

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Transportation Committee
March 25, 2019

Attendees: Jack Fei (secretary), Brian Martinson (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Dave Pausik, Alexa Golemo (staff), Laura Logsdan, Kate Baxter-Kauf, Mike Sonn, Alex Cunliffe, Adam Backstrom

1. **New Introductions.** none
2. **February Minutes.** passed
3. **Summit Ave Bridge Reconstruction** (Brian Martinson & Michael Sonn) – the Committee had concerns about the design and disruption caused by closing Summit Avenue between Syndicate and Lexington for a year (October, 2019 to fall, 2020). Design concerns included the 12 foot lane width (too wide - more speed) and steep grade (stopping distance). Disruption concerns include separation of vehicles from cycles & pedestrians (confusion) and congestion backup at the Summit-Hamline-Grand detour section.

The committee requests a representative of the City attend a future meeting to respond to committee concerns.

4. **Bike Lanes Resolution** (Brian Martinson) – The Union Park District Council passed a resolution to request better clearing of bicycle lanes during the winter. The committee (Dave Pausik, Adam Backstrom 2nd) passes this resolution:

Whereas: St. Paul has committed to increasing the bicycle mode share to 2% by 2020 and 5% by 2025 and the bicycling commuter share from 0.6% to 2.5% by 2025.

Whereas: Most of the city's bike lanes are unusable and unsafe during the winter as a result of motor-vehicle and snow blocking the lanes.

Be it resolved: That the City of St. Paul must ensure the safety and navigability of bike lanes year round. Accordingly, the City should consider additional snow removal and parking bans to make our bike lanes clear of obstruction.

5. **Minnesota Speed Limit Legislation** (Spencer Ludke & Laura Logsdan) reported progress on two resolutions giving the city and the county greater ability to set local speed limits. Legislation passed the House Committee. Hearings are scheduled in the Senate.
6. **Speed Limit Resolution Discussion** (Jack Fei). A draft resolution proposes the Committee back a neighbor petition for lowered speed limits in areas where St Paul has the authority to reduce them: school zones and bicycle lanes.

Kate Baxter-Kauf & Alex Cunliffe will be contacting school PTAs to explore interest in a petition drive to lower school speed limits.

7. **Stops for Me 2019:** The Committee proposed these intersections for campaigns:

- Cretin Ave & Berkeley Ave
- Fairview Ave & Stanford Ave
- Hamline Ave & Wellsley Ave **
- Fairview Ave & Princeton Ave
- Fairview Ave & Lincoln Ave
- Randolph Ave & Prior Ave
- Randolph Ave & Kenneth St
- Davern St & Randolph Ave **
- Snelling Ave & Palace Ave **
- Snelling Ave & Stanford Ave
- Snelling Ave & Berkeley Ave
- Grand Ave & Albert St
- St. Clair Ave & Pascal St

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