

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Transportation Committee
April 25, 2022

Attendees: Hugo Bruggeman (chair), Brian Martinson, Jack Fei (Secretary), Alexa Golemo (staff), David Pasiuk, Regina Purins, Colin Fesser, Art Punyko, Zak Yudhishtku, Kensey Lipstreuer, Spencer Ludke

1. New Introductions: Kate Ostaffe, Emmie Sugnet, Yuzuha Shibata

2. March 2022 minutes approval passes.

3. 01:30 Blue Line Riverview Connection Presentation (Scott Mareck)

- 02:00 Ramsey County Transit Study for the Highland Neighborhood. Partners: Minneapolis, St Paul, MDOT, Metro Transit, and Hennepin County.
- 02:30 Study area, this study is separate from the Riverview Corridor Streetcar study. Analyzing current conditions and propose short and long term alternatives.
- 03:30 Study Purpose: separate Transit Analysis on Ford Parkway from Blue Line to A Line.
- 05:30 Study Tasks: current situation analysis and future needs. Focus on bus services.
- 07:00 Study Timeline 18 months, recommendations early 2023.
- 08:00 Current Analysis Takeaways: availability, access, future demand
- 10:30 Projected Future Transit Demand
- 11:30 Covid Impacts on Transit Usage
- 13:00 Open Houses and Events
- More Info:
<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transportation/multi-modal-planning/blue-lineriverview-connection-study>
- 16:15 Zak Y: Question about ridership counts and transit options evaluation criteria.
- 19:00 Art P: Question about timing of changes with Riverview Streetcar.
- 22:20 Dave P: Question about transit demand given poor public transit knowledge.
- 27:00 Hugo B: Question about transit given City and region “green” goals.

4. 32:00 CIB Application Process (Jack F.)

- At meeting time, no information has been released by city on project funding requests.
- 40 – 45 projects requests. A spreadsheet listing all projects with ward locations, dollar amounts requested, and ratings columns would be helpful organizing decisions.
- After our meeting, Noel Nix communicated projects will be available to community councils on May 6th with feedback due June 3rd.

5. Joint Transportation Committee Meeting Feedback

- 43:00 Jack F – Most DCs came with presentations we spoke ‘off the cuff’. Interesting to notice differences in how DCs organize around Transportation issues and amount of activity.
- 45:00 Brian M – Good job organizing the meeting. Highland DC not present, Union Park and St Anthony Park DCs are more active, possibly because of highway traffic. Future possibility of City Wide collaboration.
- 48:45 Regina P – Asked about environmental concerns.
- 51:30 Alexa G – 7 DCs invited, expansion likely. Common issues: Public works, i-94, snow removal, traffic safety, alternatives to stops for me. Ways to collaborate. DC Coordinator may be able to help organize across-DCs. How to keep the work going forward. Committee Volunteer needed to review minutes from other DCs. Alexa will follow-up with the DC Coordinator.

6. Grand Avenue Reconstruction

- 1:05:30 Zak F – City is engaging Macalester College with Campus Student Survey for students is starting with Tables on Campus.
- 1:08:00 Alexa G – Need volunteers for May 19th for the Grand Ave Business & Customer Survey.

7. Summit Avenue Regional Trail

- 1:10:00 Dave P – No new information from City since last meeting.
- 1:11:10 Alexa G – Consider proactive outreach to community members.
- 1:12:00 Brian M – Active negative organizing by Summit Hill Preservation is already taking place.
- 1:14:00 Kate O – Outreach UST on the Summit Avenue Regional Trail.
- 1:15:15 Art P – Supports outreach to Summit Avenue users
- 1:17:15 Jack F – Need to involve DCs on the ‘north’ side of Summit Avenue.

8. 1:18:30 Little Free Library (Kensey L.)

- Provided information on the Little Free Library.
- Events are planned for May 21 – June 1.
- Working to update local site locations map.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 23rd 6:30 p.m.