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***Meeting Minutes***

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**DATE:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:05 – 6:05 PM  
**LOCATION:** 701 Fourth Avenue South  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Greg Lie Room 705  
Minneapolis, MN 55415  
**Host:** Jordan Kocak

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**ATTENDEES:**

*Committee Members:*

Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Jordan Kocak, HC Community Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning  
Steve Elmers, Metropolitan Council  
Demetairs Bell, Metro Transit

*Alternates:*

Hokan, Dist. 4  
Pamela Fincher, Dist. 6

**Meeting Start** – 4:05 p.m.

**1. Approval of the December 2016 minutes –**

The minutes for the month of December were modified to indicate that David Gepner, Chair, Dist. 5, will not be resigning his post and will remain Chair until further notice. The updated minutes were approved unanimously.

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**2. Met Council Regional Bike Barriers Study –**

Steve Elmer from the Metropolitan Council gave a presentation of the Met Council’s Regional Bike Barriers Study. The presentation covered the following;

- Background information on the study, and it’s integration into the regional “Thrive MSP 2040” Plan
- Goals of the study include;
  - Defining critical bicycle transportation links and gaps





- Identified various barriers; such as highways, railroads, etc.

There are upcoming focus groups aimed at generating comments on the study in February

- Members are encouraged to attend, and invite interested parties
- If members would like to participate or receive more information, they can contact Steve Elmer via email: [Steven.Elmer@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Steven.Elmer@metc.state.mn.us)

Elmer's presentation is shown in Attachment 1.

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### **3. Winter Biking 101 Seminar –**

Jordan Kocak discussed winter biking initiatives being pursued by Hennepin County to encourage cycling through winter. Hennepin County's goal is to maintain 50% of summer ridership during winter months.

The program is open to people outside of Hennepin County.

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### **4. Bikeway Maintenance Study –**

Kocak provided an overview of the final report and recommendations of the Bikeway Maintenance Study. The study will be sent to BAC members when it is complete.

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### **5. Other Business –**

Metro Transit Ex-Officio Member, Demetairs Bell, spoke on the relationship of bus operators and bicyclists. Bell answered questions from BAC members;

- Provided feedback on the relationship between operators and bicyclists
    - Bicyclists should be visible and avoid blind spots
  - Buses have large blind spots that cyclists should be aware of
    - Potential outreach opportunity to advertise such blind spots
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### **6. Discussion of 2017 BAC goals and organization –**

Summarized general questions and responses are listed below;

- Does the BAC want to be proactive or reactive?
  - Proactive in directing policy, but also in reacting to infrastructure design
  - Move beyond infrastructure and into the "6 E's"
    - Engineering, Evaluation, Encouragement, Education, Equity, Enforcement





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- Some Goals for 2017:
  - Alerting bicyclists and pedestrians of road closures
  - Promoting roadway engineering to create a culture of awareness while driving
  - Improve the presence of the BAC
    - Many do not know the BAC exists
    - Possible social media presence was suggested
  - Be more proactive and more engaged with other local municipalities
- Review and examine study conducted on the BAC
  - Study was completed, but few changes have been made
- Revisit Hennepin County's Bikeway Gap Study
- How can the BAC be better for Ex-Officio members?
  - Should BAC explore a cross agency project?

**February Meeting:**

**DATE:** Monday, February 27  
*\*Please note deviation from usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month*

**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** TBA  
Host: Jordan Kocak

**Meeting Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Enclosed:

- Elmer's Presentation: Met Council Regional Bike Barriers Study





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**DATE:** Monday, February 27, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** 701 Fourth Avenue South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Greg Lie Room (#705)  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

*Committee Members:*

Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Jordan Kocak, HC Community Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning  
Robert Byers, HC Transportation Planning  
Derek Sunstrom, HC Transportation Planning  
Simon Blenski, City of Minneapolis

*Alternates:*

Billy Binder, Dist. 1  
Hokan, Dist. 4  
Pamela Fincher, Dist. 6

*Guests:*

Mike McGarvey, SRF Consulting Group  
Judy Jones, Bloomington Bike Alliance  
Paul Frenz

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• **University Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Protected Bikeway Update**

**4:05 – 4:35**

Simon Blenski (from the City of Minneapolis) visited to discuss project progress on the University Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Protected Bikeway study. Blenski handed out a summary of the project scope.

The Minneapolis Bike Plan, adopted in 2015, includes University Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street as an identified route. Minneapolis is exploring a bi-directional bikeway, as opposed to the current one-way alignment. Minneapolis is evaluating the option and other roadway impacts in a holistic manner (i.e.: effects on pedestrians, transit users, etc.).

Protected bikeways that extend to (and through) the corridor intersections and the removal of a motor vehicle travel lane are under consideration. The removal of the free-right north of the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave is also under consideration.

There is a possibility for a Jurisdictional transfer depending on MnDOT cooperation for reconstruct and/or repaving.

An Open House will be scheduled for April (2017), but a specific date is not set.





- **Approval of the January 2017 minutes** **4:35 – 4:40**
    - **The Minutes were approved** (after Blenski’s presentation)
    - Two grammatical errors were corrected.
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- **4-to-3 conversions** **4:40 – 5:15**
  - Robert Byers discussed Hennepin County’s approach to lane reduction-based roadway treatments

Byers presented a poster containing lane reductions throughout the Hennepin County road network. Lane reductions started as early as the late 1990s and have been mostly done through restriping.

Lessons learned, according to Byers:

- Without proper engagement, there have been unsettling experiences
- Preferred ADT on conversions is approximately 15 to 17k and fewer vehicles
- Operation generally improved for all users with removal of free-right turns (pork chops)

Request to complete a GIS Database on the 4-to-3 conversions

- **NOTE:** This task has been completed by Transportation Planning staff
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- **Bike Lanes are White Lanes** **5:15 – 5:55**
  - Dr. Melody Hoffman discussed her recently published book and report findings surrounding race and bicycling in Minneapolis

Hoffman has a Ph’D from the University of Minnesota and has written a book titled, “Bike Lanes are White Lanes”. The book topic, which was discussed during the meeting, is about racial equity of how it effects bike infrastructure planning.

Inequitable distribution of bike infrastructure is present across the city and region, and is contrary to Hennepin County’s goals of improved equity. The Minneapolis BAC has multiple committees, including one which has an emphasis on equity. The BAC requested information on Hennepin County’s efforts to improve outreach to more communities.

Key take-away: “The way you bike isn’t how other people bike”

Bikes are viewed through the subjective lens of one’s own cultural biases. For example; bikes are seen as “poor” in some communities, and cars are a way of moving up. Different factors are present in different populations. For example; in Somali culture, it is challenging for older women to bike due to cultural barriers and perceptions.





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Nationwide census data indicates minority populations bike at higher rates than whites (e.g.: lower income Latino males' bike at high rates). Pilot projects are starting to detail race in data collection of bicycles.

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- **Announcements**

**5:55 – 6:00**

Next meeting: **March 20, 2017, Quality Bicycle Products**

**DATE:** Monday, March 20, 2017

**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Quality Bicycle Products

6400 W 105th St, Bloomington, MN 55438

Meet in lobby at 4pm



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**DATE:** Monday, March 20, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Quality Bicycle Products  
6400 W 105th St  
Bloomington, MN 55438

*Committee Members:*

Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Jordan Kocak, HC Community Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning  
Thomas Mercier, Three Rivers Park District

*Alternates:*

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
David Gephner, Dist. 5

*Guests:*

Seth Nesselhuf, Quality Bike Products  
John Brown, HaveFunBiking.com  
Hans Jones, Bloomington Bike Alliance  
Paul Frenz

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- **Quality Bicycle Products**

Seth Nesselhuf provided a tour of Quality Bike Products facility in Bloomington.

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- **Welcome Judy Jones**

The Bicycle Advisory Committee warmly welcomed new member Judy Jones (Dist. 5).

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- **Approval of the February 2017 minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

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- **2017 Projects Update**

Jordan provided information on upcoming CIP Construction Projects (project map is attached). Topics discussed in depth include;

- **CSAH 053 (66<sup>th</sup> Street)**
  - David Gepner described the project in Richfield
  - Requests a speed study after construction is complete
  - Roundabouts on segments need to be safe for all users
- **CSAH 020 (Blake Road)**
  - Identifies as an opportunity in 2018 for bike improvements
  - Particularly near Southwest LRT bike trail
  - BAC requests comments on Design's proposal
- **CR 204 and CR 205 (Fort Snelling)**
  - BAC requests information on the Fort Snelling project

- **Regional Solicitation/ HSIP applications update**

Jordan provided information on regional solicitation and HSIP applications and upcoming projects in Hennepin County, including the Portland Avenue bridge over Highway 62 (between Minneapolis and Richfield), and Chicago and Franklin Avenues, and West Broadway and Lyndale Avenue.

- **Bike Month Update** 5:45 – 5:55

The issue was tabled for next month due to time restraints.

- **Announcements** 5:55 – 6:00

Thomas Mercier, of Three Rivers Park District, provided information about trail closures:

- **Luce Line Trail** will be closed **from I-494 to CO RD 101** beginning fall of 2017 through late spring of 2018. Xcel Energy is replacing power transmission poles and wires.
- **Luce Line Trail** in Golden Valley **at 10<sup>th</sup> near Winnetka Ave** will be closed beginning Oct 2017. Closure will last through spring of 2018. Reconstruction of the tunnels underneath 10<sup>th</sup> Ave that carry Bassett Creek under the road and under the Luce Line trail.
- **Nine Mile Creek** West Construction to take place- basically **from Hwy 62 near Edina High School to Bren Road in Hopkins.**

He also presented on upcoming projects for Three Rivers Park District:

- Constructing the Twin Lakes Trail extension- basically from Hwy 100 to the Mississippi River along 57<sup>th</sup> avenue in Brooklyn Center. There it will connect to the Minneapolis trail system at North Mississippi Park.



