

Macalester-Groveland Community Council

Transportation Committee

November 22, 2021

Attendees: Hugo Bruggeman (Chair), Spencer Ludtke, Jack Fei (Secretary), Alexa Golemo (Staff), David Pasiuk, Colin Fesser, Katherine Cairns (Guest), Regina Purins, Kensey Lipstreuer, Cindy Radke, Zak Yudhishthu, Gene Johnson

- 1. New Introductions:** none.
- 2. 4:25 October 2021 minutes** approval passes.
- 3. 6:00 Summit Avenue Master Plan** (Hugo Bruggeman)

[Summit Avenue Regional Trail Master Plan | Saint Paul, Minnesota \(stpaul.gov\)](http://stpaul.gov)

07:00 - Jack F. Question about Mary Norton appearance and recommendation timing.

07:20 - Alexa G. City is focusing on Design Advisory Committee and community feedback is not expected until there is draft plan (summer 2022).

11:00 - Katherine C. City has extended deadline for surveys and community members are encouraged to provide feedback to the DAC.

13:00 - Cindy R. Propose outreach to business and religious institutions to promote survey.

16:00 – Spencer L. Question about role of Met Council in the plan.

17:40 – Hugo B. Review of City Flyer describing project.

21:00 – Jack F. Need to focus on Transportation & use of trails for commute not in document.

22:15 – Hugo B. Needs to have a regional trail plan to eligible for federal funding. “Roadway separated bicycle trails” are a critical element. Communities will engage with the Design & Technical Advisory Team.

26:20 – Katherine C. “above road grade” creates concerns about tree removal.

28:15 – Regina P. Questions designation of Summit Avenue as a regional trail. Why?

30:45 – Cindy R. St Paul does not have bicycle grid system, also plan coincides with the scheduled redesigned of the section between Lexington & Victoria.

33:10 – Colin F. Summit Avenue is the only viable E-W street for a bicycle regional trail.

36:00 – Zak Y. – Connector between UST & Macalester creates heavy cycle use.

38:00 – Hugo B – Master Plan is funded by Metro Council. Summit Avenue reconstruction is funded by St Paul capital improvements budget.

40:45 – Spencer L – Driver is the upcoming Lexington to Victoria rebuild. Concerned about lack of safety at Snelling and Lexington intersections.

45:00 – Jack F – Lexington to Snelling rebuild will follow Lexington to Victoria rebuild. Lessons learned will be applied in Mac Groveland.

47:30 – Alexa G – expects 3 community meetings with Design Advisory Committee.

50:00 – Regina P – concerned about possible push-back from wealthy Summit Ave. residents.

52:00 – Dave P – prepare for a future with e-bicycles, impacts of climate change.

54:15 – Colin F – Summit Ave is already heavily used, most likely no right of way will be lost, and the challenge will be cross-over design.

Dave Pasiuk volunteered to represent MGCC in the city DAC. Jack Fei volunteered to be an alternate.

3. 1.00:00 **Equity Development Scorecard** (Kate Baxter Kauf)

Organizing an equity development scorecard with a Macalester student class project.

1:05:15 – Jack F – Concerned about 90% white, uncertain about how to engage constructively.

1:07:45 – Dave P – How to broaden to be the diversity of our community.

1:09:15 - Cindy R. – Work to eliminate barriers to non-whites.-

1:11:45 – Colin F. – Focus on bicycle infrastructure not only for white men.

1:13:00 – Regina P. – Recruit / target future board members to increase diversity,

1:16:45 – Zak Y. – As student, excited to work on this project with peers.

4. 1:19:00 **Old Business** (Alexa Golemo)

- No response from Todd Axtell at meeting time. After the meeting response received and sent to committee members.
- 01:19:30 Letter sent to MN Dot, November Meeting postponed to January. Need MGCC Representative to meeting.
01:22:40 Dave P – Federal Funding may be available for communities separated by freeway construction.
01:24:00 Spencer L – volunteer to attend January Meeting. Cindy R. volunteered to be an alternate.

5. 1:30:00 **New Business** (Hugo Bruggeman)

- Do we hold joint community meetings?
- Do we schedule a presentation by UofM on Pedestrian Safety?

Several indicated interest in attending meetings of other community councils.

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