



NCITE: Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Time: 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Location: Colonial Warehouse conference room in Minneapolis, MN (212 3rd Avenue N, Suite 404 Minneapolis, MN 55401)

Speakers: Heather Kienitz (SEH) & Hannah Pritchard (Toole Design Group)

Topic: West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study

Attendees:

Natalie Lindsoe (HDR)

Caitlin Wotruba (Kimley Horn)

Heather Kienitz (SEH)

Hannah Pritchard (Tool Design)

Sierra Saunders (Hennepin County)

Pete Lemke (Bolton & Menk)

Ken Levin (Hennepin County)

Jason Pieper (Hennepin County)

Peter Langworthy (Bolton & Menk)

Emily Gross (SRF)

Committee Updates

- Caitlin Wotruba is the new 2016 Co-Chair
- Next meeting is May 10th at Nomad World Pub (501 Cedar Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55454). It is a joint meeting with APBP MN (Association of Ped and Bicycle Professionals) to learn about the Cedar Avenue 4 to 3 lane conversion project.
- September Meeting will be near the U of M to learn about the Ped/Bike counting project.
- Technical Article topics are still needed so if you have ideas or would like to write an article let Natalie know.

Presentation

Project Overview: The City of Minneapolis led an area wide multimodal transportation study for the West Lake LRT Station area. The goal of the study was to identify opportunities to address non-motorized and motorized travel within the West Lake Station area with projects that can be implemented as a part of the construction of the Southwest LRT or as part of other capital initiatives. Study efforts were coordinated with partner agencies including Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and the Southwest Project Office. The study emphasized bicycle and pedestrian modes to identify needs, challenges, and opportunities in the vicinity of the West Lake Station.

Project Outreach

Project Team met with 5 primary stakeholders 3 times throughout the project.

- 1st was to gather information
 - 2nd was to give preliminary ideas and receive their feedback
 - 3rd was to present the final plan
- Sent 2 surveys to the community for response using Survey Gizmo

Data Shared with Public

- Bike Level of Traffic Stress



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- Focused on the Interested but concerned level of bikers
- Ped LOS was hard for public to understand so delay was used more
- Reported Bike and Ped Crash Data

Recommendations

- Bikes on trail yield to crossing traffic
- Bike roundabout
- Connect Station to Lake Calhoun
- Separate Bikes & Peds at Dean Parkway at Lake
- East Calhoun Parkway Trail
- Crossing of Rail Tracks
- Market Plaza Connection to Lake Calhoun
- Lake and Excelsior Improvements
- Lake Street Improvements
- Driveway at Market Plaza for Whole Foods Improvements

9 of the recommendations for Southwest have been incorporated into the design and the City is pursuing others and Calhoun is looking at other recommendations for their master plan.

For more information about the project you can visit the website

(<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/all/WCMS1P-138480>) where there is a link to the final documentation.

Round Robin Topics

- Hannah – City of Minneapolis will be taking up the issue of 3rd Ave S of 8th St
- Ken Levin - Hennepin County signal updates (flashing yellow arrows)
- Jason – Hennepin County will be overlaying 46th St
- Jason - Cedar, Franklin & Minnehaha intersection will have one leg removed
- Jason – Improvements to Washington Ave. Pavement markings are already wearing off and will need to be maintained
- Jason – Minneapolis is now responsible for maintenance of all pavement markings on Hennepin County roads in Minneapolis