- SWLRT project is still moving forward. Cedar Lake Trail impacts will begin late fall of 2017. A temporary trail will be put in place through Hopkins and St. Louis Park. In Minneapolis the Kenilworth corridor will be completely closed to bike traffic.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting:

**DATE:** Monday, April 17, 2017

**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** TBD

123 Main St, Minneapolis, MN 55408



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**DATE:** Monday, April 17, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** 701 Fourth Avenue South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1815  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Committee Members:

Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Dave Carlson, Dist 3  
Greg Anderson, Dist 7  
Darcia Durham, Dist. 2.

Ex-Officio Members:

Jordan Kocak, HC Community Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning  
McKenzie Turner Bargaen, MnDOT

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Hokan, Dist. 4  
David Gephner, Dist. 5

Guests:

Jason Gottfried, Hennepin County Transportation Planning  
Ethan Fawley, Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition  
Brenda Thomas, MnDOT  
Tara McBride, MnDOT  
Paul Frenz

**1. Approval of the March 2017 minutes**

**4:00 – 4:05**

The minutes were unanimously approved after the two below corrections were made;

- Billy Binder is from District 2, not District 1
- Dave Carlson was not present at the previous meeting

**2. Bike Program funding and engagement**

**4:05 – 4:25**

Ethan Fawley, Executive Director of Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, engaged with the Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding the funding gap between what was initially promised in the 2040 Plan and what is likely to occur under the current funding structure.

Fawley is looking to develop strategies moving forward to address the gap in bicycle and pedestrian funding.

He stated that the adopted bike plan identified the need for \$5 million per year for bikeways (and included a 50/50 match with cities). However, \$600k in funding is now being put forward, and funding as not increased since bike plan adopted.





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Fawley also indicated to the BAC that;

- Hennepin County is currently falling short of promises
- \$146.4 million of budget is dedicated to road and bridges, but only about \$1.1 million is dedicated to walking and biking
  - 0.8% of HC budget
  - This number doesn't match current mode-share in HC
- Leadership at HC (at Commissioners & Administration level) is not supportive

If BAC members are interested in contacting out to Fawley, his contact information is as follows:

- ethan@mplsbike.org
- 612-964-8902

### **3. Rethinking I-94 and Key Factors Collaboration**

**4:25 – 4:55**

Brenda Thomas and Tara McBride, both from MnDOT, presented on the upcoming I-94 Corridor Study called “Re-Thinking 94”. I-94 Planning in the 1960s did not consider neighborhood context and MnDOT would like to re-think the role the interstate plays in the life of those neighborhoods.

MnDOT aims to design and create an engagement process that includes more voices, focus on impacted people, improve inclusion and start the process early. They are looking to build resilient and on-going relationships. MnDOT was listening for “values” of people and how it applies to I-94. Engagement early and often.

MnDOT will be focusing on bridge, pavement, retaining walls, and storm tunnels. Will they be considering freeway cap? It is a possibility.

**TPT Documentary:** “Interstate 94: A History and Its Impact”: <http://www.tpt.org/interstate-94-a-history-and-its-impact/>

### **4. Portland Ave Feasibility Study - Bloomington**

**4:55 – 5:25**

An update on the Portland Avenue (CSAH 35) corridor study, from American Blvd to Old Shakopee Road, was presented to the BAC. The below comments made by BAC members were submitted as part of the open comment section.

- There's a 12 to 14 inch gutter pan, so does that means the bike lane will be around 3 to 3 ½ ft?
- Why are there so many transit stops? Is it possible to reduce number
- BAC supports signage plan that indicates bike lanes are present and parking is prohibited
- Reduction of center turning lane width to increase bike lane size
- Supports painted bike stencils in road throughout the corridor
- With removal of signal, we should aim to add some more permanent pedestrian refuge island and/or other pedestrian-oriented infrastructure
- Support removal of SB free-right (“pork chop island”)





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**5. Bike Month**

**5:25 – 5:40**

May is bike month. If interested in learning more, information is available: [www.tcbiketoworkday.org](http://www.tcbiketoworkday.org)

**6. CSAH 204 - Bloomington Road Reconstruction**

**5:40 – 5:55**

This item has been moved to next month!

**Next meeting:** Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 -6pm

**Location:** Nice Ride Office  
2701 36<sup>th</sup> Ave South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406





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**DATE:** Monday, May 15, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Nice Ride Office  
2701 36<sup>th</sup> Ave South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Committee Members:

Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist 7

Ex-Officio Members:

Jordan Kocak, HC Community Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning

Guests:

Michele Molstead, Nice Ride  
Bill Dossett, Nice Ride  
Paul Frenz

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Hokan, Dist. 4  
Pamela Fincher, Dist. 6

**1. Nice Ride facilities tour**

**4:00 – 5:00**

A summary of Nice Ride operations and a speech on the future of bike share was given by Bill Dossett, Executive Director. Michele Molstead, Outreach Director, led a tour through the non-profit organization’s facility in the Seward neighborhood of South Minneapolis.

**2. Approval of the April 2017 minutes**

**5:00 – 5:05**

The previous month’s meetings were approved pending the below changes:

- Judy Jones’ name was listed twice
- Grammatical errors being fixed in the “Re-Thinking I-94” section

**3. Portland Ave Feasibility Study - Bloomington**

**5:05 – 5:45**

There was generally positive support for the direction of the CSAH 35 (Portland Ave) mill and overlay project.

The BAC views the reduction of lane widths as a priority, especially near American Blvd, to enable bike lanes to start and end closer to American Blvd.





The BAC brought up the following concerns with the Option 1 layout:

- The removal northbound free right on Portland Ave at American Blvd. This has been noted by project staff, but is currently outside of the project scope for the overlay.
- Sharrow markings should be clear where the lane starts and ends, especially on segments closer to American Blvd where there is a higher vehicle volume
- Dashed lines to signify the end of bikes lanes
- Concern was expressed regarding the northbound bike lane being terminated at American Blvd. There currently exists a bike gap over I-494 and it is uncomfortable for cyclists to cross. The proposal should include proper signage. The issue of terminating the bike lane north of 81<sup>st</sup> St was discussed.
- There are bus stops every block. There should be a consideration to remove or relocate bus stops as the northbound bike lane approached American Blvd.

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**The BAC unanimously passed the following resolution:**

The Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the 3 Lane option (Option 1) on CSAH 35 (Portland Ave) pending the following changes to the proposal: a reduction of vehicle travel lane widths to 11 feet to enable wider bike lanes, beginning the southbound bike lane closer to American Blvd, and the removal (or relocation) of the Metro Transit bus stop at the southeast corner of Portland Ave and American Blvd. The BAC also supports improved bike signage indicating that the northbound bike lane ends at American Blvd, and that sharrows be placed at intersections where bikes merge with vehicle traffic.

The BAC supports the long term goal of removing free right turns at American Blvd and Old Shakopee Road (CSAH 1).

There was a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.

**4. CSAH 204 - Bloomington Road Reconstruction**

**5:45 – 6:00**

Jordan Kocak provided a rundown of the project.

Recommendation: Trail signage under Hwy 55 (Hwy 62) at the northern terminus of Bloomington Road should be clearer and instruct users to destinations. Signage in the area is currently poor.

BAC members were generally supportive of the project and look forward to a possible bike connection to the airport.

**5. Member Announcements**

**5:25 – 5:40**

BAC members would like to address the following issues at next month's meeting:





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1. Possible proposal for delineators for buffered bike lanes at North Washington (from Hennepin Ave to Plymouth Ave)
2. Examine at how detours are created for bicyclists and how they can be improved. There was dissatisfaction about the Glenwood Ave detour between Aldrich Ave and Dupont Ave in Minneapolis.
3. Looking through the eyes of Nice Ride users and their experience as a “customer” and how to provide safe connections between downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.

BAC members enjoy off-site visits, similar to Nice Ride and QBP facilities tours.

**Next meeting:** Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 -6pm

**Location:**

Northeast Library  
2200 Central Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418





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***Meeting Minutes - DRAFT***

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**DATE:** Monday, June 19, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Northeast Library  
2200 Central Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

*Committee Members:*

Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Jordan Kocak, HC Community Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning  
Mackenzie Turner-Bargen, MnDOT

*Guests:*

Sierra Saunders, HC Community Works  
Tiffany Weiss, HC Transportation Planning

*Alternates:*

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Hokan, Dist. 4

**1. Approval of the May 2017 minutes**

**4:00 – 4:05**

The May 2017 Minutes were approved pending two changes:

- Spelling correction
- Update comments on Bloomington Rd (Fort Snelling) project to highlight recommendations made by the BAC, including improved wayfinding.

Requested changes were made to May 2017 notes.

**2. Hennepin County Bicycle and Pedestrian Group update**

**4:05 – 4:25**

• **2017 HC Bike Map & Minnesota Bicycling Handbook**

Updates were provided on the new 2017 Hennepin County Bike Maps. New maps were made available to BAC members. Free copies of the Minnesota Bicycling Handbook were made available.







- **2016 Annual Review report**

Jordan Kocak provided a walkthrough on the 2016 Annual Review report. Hennepin County made strides in 2016 to improve conditions for people walking and biking. Beyond the numbers, 2016 continued a shift in philosophy in Public Works to one that values and encourages walking and biking for transportation, recognizes people need to feel safe and comfortable to walk and bike, and views each project as an opportunity to do things better.

A brief summary of BAC accomplishments,

- Reviewed 18 projects and advised staff on 12 programs and studies, including the 46th Street paving project, Franklin/Cedar/Minnehaha paving project, Bikeway Maintenance Study, Glenwood Avenue reconstruction and repaving projects, Plymouth Road feasibility study and more.
- Passed five resolutions regarding Franklin Avenue protected bike lanes, the 5th Street Southeast pedestrian and bicycle bridge, Portland Avenue over the Crosstown Highway, Glenwood Avenue restriping, and the Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska - Harriet Master Plan.
- Toured project sites including the East Bank Trail (toured pre-construction) and 46th Street West/East (pictured).

- **2016 Bike Counting Program Report**

Sierra Saunders provided information and updates on the 2016 Bike Counting Program Report. She covered the program's background and shared results.

Hennepin County counts bicycle traffic from permanent and temporary counters. Temporary counters are used May through September and count on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday. The aim is to get 48-hour automated tube counts.

### **3. East 46<sup>th</sup> Street Feasibility Study**

**4:25 – 4:55**

Sierra Saunders provided a brief update on the progress of the 46<sup>th</sup> Street Bikeway Feasibility Study. Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis, and MnDOT are evaluating ways to install a dedicated bikeway along E 46th St between Hiawatha Ave and the Ford Ave Bridge across the Mississippi River.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate different bikeway alternatives, understand related impacts and opportunities along the corridor, and identify a preferred configuration that could be installed in coordination with routine street maintenance and/or a full road reconstruction.

### **4. CSAH 153 – Lowry Ave Community Works project and study**

**5:00 – 5:10**

Nate Hood presented on the Lowry Ave Community Works progress (Presentation slides done by Carol Anderson of Community Works). Hennepin County is exploring a functional classification update for the corridor. A presentation was shared to the group outlining changes proposed by the Lowry Avenue NE Plan, an overview of the planning process, the preferred roadway cross sections, and the review of intersection design concepts.





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## 5. Other Business

There was an inquiry from Billy Binder to request County Administration be present at an upcoming BAC meeting and explain the loss of \$250,000 of dedicated bicycle and pedestrian project funds. This number was mentioned by Ethan Fawley of the *Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition* (now *Our Streets*). Staff members were unable to answer the whereabouts of these funds, but agreed to get back next week with an update on Hennepin County funding.

There are 3 BAC openings in the following districts:

- District 1 – Opat
- District 3 – Green
- District 7 – Johnson

If you know qualified people who are interested in being engaged, please reach out to them and have them complete the Application on the Hennepin County Bicycle Advisory Committee website.

## 6. Bike Tour of CSAH 153 – Lowry Ave Community Works project

**5:10 – 6:00**

Jordan Kocak led the BAC on a bike tour of Lowry Ave in NE Minneapolis. The tour covered recent bike-friendly infrastructure additions such as the refuge at the intersection of Lowry Ave NE and Polk St NE. The tour also highlighted some of the current challenges of biking along the four lane undivided roadway.

### Next meeting:

Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6pm,  
University of Minnesota Transportation and Safety Building,  
511 Washington Street SE, Room 331  
Minneapolis, MN 55455





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**DATE:** Monday, July 17, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** University of Minnesota Parking & Transportation Services  
Transportation and Safety Building  
511 Washington Avenue S.E., Room 331  
Minneapolis, MN. 55455

*Committee Members:*

Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Jordan Kocak, HC Community Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning  
Robert Byers, HC Transportation Planning  
Emily Kettell, HC Community Works

*Guests:*

Scott Janowiak, Metro Transit  
Kristine Stehly, HC Community Works  
Steve Sanders, University of Minnesota

*Alternates:*

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Hokan, Dist. 4  
Dave Gepner, Dist. 5  
Pam Fincher, Dist. 6  
Ron Uglow, Dist. 7

**1. Approval of the June 2017 minutes**

The June 2017 Minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. New Business**

The Hennepin County BAC welcomes new member Ron Uglow from District 7 (Johnson) and new Community Works staff member Emily Kettell, who will be working in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Group.

The BAC requested that an updated list of contacts be shared via email (*Update: 7/24/17 – an up-to-date contact list has been sent out with updated contact information*).





### **3. Metro Transit D Line Rapid Bus Service Project**

Scott Janowiak, of Metro Transit, provided the BAC with update on the D Line BRT project.

The D Line will be similar in operation to the currently operating A Line. It will supplement the "5", but will not replace it. The proposed route will extend from Brooklyn Center to the Mall of America and will impact Hennepin County roadways. Transit Signal Priority (TSP) is planned, which is a set of operational improvements that uses technology to reduce dwell time at traffic signals for transit vehicles by holding green lights longer or shortening red lights.

More specific station plans are expected in 2019 and funding is estimated to occur between 2020 and 2021.

The BAC had the following questions;

- **How will bus stops work with delineators?** Consideration will be given, but station design is not yet complete (estimate 2018). These are details that will be worked out throughout the next year. Public comment will be open to allow input into configurations.
- **What about bikes "hopscotching" the bus?** It is unlikely that this will be an issue due to the speed of the bus and distance between each station (longer station spacing).
- **Will protected bike parking be included?** There are no current plans, but it is something that can be taken into consideration.

### **4. University of Minnesota Parking and Transportation Service Update**

Steve Sander, of the University of Minnesota, gave a short presentation on a bicycle matters on and around the University of Minnesota campus.

The biggest change is the nature of bike share towards a model of dock-less bikes. This could have a drastic effect on how students get around campus.

Currently on campus, there are 9,000 bike riders per day and approximately 10,000 spaces to park bikes (over 500 of them are secure spaces that are controlled using a "U-Card").

The University is working Hennepin County Transportation Planning and Community Works on the University Avenue protected bike lanes project. A number of public engagements and internal meetings have occurred on the project and the University looks forward to more public engagements by next spring.

### **5. Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Budget**





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Bob Byers, of Hennepin County Transportation Planning, visited the BAC to discuss questions about the Bike and Pedestrian capital budget.

The \$1 million total was a recommendation by Bob Byers and Kelly Yemen after the adoption of the Hennepin County Bike Plan in order to build out the system by 2040. Administration is balancing a number of things – and they chose not to forward the increased recommendation (to \$1m).

There used to be two funds (bikeway funds and gap funds). These have now merged together (from 300,000 to 600,000 combined).

There are proposed changes to funding mechanisms. If Transportation Planning gets less property tax dollars, they will have less flexibility on how money is spent. If property taxes are used, then Hennepin County can use funds however it likes. The new structure is currently being discussed at the Administrative level.

Transportation Planning and Community Works requested \$1 million. The County Board approved \$600,000. Changes to get more funding needs to occur in the budgeting process. This is a decision that is made at the Commissioner Level. Transportation Planning and Community Works staff would be welcoming to have additional funds.

The county is currently not on track for a 2040 completion, but Public Works and Community Works are doing a number of bike and pedestrian projects outside of capital projects. For example; Portland Avenue (CSAH 35) in Bloomington will receive a four-to-three road diet with the addition of bike lanes in 2018. This project is funded as an overlay, not a capital project.

## **6. Member Announcements**

### **Next meeting:**

Monday August 21, 4 - 6pm  
Bike Ride – CSAH 61 in Plymouth

### **September meeting:**

Monday September 18, 4 - 6pm  
Three Rivers Park District  
3400 Plymouth Blvd  
Plymouth, MN 55447





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***Meeting Minutes - DRAFT***

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**DATE:** Monday, August 14, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** City of Minnetonka City Hall  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd  
Minnetonka, MN 55354

*Committee Members:*

Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Nathaniel Hood, HC Transportation Planning  
Robert Byers, HC Transportation Planning

*Alternates:*

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Hokan, Dist. 4  
Dave Gepner, Dist. 5  
Pam Fincher, Dist. 6

*Guests:*

Danny McCollough, Three Rivers Park District  
Sean Hayford O'Leary, City of Brooklyn Park

**1. Approval of the July 2017 minutes**

The July 2017 Minutes will be approved at the September BAC Meeting.

**2. Resolution**

The Hennepin County BAC members unanimously passed the below resolution:

*"In 2015, the Hennepin County Board adopted the 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan. We are very supportive of this plan as it will greatly increase access and safety and help the County reach multiple goals, including in health and environment. A key part of the plan is expanding the bikeway network and eliminating bikeway gaps. While some new bikeways are happening as part of road repaving or reconstruction projects, we understand that an estimated \$1.5 - \$1.8 million in bikeway funding is needed each year to complete the bikeway network by 2040.*

*The Hennepin County Bike Advisory Committee requests that the Hennepin County Board provide the increased funding necessary to support the 2040 Bike Plan."*





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### **3. BAC Summer Break – Group Ride**

The Hennepin County BAC biked along CSAH 5 (Minnetonka Blvd) to the new CSAH 101 new cantilevered bridge span on Lake Minnetonka. The ride then moved down Grays Bay Blvd to CSAH 16 towards Cargil's Headquarters. The group met up with a trail maintained by the City of Minnetonka to CSAH 61, and back towards Minnetonka City Hall.

The ride was approximately 12 miles.

#### **September meeting:**

Monday September 18, 4 - 6pm

Three Rivers Park District

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Plymouth, MN 55447





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***Meeting Minutes - DRAFT***

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**DATE:** Monday, September 18, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Three Rivers Park District  
3000 Xenium Lane  
Plymouth, MN 55441

Committee Members:

Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7  
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5

Ex-Officio Members:

Jordan Kocak, HC Public Works

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Ron Uglow, Dist. 7  
Dave Gepner, Dist. 5

Guests:

Danny McCollough, Three Rivers Park District

**1. Approval of the July and August 2017 minutes**

The July and August 2017 Minutes were approved at the September BAC Meeting.

**2. Three Rivers Park District Update**

1. Nine Mile Creek Trail
  - a. Still under construction
  - b. Some sections may require a lot of boardwalk and have wetland impacts
  - c. Route currently crosses 169 at Londonderry but future grade separation is desired
  - d. Target completion date of Spring 2018
2. Bush Lake Road over 494
  - a. Current trail gap
  - b. CP Regional Rail Study to look at how to close the gap – study funded in part through Hennepin County Bike Plan Implementation Grant Program
3. Bassett Creek Trail – next steps on Golden Valley Road
4. Shingle Creek Trail – Bass Lake over HW 100 gap closed and along 57<sup>th</sup> to the Mississippi River







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### **3. Lowry Ave Bike Gap**

Lowry Ave N between 2<sup>nd</sup> St and 3<sup>rd</sup> St is an on-street bike gap identified by the Hennepin County 2040 Bike Plan. Preliminary conceptual layouts were presented to the BAC. Alternative 1 maintained an on-street bike facility. Alternative 2 routed bicyclists to an off-street trail for the length of the gap. The BAC expressed a general preference for some type of on-street bike facility to be maintained throughout this gap regardless of if an off-street option is pursued or not. The BAC expressed a preference for this two block section of Lowry to be converted from 4 to 3 lanes of motor vehicle travel with a dedicated center turn lane.

### **4. Minnetonka Blvd Bike Lanes**

In 2018 Hennepin County will be repaving Minnetonka Blvd in St. Louis Park between Vernon Ave and Edgewood Ave. In conjunction with this project the Community Works Pedestrian and Bicycle Team is completing a feasibility study to striped dedicated bike lanes on Minnetonka Blvd from Highway 100 to Highway 169. Typical sections were presented to the BAC. The BAC emphasized the importance of maintaining bike facilities throughout all signalized intersections. The BAC indicated that maintaining bike facilities eastbound through the Vernon Ave intersection was particularly critical.

#### **October meeting:**

Monday October 16, 4 - 6pm

TBD





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***Meeting Minutes - DRAFT***

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**DATE:** Monday, November 20, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Hennepin County 701 Building  
701 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Suite 700, Room 705  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

*Committee Members:*

Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6  
Greg Anderson, Dist. 7  
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5

*Ex-Officio Members:*

Jordan Kocak, HC Public Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Public Works  
Kristine Stehly, HC Community Works  
Carol Hejl, Metro Transit

*Alternates:*

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Hokan, Dist. 4  
Ron Uglow, Dist. 7  
Dave Gepner, Dist. 5

*Guests:*

George Hagemann, St. Louis Park resident  
Paul Frenz, Minneapolis resident  
Dan Miller, Minneapolis resident  
Forrest Hardy, City of Minneapolis  
Nathan Koster, City of Minneapolis

**1. Approval of the September 2017 minutes**

The September BAC meeting minutes were approved.

**2. SW LRT Bicycle Detour Route – Minnetonka Blvd Striping**

Kristine Stehly, Community Works, presented the proposed corridor striping options for Minnetonka Blvd. The project limits are from TH 169 to TH 100, and the repaving and restriping will be conducted in 2018. Adding a bicycle connection is important because, due to cost and liability, there will be no detour during construction of the SW LRT.

- A pedestrian improvement was requested at Xylon Ave S to help facility crossings. This request will likely not meet requirements developed by the Pedestrian Safety Committee (now, Safety and Operations Committee).
- Louisiana Ave intersection will likely need to be reduced to sharrows.

As the project progresses, Staff will provide updates to the BAC.





### **3. Hennepin and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave 2018 concrete maintenance and restriping**

A study was conducted about Hennepin and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to evaluate long-term transportation system needs and alternatives. The project was coordinated with the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Metro Transit, and MnDOT. The project limits are approximately Nicollet Island to 5<sup>th</sup> St NE. The study evaluated one-way and two-way concepts, and considered all modes, including a potential streetcar.

As the project progresses, Staff will provide updates to the BAC.

### **4. Enhanced Bikeway Network Study**

Hennepin County is making progress on an Enhanced Bikeway Network study, as requested by County leadership. The study will examine both on-street protected and curb protected/ cycle tracks. Hennepin County staff is looking to:

- Complete a comprehensive review of county roadways to determine the suitability for enhanced bicycle infrastructure
- Evaluate the estimated construction and maintenance costs and provide recommendations for changes to the County's Cost Participation Policy
- Develop a draft Enhanced Bikeway Network map and supporting report for board review

### **5. Member Announcements**

- The Hennepin County budget being discussed. There is a new proposal for increased safety funding. This will increase safety-related funds to \$2 million. Members were encouraged to contact Commissioners and voice feedback during the upcoming "Truth in Taxation" meetings.
- Free Bikes for Kid is an organization that provides free bikes for kids. The organization is in need to bike mechanics to fix up additional bikes.
- Three Rivers Park District is planning the construction of a trail on CSAH 66 in Golden Valley. Billy Binder requests a copy of the layout for review by the BAC. He requests the project scope increase to connect the trail to CSAH 102 (Douglas Dr).

#### **Next meeting:**

Monday December 18, 4 - 6pm  
Minneapolis Central Library  
Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
Meeting Room N-270





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## Meeting Minutes

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**DATE:** Monday, December 18, 2017  
**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Minneapolis Central Library  
Meeting Room N-270  
Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Committee Members:

Tammy McLemore, Dist. 1  
Dacia Durham, Dist. 2  
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3  
Marcy Levine, Dist. 4  
Judy Jones, Dist. 5  
Peggy Kvam, Dist. 6

Alternates:

Billy Binder, Dist. 2  
Hokan, Dist. 4  
Dave Gepner, Dist. 5  
Ron Uglow, Dist. 7

Ex-Officio Members:

Jordan Kocak, HC Public Works  
Nathaniel Hood, HC Public Works  
Emily Kettell, HC Public Works  
Tony Drollinger, Metro Transit  
Mackenzie Turner-Bargen, MnDOT

Guests:

Robert Luckow, HC Community Works  
Crystal Myslajek, HC Community Works  
Greg Lindsey, UMN Humphrey Faculty  
Paul Frenz, Minneapolis resident  
Isaac Evans, UMN Humphrey Student  
Josh Pansch, UMN Humphrey Student  
Lila Singer-Berk, UMN Humphrey Student

**New Members Announcement:**

- **Tammy McLemore** is the newest official Committee Member. She is passionate about biking for health and well-being reasons; and involved with various organizations that encourage, advocate and provide opportunities for community members to bike and explore various biking/walking infrastructure within Hennepin County and the Twin Cities region, including the Bike Alliance of MN and Major Taylor Cycling Club.
- **Tony Drollinger** is the new representative from Metro Transit. Tony is a commuter programs specialist.

**1. Approval of the November 2017 minutes**

The November minutes were unanimously approved.

**2. Lowry Avenue (CSAH 153) Bike Gap**

Staff provided an update on the project layout to close bike gap between North 2<sup>nd</sup> and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets over I-94. The project will create a trail on the north end of the street (westbound) and an on-street facility on the south end (eastbound). It is designed for the uphill facility to be separated.





Billy Binder requested additional space be created on the eastbound section. Hennepin County staff contacted the Engineer responsible for the design and requested a .5ft lane shift to provide additional protect for cyclists. A three-lane configuration was explored, but deemed by Operations staff to not be feasible.

The BAC strongly recommends maintaining on-street bike facilities on both sides of the road.

### **3. U of M Bicycle Passing Study**

Students from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Policy presented their student research study on vehicle passing distance (VPD) and encroachments when overtaking cyclists. The equipment used for this study was provided by Hennepin County. The presentation is available upon BAC member request.

Some key takeaways are listed below:

- Average VPD: 70 inches
- Heavy trucks made up a majority of vehicles passing inside 36 inches (state law)
- Vehicles passed closer to female riders (68 inches) vs. male riders (71 inches)
- Overall Encroachments are low (1.12% of passes)
- Passing distance is related to facility type and other context factors
- Protected bike lanes have the highest average passing distance
- No Facility roads have the highest rate of encroachment
- Bike Boulevards have the second highest rate of encroachment

### **4. Mill Street (CSAH 82) - Excelsior/ Shoreview bikeable shoulders**

**4:45 – 5:15**

Staff provided updates on the overlay project for CSAH 82 (Mill Street) in Cities of Excelsior and Shoreview. The BAC is drafting a resolution in support of bikeable shoulders and would like to see revisions outlined in the resolution.

The BAC supports the layout as proposed with the following exceptions: 5' bikeable shoulders on both sides of the bridge over Highway 7 and include a pedestrian/ bike refuge island at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to facilitate access to downtown Excelsior.

Next meeting:

Monday, January 22nd, 4 – 6pm, TBD

