

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 24, 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)
 - Winter Maintenance Study
 - Enforcement Campaign Follow-up
 - Complete Streets Policy
 - BAC – Traffic Skills 101 Class
4. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (4:30-5:10)
 - 29th St W **ACTION**
 - Queen Ave N **ACTION**
 - 54th St W/Diamond Lake Rd **ACTION**
 - Minnehaha Pkwy & William Berry Pkwy Trail Improvements **ACTION**
 - 26th/28th St E
 - Chicago Ave S **ACTION**
 - Intercity Regional Trail
5. Bicycle Friendly Community Application, Matthew Dyrdaahl (5:10-5:30)
6. Mayor's Challenge, Matthew Dyrdaahl (5:30-5:50)
7. Transportation Planning and Programming Hire, Nick Mason (5:50-5:55)
 - **ACTION**
8. Announcements (5:55-6:00)
9. Adjourn (6:00)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, June 11, 5E's Subcommittee
Tuesday, June 16, Engineering Subcommittee
Wednesday, June 17, Executive Committee
Wednesday, June 24, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Joe Bernard, Ginger Cannon (representative attended), Shawn Carriere, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Lindsey Wallace, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Sgt. Tom Campbell, Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Gina Mitteco (excused), Juana Sandoval (excused), Richard Anderson, Janice Gepner (excused), Kelley Yemen

Others Present: Simon Blenski, Alexis Pennie, Nick Ray

Actions

1. The Minneapolis BAC requests Public Works staff to present the next **Complete Streets Policy** outline to the BAC for comment after the next stakeholder advisory group meeting in order to enable us to be a more formal part of the process. We would also like to see both written and verbal monthly updates.
2. The Minneapolis BAC supports the plan for the reconstruction of **4th St SE** (Malcolm Ave SE to 29th Ave SE) with 10' travel lanes and 6' bike lanes.
3. The Minneapolis BAC supports the plan for a protected bike lane on **Plymouth Ave N / 8th Ave NE** as presented by staff.
4. The Minneapolis BAC request staff to **send approved actions** (with a link to the minutes) to members of **TPW Committee and MPRB Commissioners** within a week of the actions being approved.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and May Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **5E Subcommittee** Report from Nick Mason
 - **Bicycle Friendly Communities Application**
 - Nick Ray presented a matrix that has been developed and posted on google docs to organize the application preparation process (section, question, contact person, contact info, supporting persons, answer, comments, source, and answer status). Send Matthew your comments on the matrix. Complete answers by July 9.

- Why is this application important, why be on the list? The LAB BFC program is the only objective application process nationwide that accurately compares Minneapolis to its peers. It provides a reason to have conversations within city hall to answer the questions. The application review comments help define areas where we can improve. The city's BFC status is a marketing and retention tool for existing and future talent. Our BFC status bolsters our case for securing new funding and maintaining existing funding streams.
- **Planning a Traffic Skills (TS) 101 Class**
 - Offering TS 101 to BAC members – potential dates will vary to accommodate schedules (weekday, weekday night, and weekend day).
- **Protected Bikeways Plan Update**
 - TPW recommended approval June 23, City Council action July 10
 - Plan does not preclude implementing protected bikeways that are not in the plan
 - Winter walking and biking study is an implementation item
 - Washington Ave protected bikeway moved back to Tier 1: from 5th – 19th
 - Route labeled "TBD" will have a timeframe determined during the budgeting process
 - Use NACTO guidelines and other protected bikeway standards
 - Plan is short term and should be updated frequently (annually)
- **Complete Streets Policy Update (ACTION)**
 - City is working on a complete streets policy.
 - Parallel advocacy group meeting occurred in June to form a Complete Streets Policy. Matthew offered to be a liaison between the two groups to try to have one policy supported by all.
 - Nick presented a motion which was passed unanimously to request Public Works staff to make the BAC a more formal part of the Complete Streets Policy development process.
- **Cedar Lake Trail Update**
 - Peter Wagenius provided an update on the SW LRT budget cuts for improvements. Once the end of the line is determined, then other cuts will be needed. Cost and ridership need to be in balance – for example, Penn Station can't be removed or built, it can only be deferred (then the cost isn't counted, but the ridership is). If a station is deferred, then the bicycle and pedestrian improvements are deferred too. The bicycle infrastructure dollars have been deemed a good investment – they don't count in the cost effectiveness index. Four trail structures – one the Cedar Lake Trail intersection with Kenilworth (more riders on that point of the Cedar Lake Trail than riders on Northstar Commuter Train). Decisions will be made within the next month (CMC, then Met Council). Peter urged BAC members to reach out to County Commissioners to share your opinions and ideas.

2. Engineering Subcommittee Report from Ciara Schlichting

- **4th Street SE (ACTION)**
 - Split vote at subcommittee. Some prefer 5 foot concrete bike lanes with 11' asphalt travel lanes. The seam is more so of an issue on this option vs. the reduced bike lane width; however, extra width is important when you are adjacent to parked cars
 - City may need to look at design standards or policy for these treatment options.
 - Ciara presented a motion which was passed with one opposing vote (Bob Hain) and one abstention (Shawn Carriere) to support 6' bike lanes and 10' motor vehicle travel lanes.
- **Downtown Public Realm Update**
 - Joint effort with Mpls Park and Recreation Board.
 - Inventory of existing bike parking in downtown was done in coordination with this project – bicycle parking is full.
 - Important to view facilities as “end of trip services” vs. “amenities” – having a place to park your bike is a necessity not an amenity.
- **Plymouth Ave N / 8th Ave NE (ACTION)**
 - Protected bike lanes with a stretch of bike blvd from University Ave to 5th Street Bike Blvd.
 - Some parking removal for a short section in NE by Marshall Ave.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support the project as presented, which was passed unanimously

3. 2014 Regional Solicitation Approved Projects presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl

- Projects Approved for Funding:
 - University Ave Protected Bikeways
 - High quality connection – Midtown Greenway to Lake Street
 - MnDOT 5th St SE Bike/Ped Bridge over I-35W
 - Emerson/Fremont N Pedestrian improvements (between Plymouth and Lowry) – includes bike facilities
 - Broadway Ave NE (Industrial Blvd to Stinson)
- Having a plan in place is critical for receiving funds.
- Need to be prepared to have tough discussions about the tradeoffs involved in implementing bikeways (parking, removal of travel lanes)

4. Annual BAC Ride in August presented by Matthew Dyr Dahl

- Celebrate adopted of Protected Bikeways Plan – celebrate with August ride and happy hour!
- Protected bikeway planned routes, facilities with asphalt and concrete treatments

- Oak St SE, University Ave (10th to Pleasant) has concrete, Northside Greenway demonstration project, 4th St SE, routes for new University of Minnesota protected bikeways

5. **BAC Resolutions (ACTION)** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl

- Current process – if a rep from an organization brings something forward (i.e. Gina from MnDOT brings the motion back to MnDOT). If it is timely and really important then Nick puts a letter on BAC letterhead and sends it to decision makers.
- Consider establishing deadlines for getting on the agenda for subcommittees and the full BAC meetings.
- Motion presented to request staff to send approved actions (with a link to the minutes) to decision makers within a week of the actions being approved, which was unanimously approved with Matthew Dyrdaahl abstaining

5. **Announcements**

- Roy and Sarah will be absent at the next 5E subcommittee

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ciara Schlichting and Nick Mason