

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Transportation Committee
September 26, 2022

Attendees: Brian Martinson, Hugo Bruggeman (Chair), Jack Fei (Secretary), Alexa Golemo (Staff), David Pasiuk, Regina Purins, Spencer Ludtke, Siri McDowell (Guest), Zak Yudhishthu, Deanna Seppanen (Guest)

1. New Introductions: none

2. July 2022 minutes approval passes.

3. Grand Avenue Reconstruction Update (Joe Widing)

- 2:00 – Opening Slide
- 3:00 – City receives MDOT funding for Snelling Avenue Intersection
- 4:30 – Background and Context - Engagement Activities
- 5:50 – Background and Context – What We Have Heard
- 9:00 – Pedestrian Crossings – Heavy Crossing Counts for Macalester Campus
- 10:00 – Pedestrian Crossing – Crossing Counts for Cambridge and Fairview Avenues
- 10:45 – Parking Utilization Study Results
- 12:15 – Crash Study Data Summary: Fairview, Cambridge, and Snelling
- 14:00 – Concept: Narrow Grand Avenue Roadway and Add Bump-outs
- 16:00 – Concept: Grand Avenue Median Options (none, hard, landscape)
- 21:15 – Concept: Fairview Avenue (Bump Out, No Bump Out)
- 23:20 – Concept: Cambridge Avenue (Bump Out, Partial Median, Full Median)
- 28:00 – Concept: Macalester Crossings (five options – locations and treatments)
- 34:45 – Future Public Engagements
- 37:00 – Regina P – Favors landscape median over hard.
- 40:30 – Brian M – Favors no median as cyclist. Consider 20 MPH speed limit. Questions “entire block” tabling for Macalester Crossings.
- 49:00 – Dave P – Traffic Counts lower on West Side of Snelling.
- 52:10 – Jack F – Favor median with least cost, favor Fairview bump-out, consider adding gates drop down for crossings busy times, favor raised cross walk for traffic calming.
- 56:00 – Zak Y – Favor keeping East and West crossings.

Recommendation on concepts to be discussed next meeting.

Reference

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

4. MRB Ford Parkway Underpass Discussion (Spencer Ludke)

- 1.02:00 – Picture shows underpass is unsafe, lacks sidewalks, neglected over 20 years.
- 1.04:00 – Involvement in conjunction with HDC, decisions not followed up.

- 1:06:00 – Sidewalk is part of bridge structure, not road.
- 1:08:00 – Median installed with little notice. Final result not in place.

5. **Neighborhood Street Safety** (Jack Fei)

- 1.14:00 – Proactive Community Engagement: working group for Neighborhood Safety
- 1.24:00 – Draft and Distribute Proposal for “Neighborhood Street Safety”

Two Street Safety Ideas distributed to mgcc-transportation-committee@googlegroups.com on 10/2.

6. **I-94 Update** (Spencer Ludke)

- 1.27:45 – St Paul applying for “Reconnecting Communities” Grant for Rondo Land Bridge.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 24th 6:30 p.m.