

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Transportation Committee
March 27, 2017

Attendees: Jack Fei (secretary), Liz Boyer (MGCC staff), Adam Backstrom (chair), Dave Pasiuk, Brian Martinson, Spencer Ludtke, Jeff Christensen, Alex Cunliffe, Colin Fesser

1. New Introductions.

2. Minutes passed.

3. St Paul Five Year Street Plan (Anne Weber)

- Explained the Department of Public Works Five Year Plan
- Grouped by Year (Columns) and Funding Sources (Vertical)
- Schedules are firm for 2017 and 2018, less firm in 2019 and later
- Mac Groveland 2017 projects
 - Summit Ave Bridge Ayd Mill (MSA)
 - Grand Ave Cleveland – Cretin (City Mill & Overlay)

Committee Discussion Topics

- Ramsey County favors driver convenience over every other transportation mode:
 - Lexington & Randolph – dysfunctional bus stop and riskier pedestrian crossing
 - Cleveland Avenue – blocked City request to lower speed limit for the bike lane
- Complete Streets adopted October 2016 and action plan is being prepared.
- Vision Zero is under consideration for adoption
- Parking requirements are determined “case by case” in development projects
- Syndicate & Grand Development coordinate construction changes with traffic calming and Kowalski’s
- Request Traffic Study and traffic calming for Hamline North – South & Grand Avenue. Pedestrian deaths and rush hour congestion are issues.
- Buffered Bicycle Lanes should be incorporated in 2017 Ayd Mill Bridge
- City positioning on “Creative Crosswalks” needs to be clarified.
- Seek City action on Jefferson Avenue Bicycle Lane designation.

4. Eyes on the Street (Kjensmo Walker)

- Pilot ADA compliant wheelchair walk scheduled April 24
- MGCC Transportation Committee meeting start at Highland Community Center.
- Need a dozen walkers / half dozen wheel-chairs / planned route map.

5. Updates and Announcements

- Golden Shoe Hunt and Mac Grove Moves volunteer lists are updated.
- Snelling & St Clair Development Proposal passed HLU and is under review by City. Future MGCC Transportation involvement to be determined.

Note: The committee will not have a formal meeting in April. There will be a joint meeting of the MGCC and Highland Transportation committees on April 24th to participate in the “Eyes on the Street” project.

Next Committee Meeting: May 22nd, Edgumbe Rec Center