

**Macalester-Groveland Community Council**  
**Transportation Committee**  
**March 28, 2022**

**Attendees:** Hugo Bruggeman (chair), Spencer Ludtke, Jack Fei (Secretary), Alexa Golemo (staff), David Pasiuk, Regina Purins, Colin Fesser, Gene Johnson, Zak Yudhishtku, Deanna Seppanen

**New Introductions:** Andy Singer

1. 01:30 **February 2022 minutes** approval passes.
  
2. 03:20 **Grand Avenue Reconstruction** (Joe Widing, St Paul)
  - Grand Avenue rebuild scheduled summer 2024: Fairview intersection to Snelling Avenue.
  - Funding is 6.9 million “start from scratch”
  - 10:30 Goals: safer pedestrian crossings, modernize infrastructure, better environment for businesses, improve transit experience, balance transportation modes (reduce vehicle miles traveled), improve place-making at Macalester campus.
  - 12:50 Overview of Current Conditions. Declining vehicle traffic.
  - 16:00 Grand Avenue Crash data. Shows clustering around Snelling and Fairview.
  - 17:30 Grand Avenue Land Use Map
  - 19:00 Two Cross Sections: Fairview to Macalester Ave and Macalester College.
  - 21:15 Redesign Questions: Campus Three Mid-Block and Cambridge Street Crossings
  - 24:00 Timeline On Site Engagement, Neighborhood Meetings, Stakeholder Meetings, concept plan by 2022 End of Year.
  - 26:00 Known Issues & Concerns.
  
  - 28:00 Andy S. – Consider ‘park lets’ for local business.
  - 31:00 Zak Y. – Concern about confusion with the mid-block campus crossings.
  - 35:00 Regina P. – Question about federal funding & concern about possible tree loss.
  - 38:30 Dave P. – Asked about narrowing roadway from Fairview to Macalester.
  - 44:30 Gene J. – Requested improved lighting for night campus crossings.
  - 46:15 Colin F. – As mobility limited person, doesn’t like stop-light crossings wants elevated mid-block campus crossing.
  - 49:00 Jack F. – Consider raised crosswalk for ADA compliance and traffic calming at Campus Crossing, consider pedestrian initiated signal device for Cambridge Crossing.
  - 52:00 Andy S. – Agree with narrowing street, other visual and physical methods of traffic calming, use overhead lighting for cross-walks.

September 2022 may be a good time for a follow-up meeting.

More Information

<https://www.stpaul.gov/projects/public-works/pw2024grandavereconstruction>

**3. 59:00 CIB Application Process (Jack F.)**

- Applications Closed: 3-25. Two week window for MGCC feedback is April 12 – 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Our committee will spend time at the next meeting to rate the community projects.
- Jack and Alexa to distribute project list and rating criteria to committee when available.

**4. 1:08:30 Rethinking I-94 Update (Spencer L.)**

- April Meeting cancelled until June.
- Alex Burns (TwinCitiesBoulevard.com) proposes 'filling in the trench', i.e. replace a section of I-94.
- Conflict between the mutually exclusive 'boulevard' and 'land bridge' approaches.
- Outreach to Rondo Community to discuss 'land bridge' approach.

**5. 1:14:45 Summit Avenue Design Advisory Committee (Dave P. & Jack F.)**

- No new meetings
- Need to widen bicycle lanes east of Lexington Avenue.

**6. 01:22:00 AARP Community Challenge Grant (Hugo B.)**

- Idea: create Pedestrian Signage for Summit Avenue.

**7. 01:24:00 Joint Transportation Committee April 6.**

Next Meeting: Monday, April 25th 6:30 p.m.