

A Resolution Regarding the Hennepin County Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction Project

Date: September 15, 2025

Motion: Moved by: Ethan Kleinbaum Seconded by: Dave Carlson

WHEREAS; Hennepin County will be reconstructing Lyndale Avenue (CSAH 22) in Minneapolis from Franklin Avenue (CSAH 5) to 31st Street beginning in 2027; and,

WHEREAS; The project has moved forward with a draft plan; and,

WHEREAS; Notable changes from prior iterations in the draft plan include combining pedestrian and bicyclist space into a multi-use path on the east side of the roadway immediately adjacent to building fronts and entrances along with 12' wide "transit ready" parking lanes; and,

WHEREAS; Lyndale Avenue is an urban corridor within one of the densest and most walkable and bikable neighborhoods in the county and state; and,

WHEREAS; Given the expected high volumes of people walking and biking on the corridor separated bicycle and pedestrian facilities are warranted to ensure safety of all modes of transportation, efficient movement, and user comfort; and,

WHEREAS; The utility of 12' wide "transit ready" parking lanes is speculative and minimizing curb to curb distances will improve the comfort and safety of crossing and traveling along Lyndale Avenue for people walking, biking and driving; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports most elements of the recently proposed draft plan with the exception of the multi-use path and 12' wide parking lanes. The ATC feels strongly that a multi-use path is a significant safety concern that will lead to conflicts and crashes between pedestrians and bicyclists and a general feeling of uncomfortableness for people using the space. The ATC feels strongly that the 12' wide "transit ready" parking lane is too wide for the corridor and it is premature to plan for an ongoing transit lane need. Reducing the width of these parking lanes will improve safety for all modes of transportation. The ATC continues to support the prior blue and orange options that were identified in a resolution passed on April 21, 2025.