

**Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, July 21, 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. Discussion from BFC Visit from the League of American Bicyclists, Nick Mason (4:10-4:20)
4. 5E's Subcommittee, Matthew Dyrdaahl (4:20-5:00, see Attachment 2)
  - Discussion Questions – Bicycle Friendly Community Application (see Attachment 3)
  - Winter Maintenance Study
  - Traffic Skills 101
  - Complete Streets Update
  - Other updates **ACTION**
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (5:00-5:30, see Attachment 4)
  - Hiawatha Avenue & 28th Street E Bicycle Signal **ACTION**
  - Wayzata Boulevard N/S and Cedar Lake Road S **ACTION**
  - Broadway Street NE **ACTION**
  - Southwest **ACTION**
  - 21st Avenue S **ACTION**
  - Olson Memorial Highway **ACTION**
  - Queen Avenue **ACTION**
6. Discussion for August Meeting, Matthew/Nick (5:30-5:45)
7. Announcements (5:45-6:00)
8. Adjourn (6:00)

**Next BAC Meetings:**

Thursday, August 13, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, August 18, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, August 19, Executive Committee

Wednesday, August 26, Whole Committee

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Members Present:** Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Lindsey Wallace, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

**Members Absent:** Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon, Shawn Carriere, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval (excused), Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor

**Others Present:** Lisle Bertsche, Billy Binder, Simon Blenski, Steve Brandt, Nick Ray Olson, Alexis Pennie

**Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that the city follow up to make sure **construction zone detours** for bicycles and pedestrians meet city guidelines.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports separation of pedestrian space and protected bikeway on **Olson Memorial Highway** from 7<sup>th</sup> to Theodore Wirth Parkway.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee does not support the **Queen Avenue North Bicycle Boulevard** as an alternative to Penn Avenue North.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Hiawatha Avenue & 28th Street E Bicycle Signal**. However, to enhance accessibility and to mitigate confusion with pedestrian button, the Committee recommends having the bicycle button be on its own post or have in-ground detection. The Committee also encourages Public Works staff to consider adding a similar button at Hiawatha & 26<sup>th</sup> St E as soon as possible.
5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the plan for **Wayzata Boulevard N/S and Cedar Lake Road S** improvements as presented.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the plan for **Broadway Street NE from Stinson Blvd to Industrial Blvd NE** as presented.
7. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that Minneapolis Public Works ensure that freight trains along the **Southwest LRT**, waiting to access the BNSF Railroad from the TC&W spur, do not block the bicycle trail crossing. The Committee further recommends that the LRT plan include queuing space for bicycles and pedestrians so that through bicycle traffic on the Cedar Lake Trail is not blocked.

8. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout for **21st Avenue South** as presented and encourages staff to explore a connection to 32nd to provide the full connection to South High School.

## **Summaries of Discussions**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and June Minutes were slightly revised and accepted unanimously.

### 1. Discussion from Bicycle Friendly Community Visit from the League of American Bicyclists led by Nick Mason

- Steve Clark from the LAB was here for a site visit last Thursday and Friday.
- Several important city decision makers came to the meeting.
- The audit focused on infrastructure.
- Specific recommendations were to continue to expand our bicycle network, work to reduce crashes, and market Minneapolis as the Bicycle Haven it is.
- Matthew is meeting with staff on Friday and will report back to BAC.
- Kelley said that action plans should be developed from the process.
- Important to take advantage of City Council support for bicycle improvements.

### 2. 5E Subcommittee Report from Matthew Dyrdaahl – ***ACTION***

- **Discussion Questions for the Bicycle Friendly Community Application**
  - Matthew took notes which were projected on a screen.
  - #71: Annual public cycling events. We listed new events since our previous application.
  - #109: 3 Main reasons we deserve platinum. Ideas discussed include: equity initiatives, great collaboration, protected bike plan network, and extensive off road bicycle facilities
  - #110: 3 areas in need of improvement: Equity, including open streets funding and city's role in encouragement, winter maintenance, and infrastructure, particularly more arterials with bicycle facilities.
  - New Projects: include Complete Streets policy, North Minneapolis Greenway Demonstration Project, Winter Maintenance Study
  - #83: New policies to encourage cycling: Many events mentioned.
- **Winter Maintenance Study**
  - Matthew presented an outline for a study to taking place Aug, 2015 – May, 2016.
  - Current winter policies will be discussed at next 5E Subcommittee meeting.
  - An evaluation tool will be created.
  - Nick suggested using the listserv to get a list of people willing to help.
  - Robin suggested using organizational partners like the Coalition.
  - Bob said that Bike Shops might have people willing to help, too.
  - Roy pointed out that commuters tend see the road at the same time each day.
  - Lindsey mentioned an app that could be used to collect data, bikeable.io.app.

- Matthew said the goal would be to change how we do things.
- **Traffic Skills 101 Course**
  - 4 times identified and a sheet passed around so people can sign up.
  - Matthew said he would also send an email for people to sign up.
- **Complete Streets Update**
  - Matthew said there was a Stakeholders Advisory Group (SAG) meeting yesterday.
  - He said they are moving forward in a positive direction on a policy.
  - Nick said that the right kinds of goals and outcomes were discussed.
  - Robin said there was a wide difference of opinion at first and that both the SAG and policy maker group want clear, firm language.
  - Looking to “rebalance” level of service.
- **Construction zone detours for bicycles and pedestrians – ACTION**
  - A motion was presented to ask the city to make sure that contractors follow the city guidelines for construction zone detours.
  - The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Ciara Schlichting – **ACTIONS**

- **Olson Memorial Highway – ACTION**
  - Issue resolution team for LRT discussed integrating a bicycle facility from Van White to Wirth Pkwy
  - Subcommittee recommended separating pedestrians from bicycles and providing a protected bikeway from 7<sup>th</sup> to Theodore Wirth Parkway.
  - Will reported that he brought our proposal to the neighborhood organization and they supported it. It’s a high crash area for cars and pedestrians.
  - Kelley said the county sees the plan as compatible with future redevelopment.
  - Ciara presented a motion which was passed unanimously.
- **Queen Avenue North Bicycle Boulevard – ACTION**
  - We previously supported bicycle facilities on Penn Av N.
  - Ciara presented a motion not to support the Queen Ave N Bicycle Boulevard plan.
  - Robin said that the Council Members are comfortable with us taking this position.
  - Bike Coalition also did not support the plan.
  - The motion passed with abstentions from Matthew Dyr Dahl and Kelley Yemen.
  - Alexis thanked Kelley for her work on this.
  - Nick said that Hennepin County did a good job on community engagement.
- **Hiawatha Avenue at 28<sup>th</sup> St E Bicycle Signal – ACTION**
  - Since 28<sup>th</sup> St is one way, bicycles can’t see when the signal turns green.
  - Proposal to add a bicycle signal so bikes can see when it is safe to cross.
  - Plan is to put bike push button high so not confused with pedestrian button.
  - Ciara presented a motion supporting the signal but proposing that the bicycle signal be on its own post.
  - Robin suggested we amend the motion to include a bike signal on 26<sup>th</sup> St E.
  - The amended motion passed unanimously.
- **Wayzata Boulevard N/S & Cedar Lake Rd S – ACTION**
  - Gina presented the plan for bicycle facilities along I394 to the Subcommittee.

- Plan includes sharrows on the short frontage road on the North side, dedicated bicycle lanes on both sides of the South frontage road, and sharrows on South Cedar Lake Rd.
- Dedicated bicycle lanes on Cedar Lake Rd possible later if parking not used.
- Ciara's motion to support the plan passed unanimously except for one abstention from Georgianna.
- **Broadway St NE from Stinson to Industrial – ACTION**
  - Combination City/County project that got federal funding.
  - Proposal includes a combined bicycle/pedestrian path on the south side.
  - Ciara presented a motion to support the plan and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Southwest LRT – ACTION**
  - Peter explained change to bridge at intersection of Kenilworth Trail, Cedar Lake Trail and Penn Ave S next to the Penn Avenue Station.
  - Plan includes a bicycle bridge from the north, and at grade crossing to the Cedar Lake Trail.
  - Don't want waiting TC&W freight trains blocking trail.
  - Also concern about separating bicyclists and pedestrians waiting for trains.
  - Motion presented asking Public Works to ensure that freight trains don't block the bicycle trail crossing.
  - Joshua pointed out that people waiting for the train could block through traffic on Cedar Lake Trail and suggested adding a sentence to the motion.
  - The amended motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Scott and Ciara.
- **21<sup>st</sup> Av S – ACTION**
  - 3 block project from 28<sup>th</sup> St E to 31<sup>st</sup> St E.
  - Would help connect the Midtown Greenway to South High School.
  - 3 treatments proposed
    - § from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>: bike lane on west side/sharrow on east side.
    - § 29<sup>th</sup> to Lake St: full bike lanes
    - § Lake St to 31<sup>st</sup> St E: bike boulevard
  - Plan ends at South High but not at bicycle racks.
  - Ciara presented a motion to support plan but extend to South High bicycle racks.
  - Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. August BAC Meeting presented by Nick Mason

- Matthew and Nick put together a route that celebrates the Protected Bikeways Plan including some facilities with asphalt and concrete treatment, Oak Street, the Northside Greenway Demonstration Project, 4<sup>th</sup> St SE and U of M protected bikeways.
- Suggestion to end route at Surly. May ask for RSVP.
- Probably short meeting, if needed.

#### 5. Announcements

- Nick will email pdf of flier for Bike Ride with the Chief, 9 am on Thurs, July 30.
- From Sarah: Northside Greenway Demonstration Project plan 50% complete. Goal is installation in September.
- Robin: Oak Street paperwork will be signed by Cam soon.

- Matthew: 3 new protected bikeways soon.
- Robin: Lake St and Franklin Ave Open Streets events coming up in August. Joshua said there will be lots of fun activities under Hiawatha at Lake St.
- Peter: He and Council Member Cano have been working with the County and Commissioner McLaughlin on a study about how to improve area under that bridge.
- Billy: Hennepin County hired a consultant to help figure out how to connect Portland from 60<sup>th</sup> to 66<sup>th</sup>, how to connect South Minneapolis to the airport, and how to connect Marshall St NE south of Lowry.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner