to let City Councilors know you support it.
 - We should also highlight the bicycle improvements as they are made.
3. 5E Subcommittee Report from Roy Hallanger
 - **Bicycle Friendly Community Status**
 - Roy distributed a chart that quantifies the criteria for the different status levels.
 - Status lasts for 4 years and our Gold status is set to expire in a year.
 - Previous application process was led by Nick and the BAC.
 - Criteria are a moving target and the bar gets raised continually.
 - Application will be worked on at 5E Subcommittee meetings. Several members volunteered to work on it outside the Subcommittee, if necessary.
 - Continued improvement needed as peer communities are quickly catching up.
 - Application due in February 2016. May be submitted in the fall.
 - Ginger Cannon suggested status be celebrated at a large event that the Park Board can support, too.
 - **Bicycle Master Plan Review – Implementation Plan**
 - The Subcommittee started an evaluation of how we are doing on the Implementation Plan.
 - How can we help businesses to help each other be more bike friendly?
 - The Plan suggested we develop a recruiting tool to tout the benefits of bicycling.
 - Don't yet know the status of on street bike corral parking.
 - We should have a future Open Streets event on Nicollet Mall.
 - New Visitor's Center opening in April. It will include Meet Minneapolis and the Commuter Connection.
 - Need to prioritize streets for winter maintenance.
 - Robin Garwood said we need data on whether streets are clear.
 - Nick assigned Winter Maintenance to the Subcommittee.
4. Engineering Subcommittee Report from Ciara Schlichting – **ACTIONS**
 - **5-Year CIP Representative:** Scott Snelling will be the BAC representative.

- **Protected Bikeways Update**
 - Anna Flintoft presented a detailed update on 19 corridors being considered.
 - Anna will return to the Subcommittee next month.
 - Update will be rolled out to the public by March/April.
 - Corridors in plan are focused on a downtown core.
- **Hennepin/Lyndale Av S – ACTION**
 - Large map of plan shared with Subcommittee.
 - Current curb separated bikeway will be widened with a small buffer between bicycles and pedestrians.
 - Bike facility will continue down to Hennepin at least one way.
 - We are asking for a raised intersection at Groveland due to crashes there.
 - Slip ramp at Oak Grove should be moved so it isn't blocked by cars.
 - Gap remains southbound from North Minneapolis to Uptown.
 - Shawn Carriere said a well lit route to Nicollet is needed.
 - Ciara presented a motion that included our suggestions.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **54th St W – ACTION**
 - Typical cross section has bike lanes on both sides and parking on the north side.
 - Following our suggestion, they now plan to widen bike lane on steep uphill from Fremont to Girard.
 - Current plan has sharrows between Penn and Oliver to accommodate needed sidewalk widths.
 - We supported revisions with a suggested change in typical cross section widths for section with sharrows.
 - We also wanted decent signage and pavement markings that bike lanes ended.
 - Since our meeting, a Kenny neighborhood group has made different suggestions.
 - We discussed postponing our resolution, but time is short.
 - A resolution supporting the current plan with our suggestions was passed unanimously.

5. **Proposed 2015 Seal Coat Program and Bikeway Opportunities** presented by Simon Blenski – **ACTION**

- Simon provided a chart and map that included projects on the Bike Master Plan that are on the 2015 proposed seal coat program.
- These projects include the following:
 - Bike lanes will be pursued on 45th Ave N
 - Bike lanes also planned for Cedar Lake Rd N and S and 54th St W.
 - Existing bike lanes will be replaced.
 - Nothing planned for a short segment of 3rd St N
 - Projects that involve parking removal will be explored by staff.
- Richard Anderson moved that we support the staff recommendations.
- The motion passed unanimously.

6. Announcements

- Bill Dooley: Cycles for Change is merging with Spokes. Also, Minneapolis selected to host the National Youth Bike Summit in 2016.
- Ciara Schlichting: attempts being made to have the International Winter Cycling Conference in Minneapolis.
- Sarah Stewart: Blue Cross funding opportunity for active places demonstration projects.
- Gina Mitteco: next "Policy and a Pint" Discussion from *The Current* will be on multimodal transportation policy on Jan 15 in St. Paul.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner