



**Transportation Committee Mission Statement:**

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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, September 28th, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.

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**This meeting is being held remotely online via Zoom**

**Chair:** Hugo Bruggeman

**Secretary:** Jack Fei

**Staff:** Britta Sherrill

**AGENDA**

*(6:20 – 6:30 pm: Tech Check)*

- 6:30 I. Introductions
- 6:40 II. Additions or deletions to agenda
- 6:42 III. Approval of August 2020 minutes
- 6:45 IV. Committee Updates
- Two transportation resolutions passed by the Board of Directors (pg. 3)
  - CIB Update: No proposals West of Dale Avenue were recommended for funding
- 7:05 V. Rethinking I-94 Community Flyer, *Discussion and potential action to sign-on to the flyer* (suggested revisions pg. 4)
- Does the flyer mention the top concerns and needs of Mac-Grove and surrounding neighborhoods?
  - Do we want to officially support the flyer?
  - How can we best provide our feedback to the group that developed the flyer?
- 7:25 VI. Stop for Me Campaign, *Discussion*
- Board members asked the transportation committee to propose alternatives to the program. So, what program(s) or measure(s) do we want to see in St. Paul to enhance the safety of pedestrians while addressing concerns about profiling and promoting equity?
- 7:50 VII. Snow Removal on City Streets, *Discussion*
- What are the key challenges with wet snow storms and how do these impact safety and equity?
  - How would we like to see these challenges addressed?

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8:00 VIII. 2021 Committee Topics, *Discussion*

- Start developing a list of topics that we would like to address during the next year

8:15 IX. Adjourn

**Next Meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom



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**Resolution for MGCC Involvement in Stop for Me**

Passed by MGCC Board of Directors 9.10.2020

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends pausing involvement in the Stop for Me Campaign until the City of Saint Paul ensures it is implemented in an equitable manner that does not put people of color at risk.

**Resolution Re: Reducing Motor-Vehicle Traffic and Increasing Pedestrian and Bicyclist Access to Mississippi River Boulevard**

Passed by MGCC Board of Directors 9.10.2020

Whereas, even before the Covid-19 pandemic, there were consistently large volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians on Mississippi River Boulevard-- some of the largest in the city as is evidenced by the City's annual pedestrian and bicycle count reports;

Whereas the trails along the west side of Mississippi River Boulevard (between the roadway and the river) have a combined width of 6 feet or less in many places;

Whereas the inadequate width of the trails and lack of a northbound bike lane results in conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters and automobiles, which have been documented in city reports for decades, such as the Grand Round report from 2000;

Whereas this situation has worsened during the pandemic, given the need for social distancing of at least 6 feet;

Whereas this situation will become even worse with the development of the Ford site, because the volume of bicyclists and pedestrians will greatly increase;

Whereas the volume of motor vehicles is much smaller, which leads to frequent speeding by cars, which is both a nuisance and a danger to all users of the boulevard including home owners;

Whereas a temporary lane closure for southbound vehicular traffic was put in place on April 22 to create additional outdoor space for pedestrians and bicyclists to social distance along the roadway;

Whereas, the City of Saint Paul, in their Grand Round report, states that reconstructing and modernizing old streets creates a better experience for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists;

Whereas, on June 15, the City started some Mississippi River Boulevard improvements with variety of scheduled construction and repair projects in preparation for a mill and overlay in early September, but the improvements do not include widening the trails or equivalent measures to create a better experience for pedestrians and bicyclists;

Whereas making the April 22 lane closure permanent is an immediate solution to increase the space for bicyclists and pedestrians on Mississippi River Boulevard, until a more fitting solution can be found;

Be it resolved that the city should make the Mississippi River Boulevard lane closure permanent, thus making it a one-way, northbound one-lane roadway, and make additional improvements to enable pedestrians and bicyclists to better access the Boulevard from the bridges on Ford parkway and Marshall Avenue.

**Suggested revisions to Rethinking I-94 Community Flyer (Agenda Item V.)**

1. Replace paragraph starting "MDOT is now drafting..." with *"We ask MnDOT stop the I-94 environmental review until the COVID pandemic ends and driver demand destruction created by 'work at home' is known. Given the pandemic, scarce financial resources need to be targeting more urgent roadway maintenance projects."*