

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Active Transportation Committee

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams conference call

Committee Members:

- ✓ Tammy McLemore, Dist. 1
- ✓ Gilbert Odonkor, Dist. 1
- ✓ Billy Binder, Dist. 2
- ✓ Jenny Ackerson, Dist. 2
- ✓ Laura Mitchell, Dist. 3
Dave Carlson, Dist. 3
- ✓ Larissa Lavrov, Dist. 4
- ✓ Haley Foydel, Dist. 4
- Lou Dzierzak, Dist. 5
- ✓ Henrik Kowalkowski, Dist. 5
- ✓ Luke Van Santen, Dist. 6
- ✓ Lou Miranda, Dist. 6
- ✓ Greg Anderson, Dist. 7
Clara Sandberg, Dist. 7

Ex-Officio Members:

- ✓ Dan Patterson, HC Public Works

Guests:

- ✓ Kelly Agosto, HC Public Works
- ✓ Brandon Maas
- ✓ Emily Bowen, HC Public Works
- ✓ Joshua Colas
- ✓ Kristine Stehly, HC Public Works
- ✓ Benjamin Klismith
- ✓ Suzy Scotty, MnDOT
- ✓ Jake Krukowski, HC Public Works

Notes

- **Approval of the August 2024 minutes** **4:00 – 4:05**
 - Minutes unanimously approved by voice vote.

- **Marshall Street NE reconstruction** **4:05 – 4:25**
 - Kelley Agosto from Hennepin County Transportation Design introduced herself and the project.
 - Hennepin County is beginning the work to reconstruct Marshall Street (County Road 23) between 3rd Avenue NE and Lowry Avenue (County Road 153) in 2027. It has been over 60 years since the road was last reconstructed
 - Project will include a two-way separated bike trail along the west side of the of the corridor
 - Public engagement is ongoing from Augst 2024 to Winter 2024
 - Luke: Is there a breakdown of trucks in the AADT?
 - The design team is working on traffic modeling and will have more specific answers soon
 - Billy: Is anyone from the project working with the Minneapolis Park Board to ensure their vision of parks along the Mississippi River working on the project?
 - Kelly: Yes they are invited to PMT and other project meetings
 - Billy: Will the park board still be constructing a trail along the river?
 - Kelly: From Hennepin County's knowledge, yes. Marshall is separate from that effort

- **Nicollet Avenue Phase 1 reconstruction** **4:25 – 4:35**
 - Emily Bowen from Hennepin County Transportation Design introduced herself and the project.
 - Hennepin County, in partnership with the City of Bloomington, plans to reconstruct Nicollet Avenue (County Road 52) from American Blvd to 89th
 - Public engagement is ongoing from Sept 2024 to Fall 2025
 - In 2019 Nicolett Avenue had a resurfacing project that resulted in a 4 to 3 lane conversion for this corridor
 - Henrik: What are the limits of this project?
 - Emily: American Blvd to 89th
 - Lou: what is the right of way limits and is the project considering a cycle track?
 - Emily: ROW is about 66', and yes, the project is considering all options and will decide if a cycle track is needed through community engagement

- **University Avenue and Fourth Street** **4:35 – 5:10**
 - Ben Klismith from MnDOT and Josh Colas from SRF introduced themselves and the project, which has been to the ATC several times over the past year.
 - We are planning to reconstruct University Ave. SE and Fourth St. SE between Central Ave. and I-35W, and reconstruct the University Ave SE and Fourth St SE bridges over I-35W in 2027. The pavement has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of repairs. The

bridges must be raised to meet standards. As part of this project, we are collaborating with agency partners and community members to identify a multimodal design that improves conditions and transportation safety for all corridor users. This will include providing improvements to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, bus stop improvements to correspond with the upcoming E Line Bus Rapid Transit route, and bike lane improvements.

- Jenny: Is there any hard infrastructure being installed west of the Central Ave intersection?
 - Ben: there are future MnDOT projects that will be reconstructing University west of Central Ave.
 - Suzy: permanent fix project will be coming in 2026
- Jenny: How is this project working with the E line Project
 - Ben: there will be temporary bus stations constructed with this project, but no BRT stops until the E Line Project
- Billy: Is MnDOT planning on giving this segment of road back to Hennepin County after completion?
 - Bes: Yes
- Billy: Are you aware that the Hennepin County ATC and Minneapolis BAC both requested a two-way bike lane for this segment of University Ave
 - Ben: Yes, but project design team determined that is was not feasible
 - Billy response: Two- way bike lanes should be reconsidered since it has high desirability. The current design is confusing and inconvenient for bikers to go between 4th and University. And if it is being given back to Hennepin County then it should be constructed how the ATC has desired.
 - Josh: If a two-way bike way was implemented then the ROW would need to be expanded, implications to the BRT stops, and signal phasing complications.
- Henrik: MnDOT should consider adding more bike connections between University and 4th if a two-way bike way can't be implemented on University.
 - Ben: Yes, Minneapolis has connections at 6th and 10th streets.
- Jenny: Could 3rd and 4th street be considered as bike connections between the two?
 - Ben: We can talk with Minneapolis to see if they are interested in looking at these options.
- Luke: is MnDOT working with the city and county to look at the broader network on NE Minneapolis?
 - Kelly: Yes. The County is working with all agencies to look at the whole bike network in the NE Minneapolis area.
- Lou: Is wayfinding part of this project and how are people going to know where to go?
 - Josh: Yes, that will be evaluated in final design.
- **Draft resolution — Southside Greenway** **5:10 – 5:15**
 - District 3 ATC representative Laura Mitchell and District 5 ATC representative Henrik Kowalkowski introduced the draft resolution based on the ATC's August discussion of the Southside Greenway.
 - Unanimously approved by voice vote.

- **Member announcements**

5:15

Next meeting: October 21 | 4 – 6 p.m.
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