

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Transportation Committee
October 25, 2021

Attendees: Hugo Bruggeman (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Jack Fei (Secretary), Alexa Golemo (staff), Cindy Radke, Brian Martinson, Kensey Lipstreuer

1. New Introductions: none.

2. 0:20 September 2021 minutes approval passes.

3. 3:20 Rethinking Summit Avenue Report Discussion (Hugo B.)

- St Paul is working on a Summit Avenue Master Plan and will attend our next meeting to update status and gather feedback.
- Summit Avenue is a regional trail. As such, Metropolitan Council must be involved and state funding should be pursued. The St Paul mill and overlay between Victoria to Lexington in 2022-3 will occur before completion of the Master Plan.
- 07:15 Brian M. - City should consider submitting a project proposal to the Met Council for state funding for later years.
- 13:10 Cindy R. – Question about Bicycle Coalition Recommendation and the St Paul Summit Avenue Master Plan.

3. 16:00 St. Paul Bicycle Master Plan Brainstorm (Hugo B.)

- The committee brainstormed ideas for the Summit Avenue Master Plan for feedback at the next meeting.
 - Summit Avenue is the busiest E-W cyclist route
 - Summit Avenue is used less during winter due to weak snow removal practices.
 - While physical separation of vehicle and cycle traffic is a goal, variations in layout and width make a uniform design impossible.
 - Most likely, “a change in cycle lane placement between sections is needed.
- 23:00 Cindy R. - Questions about how engineering design interfaces with Master Plan.
- 24:00 Jack F. – Concerned about incremental changes (Ayd Mill Road Bridge and Victoria – Lexington mill and overlay) in the absence of a Master Plan.
- 27:00 Brian M. – City needs to shift cycling focus from recreation to transportation, “transport, not sport”.
- 29:00 Jack F. – Need to integrate bicycles with Public Transport. This includes better integration with the 63 Line (Grand Avenue, 1 block south and North South bus routes.
- 32:00 Dave P. – Plan needs to consider E-bikes and Cargo Bikes are increasing in use.

- 39:00 Hugo B. – Plan should focus on city controlled North-South and East-West streets: Jefferson Ave, Fairview Avenue, Hamline Avenue, and St Clair Avenue.
- 47:00 Kensey L. – Plan should include outreach to cycling businesses in Mac Groveland.
- 50:30 Dave P. – Offer an approach to reopen the Jefferson Avenue Bike Lane.
- 55:00 Jack F. – Add Marshall Ave and Selby Ave (outside Mac Groveland) due to Public Transit access...
- 57:20 Dave P – Use Jefferson Avenue as an example to ask about plowing Summit Ave. based on Jefferson Avenue example. Inconsistent.
- 59:10 Kensey L. – Question about how St Paul Avenue & Bicycle Path repave request.
- 1:01:00 Cindy R. – Reach out to other community councils to promote city-wide grid structure as they have in Minneapolis
- 1:06:25 Dave P. – Currently, city does not have a street design guide and best practices are not documented. It would be helpful to document ‘best practice examples’ that other neighborhoods could use.

Work on resolution to the city at the next meeting.

4. 1:10:00 **Todd Axtell Response – August 2021**

- City organized Traffic Stop workgroup and surveyed on public safety concerns. Planned to report back in September.
- Ramsey Council in September decided to NOT prosecute non-safety related pre-textual traffic stops. St Paul and Roseville police participated in the announcement.
- 1:20:00 Spencer L. – Questions about actual impact on policing of unsafe driving.
- 1:23:00 Cindy R. – Question about the impact upon “stops for me”.

Alexa to write follow-up letter to Todd Axtell requesting information about 1. the report from Traffic Stop Workgroup 2. Possible changes to Stops for Me 3. Changes to SPPD resulting from the changed Ramsey County position on pre-textual stops.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 22nd 6:30 p.m.