

**Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 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. Complete Streets Discussion – Nathan Koster (4:10-4:40)
4. 5E's Subcommittee, Roy Hallanger (4:40-5:00, see Attachment 2)
  - Winter Maintenance Study (Forrest and Nick Ray will present)
5. Engineering Subcommittee, Juana Sandoval (5:00-5:25)
  - Midtown Greenway Phase 1 **ACTION**
  - Vineland Place **ACTION**
  - SWLRT and Bottineau LRT Bike Plans
  - Thomas Ave N
  - 26th/28th St E Improvements
  - 2015 Bikeway Projects Summary
6. CIP Discussion **ACTION** – Nick Mason (5:25-5:50)
7. Announcements (5:50-6:00)
8. Adjourn (6:00)

**Next BAC Meetings:**

Thursday, December 3, 5E's Subcommittee

Tuesday, December 8, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, December 9, Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 16, Whole Committee

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Members Present:** Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyr Dahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Juana Sandoval, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Lindsey Wallace

**Members Absent:** Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon, Shawn Carriere, Greg Sautter (excused), Ciara Schlichting (excused), Max Schollet, Jose Luis Villaseñor, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

**Others Present:** Steve Elmer, Forrest Hardy, Nathan Koster, Nick Ray Olson, Alexis Pennie

### **Actions**

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends dedicated off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities along **Vineland Place** connecting the existing trail on the western end all the way to Hennepin Avenue on the east, in addition to the on street bicycle lanes planned from the crosswalk in front of the Walker Art Museum to Hennepin Avenue. We also recommend a blinking red high intensity activated cross walk beacon in front of the Walker instead of a blinking yellow light.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee authorizes a Working Group to make recommendations on priorities for the **2017-2021 Capital Improvement Projects** list.

### **Summaries of Discussions**

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

#### 1. **Announcements**

- Nick Mason: The League of American Bicyclists renewed Minneapolis at the Gold Level.
  - Hennepin County became a Silver community.
  - Even though Minneapolis has done a lot in the past 4½ years, we didn't move up.
  - Nick thanked Nick Ray and everyone who worked on the application.
  - Roy said 5E's will discuss suggestions and deficiencies.
  - Nick suggested forming a working group to work on platinum right away.

- Platinum cities have much higher percentages of arterial streets with bike lanes but they are mostly small college towns.
- Peter Wagenius: Steve Kotke will not be seeking reappointment as Director of Public Works.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> new Director in 10 years.
  - There will be a national search.
  - It is important for the new Director to continue and accelerate our progress toward being a bicycle and pedestrian friendly city.
  - Peter will get back to us if the BAC can be involved in the selection process.

## 2. **Complete Streets Policy Update** from Nathan Koster

- First Nathan presented an update, and then asked for our feedback.
- He handed out the Draft Complete Streets Policy.
- He is in Transportation Planning within Public Works and is leading the Complete Streets discussion.
- So far, input has been from Policymaker group (4 Council Members and Peter W.) and the Stakeholder Group.
- Stakeholders include many modes and users including bicyclists, pedestrians, freight, elderly, transit users, students, disabled people, business, MnDOT and others.
- Goals include rebalancing network for all users and modes and consider green infrastructure.
- Goals for outcomes include being transparent, multimodal metrics, and to coordinate with Hennepin County and MnDOT policies.
- Key themes include: How will policy initiate change? Coordination with city plans, document multimodal level of service, evaluate users and modes.
- Checklist needed for enforcement.
- Robin said that the policy will be judged by whether it makes it easier to implement currently existing plans to improve biking and walking.
- Draft policy says bicycles, pedestrians and transit should be given priority over freight and single occupancy motor vehicles.
- Nick asked about the timeline for the Draft Policy.
- Nathan now doing outreach to advisory committees and getting comments and input.
- Nick asked Nathan to share input from the second stakeholder meeting with the BAC.
- Forward comments on the Draft Policy to Matthew.
- Policy to be presented to City Council for adoption in early 2016.
- Nathan will share draft of checklist with us and will present to us again before policy presented to City Council.

## 3. **5E's Subcommittee: Winter Maintenance Study** presented by Nick Ray Olson

- Nick Ray handed out the newest version of the form volunteers will be asked to fill out.
- This will be a pilot study to evaluate current conditions and to make recommendations for improvements.
- It will be an opportunity to learn about process as well as data.

- It will be an effort to record conditions at bicycle and pedestrian facilities, not to evaluate “bikeability” or “walkability.”
- Volunteers will be asked to evaluate at regular intervals (2 weeks) and after snow events.
- 50 bicycle facility locations and 25 pedestrian locations chosen for evaluation sites.
- We suggested looking at key locations without bicycle facilities, too.
- 6 data points for each observation: average snow depth, average ice coverage, and impassable obstruction, for both bicycle facility and intersection.
- He's working on providing a way for people to submit photos.
- Data to be entered on a Google form available on phones.
- Volunteers will be trained with step-by-step instructions with pictures.
- Nick Ray worked with Public Works on designing the draft form.
- He said he would share his map of locations with the BAC.

#### 4. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Juana Sandoval – ***ACTION***

- **Midtown Greenway**
  - Juana presented a motion asking that mill and overlay of Phase 1 of the Midtown Greenway be considered for addition to the CLIC list of projects.
  - Program needed to provide trail maintenance.
  - Peter asked if there was a standard for paths used exclusively by bikes.
  - Motion tabled since the paving request is on our list for suggested capital projects.
- **Southwest LRT and Bottineau LRT Bike Plans**
  - Kelley Yemen presented plans for bicycle racks to the subcommittee.
  - County is in the process of assessing demand, both short and long term.
  - Prioritized list for Bottineau in the works; SWLRT plans more advanced.
- **Thomas Avenue North**
  - Matthew presented an update on a Thomas Av N Bike Blvd (from Olson to 44<sup>th</sup> Av N) to the Subcommittee.
  - It's in the early stages of planning.
  - He discussed traffic circles and 4-way stops.
  - City is interested but funding not clear.
- **26<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> St East Improvements**
  - Medians were put in but now removed due to complaints.
  - Problems with medians included drivers going over them, people turning into the bike lane and maintenance concerns beyond plowing.
  - Simon Blenski presented revised plan to the Subcommittee with bumpouts on the south side of the street.
  - Changes won't be made until next spring so Simon can return when plans revised.
- **2015 Bikeway Projects Summary**
  - Simon presented a summary of completed projects to the Subcommittee.
  - Almost 20 miles of new and improved bicycle facilities this year.

- Request for the summary to be put online.
- **Vineland Place – ACTION**
  - Timeline for this quick; design to City Council December 1.
  - Big opportunity for a nice connection between an off road bikeway on the west to Hennepin/Lyndale which is being redone.
  - At the Subcommittee meeting, Kelley pointed out that the SWLRT bike ride identified this stretch as a detour route.
  - Proposed plan is for a 12-foot off road shared use path from the bikeway to the crossing in front of the Walker and for a bike lane from the crosswalk to Hennepin/Lyndale.
  - Discussion on extending the shared use path to Lyndale, since bikes would probably use that sidewalk anyway.
  - Motion presented to support the extension of the path to Hennepin/Lyndale.
  - Joshua Houdek suggested a friendly amendment that the flashing yellow light at the crosswalk be replaced with a "HAWK" blinking red light.
  - Another amendment suggested keeping the on street bike lane proposed from the crosswalk to the intersection in addition to the off road shared use trail.
  - The motion passed unanimously.

5. **CIP Discussion** led by Matthew Dyr Dahl – **ACTION**

- Ideas needed ASAP for 2017-2021 CIP (Capital Improvement Projects).
- Matthew passed around a list of ideas which included the following:
  - Safe Routes to School projects
  - Some protected bikeway projects on plan in Tier 2 but not yet funded
  - A complex intersection at 5<sup>th</sup> St NE/E Hennepin/Central Ave
  - Citywide sidewalk gaps
  - Midtown Greenway Phase 1 mill and overlay
  - Citywide arterial crossing enhancements.
- Chris Linde suggested adding 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to 5<sup>th</sup> St NE project since it is very dangerous.
- Road projects included based on PCI data; what is standard for repairing bike facilities?
- Matthew showed a map of road projects with an important bike/ped component included in CIP through 2020.
- Suggestions needed by Steven Hay by December but not enough time left to discuss at this meeting.
- Nick made a motion that a working group be formed to come up with a list of recommendations before December.
- Volunteers for the working group include: Nick, Paul, Robin, Joshua, Roy, Hillary and Matthew.
- It was suggested that the working group project list could be approved by BAC membership via email.
- The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.