

Macalester-Groveland Community Council

Transportation Committee

January 25, 2021

Attendees: Hugo Bruggeman (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Jack Fei (Secretary), Cindy Radke, Colin Fesser, Patty Hartmann, Kensey Lipstreuer, Colin Voerding, Melissa Duhn, Jesse Duhn, Dave Pasiuk, Alexa Golemo (staff), Brian Martinson.

1. **Introductions:** skipped.

2. **November 2020 minutes** passed.

3. **Old Business Updates** (Hugo Bruggeman)

Summary: Stops for Me Pause, MRB Closure, Rethinking I-94, Snow Removal

4. **Public Works Discussion** (Sean Kershaw) Times approximate.

- 15:00 – 18:00 **Public Works Goals:** maximize resources, build deeper community connections, and improve financial and data systems.
- 20:20 – 23:40 **Policy Objectives:** Make cleaner modes more accessible & available. Redesigning parking fees to capture true costs, mitigate impacts of highways on community, improve transit access, increase transit coverage, build out the bicycle network, road diet (reduce roads to be safer), and adding sidewalks (sometimes controversial).
- 26:30 – 30:00 **Budgets don't reflect how money is spent.** Example: Ayd Mill Road construction includes funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- 32:30 – 39:45 **Transportation Equity** requires bringing communities into the discussion, e.g. safety in George Floyd's neighborhood is NOT striping bicycle lane, community pedestrian and transit focus. Minneapolis has an equity framework to overcome red-lining. Opportunity to build better in the I-94 corridor (Reconnect Rondo) with Biden Administration.
- 46:00 – 50:00 **Roles, Resources, and Railroads.** Ramsey County has the lead role on the Greenway Trail. It is expensive. The primary barrier is laws protecting railroad right of way.
- 53:00 – 58:30 **St Paul roads are bad** due to inadequate funding, not increasing with cost. Goal is to redo better with increased safety. Determine need based on data, and then secure funding.
- 1:00:15 – 1:06:30 Experimentation on East Side, **quick low cost fixes for traffic calming.** Brainstorm "socially enforceable **shaming system**" against speeding. Focus attention on **collector and arterial streets** (Cretin, Cleveland, Fairview, Randolph, St Clair, and Jefferson).
- 1:07:30 – 1:16:00 **Oppose universal walk synchronization** / LPI (leading pedestrian signal); continue existing "by intersection" approach to pedestrian crossings.

- 1:17:30 - 1:21:45 **St Paul owns streetlights and it is an area of opportunity.** Rethink as 'vertical right of way'. City is brainstorming how streetlights can be leveraged with emerging technology.
- 1:24:15 – 1:27:00 **Mississippi River Blvd is complicated because space is controlled by Parks and Recreation.** Traffic changes on MRB would impact Cretin Avenue. Change / closures can't be done quickly and will require Public Works and Parks work together.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 22nd @ 6:30 pm.