

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Transportation Committee
September 27, 2021

Attendees: Hugo Bruggeman (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Jack Fei (Secretary), Alexa Golemo (staff), Regina Purins, Cindy Radke, Zak Yudhishthu, Brian Martinson, Jesse Duhn, Nora Ptacek, Deanna Suppanen, Kensey Lipstreuer, Gene Johnson

1. New Introductions: none.

2. 6:30 July 2021 minutes approval passes.

3. 8:30 County Bike Plan - Connie Bernardy (Ramsey County)

- 10:00 Cycling Community wants: cycle for recreation & transportation, separation from motor vehicle traffic, winter maintenance, connected networks across barriers, engagement, all ages and abilities.
- 11:15 Connected Communities Network Vision: cycling and pedestrian metrics are used to develop **projects on Ramsey County Roadways prioritized by timeframe.**
- 16:00 Community Engagement includes two committees: Biking and Walking Team, Active Living Ramsey Communities Coalition.

- 18:30 Jack Fei – need to incorporate Public Transit in the county bike plan.
- 20:50 Cindy Radke – asked about mapping conclusions about equity.

3. 23:30 City Bike Plan - Jimmy Shoemaker (Saint Paul Public Works)

- 24:00 Long range planning includes work on Transit projects including Gold Line (to Woodbury), Purple Line (to White Bear Lake) and Riverview Corridor (to MSP Airport).
- 26:30 Updating 2015 St Paul Bicycle Plan, completion with adoption in summer 2022.
- 28:20 Plan used is used to expand the network as projects occur: mill & overlay, street reconstruction, new development, transit projects.
- 33:00 Plan is being updated to provide more separation from cars, updates to Capital City Bikeway (CCB), Highland Bridge, and Grand Round, more consistency with pedestrian goals, establish policy for winter maintenance, and better align with Nationwide Best Practices.
- 40:00 Separated Bicycle Lanes (vertical barrier to separate cars) and Shared Use Paths (like separated but shared with pedestrians). Ordinary bicycle lanes rely only paint to separate cars. All are used going forward.
- 48:00 Survey on Bicycle Plan on the City Website:

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/transportation-and-transit/bike-saint-paul/saint-paul-bicycle-plan>

- 51:30 Regina Purins – Would prefer to preserve trees in road redesign.
- 53:30 Brian Martinson – Transport, not Sport: increase emphasize transportation grid functionality for bicycles.
- 58:20 Nora Ptacek – Would like to see enhancement to Ford Parkway.
- 1:01:15 Cindy Radke – St Paul Grand Round connects parks in Saint Paul. Not yet complete.
- 1:03:00 public – Wants on street parking for Uptown House SW Summit and Hamline.

4. 1:07:00 **Rethinking I-94** (Alex Burns). R-Streets Minneapolis

- Starting to become a project. Length is from Hwy 55 in Minneapolis to 35E in St Paul
- 1:11:00 Project Impacts: Health (pollution). Transportation Access, Climate, Safety, Equity, Environmental Justice.
- 1:15:45 Multiple Groups in “Community Stakeholders Group” including MGCC. Draft version for Public Comment expected in early 2022 with only 30 days for public comment. Hope is to be proactive in creating a broader vision. MDOT priorities have not changed: it’s business as usual.
- 1:23:00 Jack Fei – Asked about use of tolls to reduce demand.
- 1:27:15 Regina Purins - Asked about work at home / commuting changes to reduce demand.
- 1:30:20 Spencer Ludke (2nd Regina Purins) makes motion that MGCC sign on as a community stakeholder, motion passes:

“The Transportation Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council (“MGCC”) recommends that MGCC sign on in support of the community letter addressed to MnDOT, “Comments on MnDOT’s Rethinking I-94 Draft Purpose and Need Statement Document” as of 09.27.2021.”

Next Meeting: Monday, October 25th 6:30 p.m. Todd Axtell (Police) response to our resolution is on the agenda,