

***A Resolution supporting Three Rivers Park District efforts to apply for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant***

Date: January 23, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Lee Newman Seconded by: Courtney Costigan

WHEREAS; The USDOT released the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in 2022 for local agencies to apply for federal grant funding to construct and/ or reconstruct Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities; and,

WHEREAS; Three Rivers Park District intends to submit an application for federal grant funding for construction and improvement of regional trails throughout Hennepin County; and,

WHEREAS; These projects would add 5.5 miles of new regional trail, reconstruct 9 miles of regional trail, add 2.4 miles of newly designated regional trail, improve 3 major highway grade separated crossings, improve safety at 6 at-grade rail road crossings and make ADA improvements to 100+ curb ramps; and,

WHEREAS; Physically separated biking, walking and rolling facilities provide greater safety and comfort; and

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the proposed application efforts and discussed its merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports Three Rivers Park District in efforts to secure federal funds through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The project, Three Rivers' Active Transportation Network: Connecting Greater Minneapolis Communities through Sustainability, Equity, and Mobility, will fill critical links in the regional trail network; reconstruct trail sections that are beyond their useful life; and make other important safety and useability improvements including striping, regulatory signage, wayfinding, ADA compliant curb cuts and ramps, as well as other road crossing enhancements. The project aligns with USDOT's goals including addressing critical safety concerns for those traveling along Three Rivers' active transportation network, expanding equitable mobility and community connectivity, and addressing climate change by providing multimodal access to and from recreational opportunities, employment areas, single and multi-family housing, and places of commerce and assembly.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Haley Foydel – District 4	Aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Aye	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	vacant – District 6	-
Dave Carlson – District 3	Aye	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
vacant – District 4	-	Lee Newman – District 7	Aye

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest:   
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator

**A Resolution adopting the Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee Project Evaluation Questions and Considerations**

Date: February 27, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Courtney Costigan Seconded by: Lou Miranda

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee has created a project evaluation questions and considerations form (attached) to assist the committee in reviewing projects; and,

WHEREAS; The evaluation questions and considerations are meant as a guide in addition to other resources to assist committee members in more productive dialog, encourage innovation and improve outcomes with agency representatives; and,

WHEREAS; The evaluation questions and considerations are to be used on projects with sufficient level of complexity warranting the guidance as decided by committee members; and,

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has developed the evaluation questions and considerations form and shared it with county staff for comment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee adopts the evaluation questions and considerations form as a living document to be used in the review of projects.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:


Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Haley Foydel – District 4	Aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Aye	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Absent	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Aye	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
vacant – District 4		Lee Newman – District 7	Aye

RESOLUTION ADOPTED



Attest:   
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator

## Typical Project Evaluation Questions & Considerations






### Background Information

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the primary motivation for initiating the project?</li> <li>• Who are anticipated to be the key users?</li> <li>• What is the basic facility function (regional, citywide, local connection)?</li> <li>• Are there other project partners (park districts, neighborhoods, cities)?</li> </ul>
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### Safety & Comfort

	<p><i>Level of accommodation / protection / buffering</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails &amp; Paths / protected bike lanes / on-street bike lanes</li> <li>• Type of protection (barriers, curbs, boulevards, bollards, etc.)?</li> <li>• Are there any pinch points or encroachments requiring special treatment?</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Roadway Crossing configurations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do the crossing opportunities look like?</li> <li>• Do crossings include enhancements (APS, medians, RRFBs, etc.)?</li> </ul> <p><i>Conflicts at driveways &amp; intersections</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any serious challenges crossing high volume driveways or streets?</li> </ul>

### Modal Interactions

	<p>What is the nature, type &amp; frequency of interactions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflict points (level of interaction)</li> <li>• Multiple threat situations</li> <li>• Speed differentials</li> </ul> <p>What is the mixture of user types?</p>
	
	
	
	

## Design Configuration



### *Consistent Design Configuration*

- Is the design consistent with county plans, policies, and initiatives? (Mobility 2040 Plan, Climate Action Plan, ADA Sidewalk Accessibility Plan, Complete Streets Policy, etc.)
- Is the design compatible with other federal, MnDOT, Metropolitan Council, city and/or park district plans?
- Is the design user-friendly and intuitive for users?
- Anticipating future use cases

### *Access to key destinations*

- Does the project remove system gaps or improve connections?
- Does the design avoid circuitous routing?
- Is the design compatible with the overall county-wide system configuration?

### *Environmental Considerations*

- Incorporation of green infrastructure
- Enhanced Landscaping
- Green storm water elements

## Other Considerations



### *Comparisons to similar improvements elsewhere*

- Have the project design considerations been compared to the outcomes of previous projects in the area (including those by other agencies)?
- Does the project include any unique or innovative design elements?
- Have any innovative solutions used in other locations been used or considered?

### *Background on options considered and their trade-offs*

- Choice of materials
- Life cycle cost considerations
- Size & alignment of facility

### *Maintenance*

- Who is responsible
- Special or extensive efforts needed
- Unique costs
- Schedule

### *Project schedule and ATC desired actions*

- What does the project implementation schedule look like?
- Is ATC support or a formal resolution for the project desired?

**A Resolution supporting Mill Street bikeway project concept alternative 2**

Date: April 17, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Tammy McLemore Seconded by: Luke Van Santen

WHEREAS; Hennepin County Public Works will be constructing a separated multiuse trail on CSAH 82/ Mill Street in the cities of Excelsior and Shorewood; and,

WHEREAS; The project has created to concept alternatives for evaluation with one of these to advance to the preferred alternative; and,

WHEREAS; Each of these concepts include a multiuse trail on the east side of the roadway with the primary difference between these alternatives being that one includes on-street shoulders and the other does not; and,

WHEREAS; The ATC recognizes that CSAH 82 is an important north/ south on-street bike network connector;

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the concept alternatives and discussed their merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports concept alternative 2 with on-street shoulders. Additionally, the ATC recommends that the block north of Highway 7 be built as a 10' trail consistent with the remainder of the corridor. The ATC recommends including a RRFB at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street crossing.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Haley Foydel – District 4	Absent
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Aye	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Absent
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Absent
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Absent	Lou Miranda – District 6	Absent
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
Larissa Lavrov – District 4	Aye	Lee Newman – District 7	Aye

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest: Jordan Kocak  
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator



**A Resolution supporting the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 2024 mill and overlay restriping concept**

Date: June 26, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Courtney Costigan Seconded by: Lou Miranda

WHEREAS; In 2024 Hennepin County Public Works will be repaving and restriping 42<sup>nd</sup> Street (CSAH 42) in Minneapolis from Cedar Ave (CSAH 152) to Minnehaha Ave (CSAH 48); and,

WHEREAS; The project has created a concept that closes a bike network gap on 42<sup>nd</sup> St between 26<sup>th</sup> Ave and 29<sup>th</sup> Ave and between Cedar Ave and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will be completed in 2024. A third bike gap between 34<sup>st</sup> Ave and Cheatham Ave will not be addressed by this project and remain; and,

WHEREAS; The ATC recognizes that 42<sup>nd</sup> St is an important east/ west on-street bike network connector; and,

WHEREAS; The ATC recognizes that continuous and uninterrupted bike networks are safer and less confusing for all road users; and,

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the concept alternatives and discussed their merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports removing parking from one side of 42<sup>nd</sup> St between 26<sup>th</sup> Ave and 29<sup>th</sup> Ave in order to close a bike network gap.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	aye	Haley Foydel – District 4	aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	absent	Courtney Costigan – District 5	aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	aye
Billy Binder – District 2	aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	aye	Lou Miranda – District 6	aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	absent	Greg Anderson – District 7	aye
Larissa Lavrov – District 4	aye	Lee Newman – District 7	absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest:   
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator



**A Resolution for the University Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE MnDOT corridor project**

Date: August 21, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Lou Miranda Seconded by: Billy Binder

WHEREAS; MnDOT's University and 4th (Central to I-35W) project connects between two Hennepin County projects that are improving safety for all roadway users at University and 4th (I-35W to Oak Street) and Hennepin and First (Main to 8th); and,

WHEREAS; The adjoining Hennepin County projects add safety improvements through vehicle traffic calming designs, expanded pedestrian spaces, and protected bicycle facilities as approved through engagement by the community and ATC; and,

WHEREAS; the ATC supports a continuous design through the broader project corridor, which includes seamless transitions between MnDOT and Hennepin County projects, prioritizing equivalent facilities for active transportation modes; namely sidewalk width and protected bicycle facility type; and,

WHEREAS; That the ATC acknowledges the very tight timeline that MNDOT faces for the Bus Rapid Transit construction project and stands ready to promptly provide a place on our agenda for a MNDOT representatives to come back to our committee before MNDOT reaches a decision on a preferred alternative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee requests MnDOT to create a two-way bikeway concept with street level and sidewalk level sub-options, on University Avenue as one of the alternatives under consideration. The concept should be promptly shared with the Hennepin ATC, public and other corridor stakeholders to be evaluated as an alternative along with the existing one-way bikeway options before a final preferred alternative is selected.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Haley Foydel – District 4	Aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Aye	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Absent	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
Larissa Lavrov – District 4	Absent	Lee Newman – District 7	Absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest:   
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator





**A Resolution supporting Three Rivers Park District efforts to apply for federal funding in the 2024 Regional Solicitation Process**

Date: November 20, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Lou Dzierzak Seconded by: Lou Miranda

WHEREAS; The Metropolitan Council released the 2024 Regional Solicitation application for metro agencies to apply for federal grant funding to construct and/ or reconstruct Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities; and,

WHEREAS; Three Rivers Park District intends to submit 11 applications, for federal grant funding for construction and reconstruction on regional trails throughout Hennepin County; and,

WHEREAS; The projects include:

- CP Rail Regional Trail – North Segment (New Construction)
- CP Rail Regional Trail – Middle Segment (New Construction)
- CP Rail Regional Trail – South Segment (New Construction/Reconstruction)
- Crow River Regional Trail (New Construction)
- Dakota Rail – Luce Line Connector (New Construction)
- Lake Independence Regional Trail (Reconstruction)
- Medicine Lake Regional Trail – East Segment (Reconstruction)
- Medicine Lake Regional Trail – West Segment (Reconstruction)
- North Cedar Lake Regional Trail (Reconstruction)
- Shingle Creek Regional Trail (Reconstruction)
- West Mississippi River Regional Trail – East Segment (New Construction)

WHEREAS; These projects are consistent with the 2040 Hennepin County Bicycle Transportation Plan; Pedestrian Plan; Complete and Green Streets Policy; Climate Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS; Physically separated trails and bicycle facilities provide greater safety and comfort for people riding bikes, walking and rolling; and,

WHEREAS, trails connecting as directly as possible to destinations are recognized as preferable; and,

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the proposed application efforts and discussed its merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports Three Rivers Park District in efforts to secure federal funds through the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation process.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Larissa Lavrov – District 4	Aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Absent	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Aye	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Absent
Haley Foydel – District 4	Aye	Lee Newman – District 7	Aye

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest: 

Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator

## **A Resolution regarding the MnDOT University Avenue and Fourth Street Project**

Date: December 18, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Luke Van Santen Seconded by: Billy Binder

WHEREAS; As part of a roadway repaving project MnDOT will be adding separated bike lanes to University Avenue and Fourth Street SE in Minneapolis between 35W and Central Avenue; and,

WHEREAS; MnDOT seeks to select a preferred concept alternative; and,

WHEREAS; The concepts under consideration include one option with directional on-street separated bike lanes and one option with directional off-street/ sidewalk level separated bike lanes; and,

WHEREAS; the Hennepin ATC considers an uninterrupted two-way separated bikeway extending from Oak St on the east to Central Ave on the west being the preferred option; and,

WHEREAS; the current proposed one-way bikeway along University Ave does not address the volume of riders or existing and planned two-way bicycle connections on either end of the project limits; and,

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the proposed project concepts and discussed its merits with County and MnDOT staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports two-way separated bike lanes on University Ave and one-way on-street separated bike lane on 4<sup>th</sup> St. The ATC asks MnDOT to include a two-way separated bike lane on University Ave as an alternative in the concept development process. This design supports continuity between MnDOT and Hennepin County's projects, clear separation from motor vehicles and for the safety and comfort of people walking, biking and rolling.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Larissa Lavrov – District 4	Aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Aye	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Abstain	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Nay
Haley Foydel – District 4	Aye	Lee Newman – District 7	Absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest:   
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator

## A Resolution supporting Hennepin County Midtown Greenway Access Improvement Project

Date: December 18, 2023

Motion: Moved by: Lou Miranda Seconded by: Haley Foydel

WHEREAS; Hennepin County has developed a concept to construct an ADA accessible multiuse trail access to and from the Midtown Greenway and Garfield Ave and Harriet Ave in Minneapolis; and,

WHEREAS; The study *Making the Connection: Midtown Greenway to Lake Street* identified the need for more and better access points to and from the Midtown Greenway; and,

WHEREAS; Hennepin County applied to the Met Council's Regional Solicitation and received funding to enhance an existing sub-standard Midtown Greenway access point at the project location to make it ADA compliant and accessible year round; and,

WHEREAS; This project is consistent with the Hennepin County Bicycle Transportation Plan; Pedestrian Plan; Complete and Green Streets Policy; and Climate Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS; Accessible access points to the Midtown Greenway allow for persons of all ages and abilities to better access the Midtown Greenway; and,

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee understands there is a community garden at this site and asks that Hennepin County continue conversations with the garden community to minimize reductions in garden size and negative impacts to the garden community, while ensuring 24/7 ADA accessible access for all users at this site.

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the proposed project layout and discussed its merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports Hennepin County's Midtown Greenway Access Improvement Project.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Larissa Lavrov – District 4	Aye
Gilbert Odonkor – District 1	Aye	Courtney Costigan – District 5	Aye
Jenny Ackerson – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Aye	Lou Miranda – District 6	Aye
Laura Groenjes Mitchell – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
Haley Foydel – District 4	Aye	Lee Newman – District 7	Absent

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Attest:   
Jordan Kocak, Hennepin County Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator