

# Macalester-Groveland Community Council

## Transportation Committee

### September 23, 2019

**Attendees:** Jack Fei (secretary), Brian Martinson (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Dave Pausik, Alexa Golemo (staff), Colin Fesser, Cindy Radtke, Hugo Bruggenen, Greg Johnson, Ryan Rickard, Alex Cunliffe, Kate Baxter Kauf, Michael Sonn

1. **New Introductions.** None
2. **July Minutes.** Passed
3. **Parking Minimums (Jack Fei)**
  - Committee reviewed Sec. 74-263. - Number of off street spaces required.
    - *Correction: St. Paul's ordinance is Sec. 63.207 - Parking requirements by use.*
  - Consensus favored eliminating off street parking space requirements.
  - Jack Fei is preparing draft resolution with whereas clauses to explain rationale.
4. **Speed Limits Discussion (Committee)**
  - St Paul and Minneapolis are working together on 'residential street' speed limits.
  - This doesn't cover speed limits for bicycle lanes and school zones.
  - Motion (Dave Pausik, Cindy Radke 2nd) passes

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council has previously asked the City of Saint Paul to begin citywide implementation of lower school zone speed limits, regardless of road jurisdiction by City, County and State;

**WHEREAS**, the Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) for Randolph Heights School and Groveland Park Elementary School in Saint Paul have passed resolutions asking that the City of Saint Paul commission an engineering study to examine lowering the speed limits around their respective schools;

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota State Legislature, on August 1, 2019 has granted cities the authority to set speed limits on city streets under the city's jurisdiction without conducting an engineering and traffic investigation (MN Statute 169.14 Subd. 5h);

**WHEREAS**, Minneapolis and Saint Paul Public Works are collaborating to analyze appropriate local speed limits;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends that the studies to be undertaken, and any resulting changes to speed-limits proposed by the City, must include consideration of MN state statutes with regard to speed limits in school zones (MN Statute Sec. 169.14 Subd. 5a) and MN state statutes with regard to speed limits on roads with bike lanes (MN Statute Sec. 160.263 Subd. 4), regardless of jurisdiction by City, County, or State.

5. **Ayd Mill Road Discussion (Dave Pausik)**

- Historically, Ayd Mill Road to 35E connection has generated heated discussion but no data collection to evaluate options based on cost and impact.
- Motion (Jack Fei, Dave Pausik 2nd) passes.

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Melvin Carter has proposed a reduction of “car traffic to its [Ayd Mill Road’s] westernmost two lanes and repurpose[ing] the eastern side as a dedicated, protected bikeway to facilitate non-motorized transportation options”;

**WHEREAS**, the reconstruction of the Summit Avenue bridge from October 2019 to October 2020 will require the restriction of Ayd Mill Road to one northbound lane and one southbound lane;

**WHEREAS**, this restriction of Ayd Mill Road to one lane in either direction provides a year-long period to do a formal traffic study and collect data on alterations to traffic patterns on Ayd Mill Road and the surrounding streets;

**WHEREAS**, Macalester-Groveland includes the portion of Ayd Mill Road with two exit and entrance ramps onto residential streets, St. Clair Avenue and Grand Avenue;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council requests the reduction of Ayd Mill Road to one lane in each direction during the reconstruction of the Summit Avenue Bridge be extended for the entire length of the road from 35-E to Selby Avenue, and a traffic study be conducted during the bridge reconstruction period for as long a duration of that period as is practicable, but a period of no less than six consecutive months; the purpose of which will be to assess the alterations in traffic patterns and to include traffic counts on Snelling, Lexington, Hamline, Saint Clair, Randolph, Grand, and Summit.

6. **Held Over Discussion Topics**

- Network Next – Metro Transit (Brian Martinson)
- Stops for Me 2019 Reports (Alexa Golemo)
- Snelling & Summit Signal / Signage Recommendation (Dave Pausik)
- Consistent Pedestrian Light Signal (Cindy Radke)

Next Meeting October 28th