

HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA

Active Transportation Committee

Date: Monday, October 21, 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:

- ✓ Josh Potter, HC Public Works
- ✓ Jason Staebell, HC Public Works
- ✓ Kristine Stehly, HC Public Works
- ✓ Jake Krukowski, HC Public Works
- ✓ Tristan Trejo
- ✓ Tammy Mclemore

Notes

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

- **Lyndale Avenue reconstruction** **4:05 – 5:10**
 - Josh Potter from Hennepin County Transportation Design introduced himself and the project.

- Since August of 2023, we have engaged people who live, work and play along Lyndale Avenue South about the upcoming reconstruction project. The community continues to show great interest in this project. During our first two rounds of engagement, we had more than 21,700 points of contact with the community through our combined efforts.
- Josh Potter presented 3 options for Lyndale Ave.



- Dave Carlson: it would be helpful to show the proposed widths in these proposed cross sections.
- Lou: the county needs to have the widths labeled to correctly analyze each option
 - Josh: I will work to Provide those to Dan
- Luke: Can transit lanes be used by bikes?
 - Josh: Yes
- Luke: Can the driving lanes be 10 feet, because they have been in past projects?
 - Josh: this is an ongoing discussion and should be included in the committee's resolution to the County.
- Luke: can you include ADT and number of trucks using the corridor as well?
 - Josh: yes
- Jenny: Are there more opportunities to add hardened medians along the corridor where a center turn lane isn't required?
 - Josh: some areas we are extending existing medians and limiting the amount of center lefts. We also want to avoid putting more traffic on the neighborhood streets
- Dave: the orange option is the most desirable, but would it require more tree removal?
 - Josh: yes, there would be more tree removal from 24th and to the north
- Luke: How wide is the transit only lane?
 - Josh: 12 feet
- Luke: can the entrance at the 94 on-ramp be a 90-degree angle?

- Josh: yes the county is looking into this now
- Jenny: For the Wedge parking lot - is it possible to alter the driveways to be narrower/single direction? Use one driveway in, one driveway out? May also help with queuing issues there.
 - Josh: the county has been talking to the Wedge about access management
- Luke: will there be signage / flashers where the on ramp crosses any future bikeway?
 - Josh: too early to know, the area north of franklin is a city owned, therefore the county needs to work with the city
- Lou: has it been about 100 years since last reconstructed?
 - Josh: yes
 - Lou: Okay therefore it might be a 100 more years before the next reconstruction, do you think these designs are 100-year proof?
 - Lou: with all the density and housing being built in this area shouldn't we be more focused on moving people rather than moving cars? In all these plans the county is putting transit against walking and biking. I am also concerned that the County is not using the whole right of way because residents have built retaining walls or landscaping.
 - Josh: there are many encroachments along the right of way in this corridor.
 - Luke: can the layouts identify where these ROW encroachments are?
 - Lou: none of these option highlight or showcase transit
 - Josh: safety is top priority, and we wanted to include walking and biking as well
- Lou; in options with the 2way bike way, why isn't the BLVD between the bike and driving instead of the bike and sidewalk?
 - Josh: wanted to keep as many trees as possible
 - Lou: why can't the bike lane be a little bit lower to help determine between bike and sidewalk? Why are there only bikeways on one side of the road? How are bikers supposed to make connections on both sides?
 - Josh: yes, bikers will have to cross the street to make connections due to ROW constraints?
- Henrik: Can parking be reduced to allow for more bike and ped infrastructure?
 - Josh: all these designs reduce parking by at least 30%
 - Henrik: I understand that parking is valuable to businesses, however it is a shame that it takes up so much space and is preferred over more bike infrastructure.
 - Clara: if a project goal is to preserve greener space, then parking should be replaced with more BLVD
- Jenny: is there district parking available on a city or county owned parcel?
 - Josh: the creation of parking districts hasn't been done is awhile and is rare

- Luke: Can you include the data that shows the need for a middle-left turn lane for mid-block? Also is it possible to work with private entities to build parking ramps, for example at the Wedge?
 - Josh: would take a lot of discussion between the county and businesses about maintenance and funding
- Billy: Removal of parking on county roads has been done before and has shown benefits in other communities. Parking should be removed on one side of the street to make room for more ped and bike infrastructure on both sides. Also, if this road is to last for 50 years, then we should be designing this project with more transit in mind.
 - Josh: thanks for the feedback
- Lou: Are you looking for official feedback from this committee?
 - Josh: yes, that would be great, the next time we will be back is once a final cross section has been chosen.

- **Member announcements**

5:10+

- No November meeting
- Term Limits for a few districts are coming to an end, therefore please re-apply.
 - <https://www.hennepin.us/en/residents/transportation/active-transportation-committee>
- Clara: Is there a process for getting bike infrastructure issues reported and fixed on County Roads?
 - <https://www.hennepin.us/en/residents/transportation/report-a-problem>

Next meeting: October 21 | 4 – 6 p.m.

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