

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
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, see Attachment 1)
3. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:10-4:30)
 - Bicycle Crash Analysis
 - Winter Maintenance – Priority Corridor Network Planning
 - Bicycle Friendly Community Application
 - Winter Cycling Conference **ACTION** (see Attachment 2)
4. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:30-5:00)
 - Washington Ave S **ACTION** (see Attachment 2)
 - CIP Planning **ACTION** (see Attachment 2)
 - Franklin Ave Bridge Construction
 - Meeting Format and Project Presentations
5. Penn Ave N Update, Kelley Yemen (5:00-5:15, see Attachment 3)
6. Agency Overview – CPED, Joe Bernard (5:15-5:30)
7. Park Board Projects Update, Ginger Cannon (5:30-5:40)
 - Minnehaha Parkway Trail Improvements (BAC representative needed)
 - Lake Calhoun/Harriet Trail Improvements (future BAC representative needed)
8. Announcements (5:40-5:45)
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Update

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, February 12, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, February 17, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, February 18, Executive Committee

Wednesday, February 25, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Joe Bernard, Simon Blenski, Ginger Cannon, Shawn Carriere, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Dave Hansen (Metro transit), Chris Linde, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Lindsey Wallace, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, (excused), Sgt. Tom Campbell (excused), Joshua Houdek (excused), Will Lumpkins (excused), Max Schollet (excused), Jose Luis Villaseñor, Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Billy Binder, Hökan, Steve Brandt, Alexis Pennie

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the application for Minneapolis and St. Paul to host the **Winter Cycling Congress in 2016**.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends approving the revised plans for **Washington Avenue South** as submitted with the addition of marking directional arrows on the cycle track pavement at entrances and exits.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that when Minneapolis Public Works staff are scoring candidate **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects** that they give extra consideration to safety (crashes, lack of dedicated bike facility, etc.) in regards to infrastructure condition **criteria** for bike projects.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm and chaired by Nick Mason until 5:30 pm, when Paul Frenz took over. The Agenda and December Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **5E Subcommittee** Report from Roy Hallanger – **ACTION**
 - **Bicycle Crash Analysis**
 - Ginny Herman presented anecdotal information on crashes that she has been collecting through social media.
 - She was concerned with the education gap between drivers, cyclists and police concerning cycling laws.
 - Cyclists often don't report collisions with cars.

- She wanted to empower cyclists to report crashes and to provide resources.
- Subcommittee discussed getting out the word to report crashes to 3-1-1.
- Subcommittee will bring in a 3-1-1 representative to discuss how bike crash reports are handled and categorized.
- Subcommittee will work with our BAC police representative on how to approach discussions on police training.
- **Winter Maintenance – Priority Corridor Network Planning**
 - Subcommittee discussion on how to develop a set of priority bike corridors.
 - Criteria include: connectivity, bikeway type, traffic, bike lane configuration.
 - Bikeways Final Report from 2000 outlines winter procedures; needs updating.
 - First step: figure out who (city or Park Board) is responsible for what.
 - Bob Hain said bike commuters should be given priority and that the critical areas are downtown and the University.
 - Nick Mason suggested a questionnaire using the city bicycling email list.
 - Chris Linde said Bicycle Boulevards should be a priority.
 - Robin Garwood raised the question of how to assess the current level of service and the importance of getting public officials to sign off on the process.
 - Simon said he will convey our concerns to Public Works and follow up.
- **Bicycle Friendly Community Application**
 - League is dramatically revising application so we will apply after revised.
 - We have our previous application but not all of the sources of information used.
 - Nick will work with Simon on getting started; other BAC members have volunteered to help.
 - Many city agencies will be called on for help, including the Park Board, Public Schools, Police Department.
 - Application will probably be due in August.
- **Winter Cycling Congress – ACTION**
 - There is interest in having the twin cities host the Congress in 2016.
 - Joe Bernard asked who exactly would be hosting the Congress.
 - Nick said that a host committee is applying but the cities are involved; lots of partners would be involved and are sending letters of support.
 - Applying early so that the next host could be announced at this year's Congress.
 - A resolution supporting the application was unanimously approved.
- 2. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Ciara Schlichting – **ACTIONS**
 - **Washington Avenue South – ACTION**
 - Project is at 95% design phase; only making small tweaks.
 - Design: travel lane, 2 foot gutter, curb separated bikeway (5 feet one way), 2 foot buffer, plantings, 5 foot sidewalk.
 - Bike lane at street level across intersections which will have green zebra stripes.
 - Discussion of experimental bike signals at intersections: green bike light, and then yellow bike light with red ball light, then green ball light for all vehicles.
 - Video detection at all intersections except 4th Ave which will have a button.
 - Discussion on the need to educate people on the meaning of the signals.

- Ciara presented a motion to endorse the plan but to suggest adding directional arrows on cycle track pavement.
- The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Kelley Yemen.
- Robin Garwood suggested we re-evaluate the signals after the road opens.
- **CIP Planning – ACTION**
 - Scott Snelling attended the CIP Planning meeting as the BAC representative.
 - Projects received points based on pavement condition whereas safety wasn't considered.
 - Crash data may provide an incentive for a bike facility even if a road is in good condition.
 - Ciara presented a motion that suggested safety be considered as a criterion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Franklin Avenue Bridge Construction**
 - Paul Frenz attended a preconstruction meeting.
 - Confirmed that County will follow our recommendations for west end.
 - At the east end, issue of getting bikes onto 27th Ave is not resolved.
 - This summer, 1/3 of bridge will be closed at a time, with bikes and pedestrians sharing space.
 - In 2016, the bridge will be completely closed for 90 days.
 - Kelley Yemen said she will have more detail on timing of closings in May.
 - Ciara suggested the Subcommittee discuss the east end this spring.
- **Meeting Format and Project Presentations:** subcommittee working on getting consistent information from presenters.

3. Penn Avenue North Update from Kelley Yemen

- Kelley wanted our input on a new hybrid plan which will be presented to the steering committee on Monday.
- Plan is a hybrid of 1A and 2A: Bike Boulevard from 44th Av N to 26th Ave N, two one way bike lanes on Penn from 26th Ave N to Glenwood, and from Glenwood to I-394 drivers and cyclists share the road.
- Steering already has our input supporting 2A, bike lanes on Penn.
- Joe Bernard said the PAC is supporting 1A (no bike lanes).
- Meeting will be Monday at 1:30 pm on the 24th floor of Government Center.

4. Agency Overview: CPED presented by Joe Bernard

- Due to shortage of time, Joe graciously agreed to postpone presentation to next month.
- Consensus that Agency Overviews are valuable, if postpone-able.

5. Upcoming Park Board Projects from Ginger Cannon

- **Minnehaha Creek Regional Trail Improvements**
 - Funds available to improve 1.5 mile section of Minnehaha Pkwy and William Berry trail along the creek.

- Coincides with replacing Lyndale Bridge and moving trail under bridge.
- Need for erosion control and to remediate environmental issues with bridge.
- Paul Frenz will be the BAC representative on committee.
- Community Advisory Committee will probably start meeting in February.
- **Lake Calhoun/Harriet Master Plan and Trail Improvements**
 - Upcoming new Master Plan with significant money.
 - MPRB will ask for an official BAC member on the Technical or Community Advisory Committee.
 - Broad scope and could affect future of the Lakes.
 - Meetings could be over 12- 18 months; Ginger will come back with more info.

6. Announcements

- Paul Frenz: **Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Update**: an offer has been made and an announcement should be coming soon.
- Alexis Pennie: North Minneapolis Bicycle Advocacy Council will be meeting on Saturday, February 27, 1-3 pm at North Regional Library on Lowry Ave N.
- Gina Mitteco: MnDOT Open Houses for statewide bicycle plan in Minneapolis on Wed, Feb 11, 5-7 pm and Wed, Feb 25 in St. Paul. Online survey if you can't make meetings.
- Robin Garwood: Let him know if you are in a group that would like to help host the Winter Cycling Congress.
- Robin: Fill out the survey on the city website and tell others to fill it out too.
- Robin: Fill out the winter Bicycling to Work survey by Feb 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner