

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 23, 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. Membership Discussion, Matthew Dyrdaahl (4:10-4:20)
 - Steve Elmer will attend to discuss his role in bicycle planning with the Metropolitan Council
4. 2016 Winter Cycling Congress, Annie Van Cleve and Tony Desnick (4:20-4:50)
 - Annie and Tony will provide an overview of the Winter Cycling Congress and outline some next steps in conference planning
5. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:50-5:10, see Attachment 2)
 - Reschedule of Traffic Skills 101
 - Update on North Minneapolis Greenway Demonstration Project
 - Behind the Big Wheel event at Open Streets
 - Future Discussion Topics
6. Engineering Subcommittee, Ciara Schlichting (5:10-5:30, see Attach. 3&4)
 - 46th Avenue S from 46th Street E to Godfrey Parkway **ACTION**
 - West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study
 - SWLRT Station Area Plans: Penn and Van White
 - Minnehaha Parkway Trail Improvements
7. Announcements (5:30-5:45)
8. Adjourn (5:45)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, October 8, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, October 20, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, October 21, Executive Committee

Wednesday, October 28, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 4 PM – 4:30 PM
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333

Members Present: Joe Bernard, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Robin Garwood, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Juana Sandoval, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Lindsey Wallace, Kelley Yemen, Peter Wagenius, Gina Mitteco,

Members Absent: Janice Gepner (excused), Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon (excused), Shawn Carriere (excused), Paul Frenz (excused), Joshua Houdek, Greg Sautter, Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor, , Georgianna Yantos (excused), Richard Anderson

Others Present: Simon Blenski, Steve Elmer, Annie Van Cleve, Tony Desnick

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that the City of Minneapolis request to acquire or use the portion of the **Soo Line railroad** in the Prospect Park neighborhood currently in the process to be abandoned, with the goal of the building the northernmost portion of the **Prospect Park Trail**.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the preliminary concept section for **46th Avenue S from 46th Street E to Godfrey Parkway** as presented with an emphasis on striping the bike lanes now (not waiting) and for staff to explore reusing the pavers (including at other sites).
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee, with regards to the **West Lake stop of the Southwest Light Rail Train Project**, recommends to remove sharrows adjacent to the shared-use path and install a contraflow bike lane with bicycle boulevard treatment in the direction of the traffic on the one-way block.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda and July Minutes were unanimously accepted.

1. **Membership Discussion**: presented by Steve Elmer of Met Council
 - Mr. Elmer gave a pitch to join the Minneapolis BAC as representative of the Met Council.
 - The general consensus of the BAC was favorable to adding Mr. Elmer to the Minneapolis BAC. The next step is for Matthew Dyrdaahl and Robin Garwood to informally coordinate with the City Council. City Council approval is required in order to add new members to the BAC. Other organizations will be considered for addition to the BAC, such as Nice Ride.

2. **2016 Winter Cycling Congress**: presented by Annie Van Cleve and Tony Desnick – ***ACTION***
 - 2 page handout
 - Volunteer opportunities: leading a tour, homestays, bike loan
 - Winter open streets: Roads to be plowed of snow or filled with snow? There is precedent for Minneapolis Public Works filling the street with snow for the Loppet.
 - Winter Maintenance on key routes – pretend the Winter Olympics are in town. Senior maintenance guy for Minneapolis expresses the need to know the routes ASAP, before budgets are set.
 - Conference venues will be bikable

3. **Soo Line – Prospect Park Train**: presented by Nick Mason – ***ACTION***
 - 1 page map handout
 - Soo Line is initiating the process of selling this rail alignment property in the Prospect Park Neighborhood of Minneapolis
 - This portion of the rail alignment appears on the Minneapolis strategic plan for bike routes as the future Prospect Park Trail. In the long-term, the hope is that this trail will connect to the Greenway by way of the rail bridge over the Mississippi River.
 - A developer is currently trying to purchase a portion of this rail alignment with the intention of constructing a building – this appears to be in conflict with the intention to use this alignment as a bike route.
 - Motion approved with unanimous support, except the following abstentions: Gina Mitteco.

4. **5E's Subcommittee**: presented by Roy Hallanger
 - Reschedule Traffic Skills 101
 - North Minneapolis Greenway Demonstration Project; Plan set passed around; Traffic calming details discussed; Chicanes and games painted on the street.
 - Behind the Big Wheel has been a huge success by integrating it into Open Streets. Synergy. People love the Hennepin County donated snow plows. Robin Garwood noted that many useful truck mirrors are not required by law. Future EEE agenda item:

consider new city laws or regulations where these additional truck mirrors are required to obtain a city permit.

- Future Discussion Topics: Greenway stop signs at Humbolt and Irvine; Bike/Ped counts underway; ACS Minneapolis bike mode share was 3.7% in 2014 (including very cold winter) and 4.6% in 2015 (more mild winter). Minneapolis has second highest bicycle mode share of major American cities; Portland has 7.2% bicycle mode share.

5. **Engineering Subcommittee**: presented by Ciara Schlichting

- 46th Avenue S from 46th Street E to Godfrey Parkway **ACTION**
 - See the attached motion. Vote unanimous.
- West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study **ACTION**
 - Bike round about at the Cedar/Kenilworth train intersections. Conflict between shared use with bikes and peds versus retaining space for future street car.
 - Bike connection to Lake Calhoun – Use 5th Street as a model.
 - See attached motion. Vote unanimous, except abstention by Ciara Schlichting
- SWLRT Statin Area Plans: Penn and Van White
 - Z intersection for bike cueing for freight rail
- Minnehaha Parkway Trail Improvements
 - Detection – in-ground vs video vs thermal

Announcements:

- Paul Frenz: crashed bike and injured. Full recovery expected. Condolences and card from BAC to be organized.
- Sand Cohen-Roy: Hit by school bus while in crosswalk. In hospital – recently upgraded to “stable” condition. Condolences and card from BAC to be organized.
- Nice Ride: Discounted memberships for UofMN staff (7% are now members).
- Gender in Transit event in Freeman Commons on Sept 29 at 9am.
- Northside Open Streets – Looking for volunteers

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Scott Snelling