



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

May 2, 2024 Meeting

Meeting Summary

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1Note Taker(s)		
Members Present		
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	Andrea Crouse	Zeitgeist Arts/SHIP/Active Transportation
	Denis Sauve	Bike & Ped Industry Rep
	Dick Haney	Friends of Western Duluth Parks & Trails
	Chris Carlson	City of Superior Pubic Work
	Maren Webb	State of Minnesota
	James Gittemeier	BPAC Vice Chair – City of Duluth
	Skip Williams	We Walk Duluth – Citizen Rep
	Judy Gibbs	Citizen Rep
	Dena Ryan	State of Wisconsin - WisDOT
	Chris Belden	DTA
Members Absent		* Excused Absence
	Jason DiPiazza	Citizen Rep
	Cari Pederson	City of Duluth Public Works
Others Present		
	Carol	St. Louis County
	Thomlin	
	Maren Webb	Sr. Transportation Planner, MnDot District One
	Erika Shepard	MnDOT – MPO Program Coordinator
	Deborah Hendrickson	
	Miles Hanson	Americore – City of Duluth
	Ron Chicka	MIC
	Prescott Morrill	MIC



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1. Introductions / Agenda Review

- Meeting started at 2:30pm and Quick Round the Room introductions and online introductions.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- Approval of meeting notes from February 2023
 - Edit of February's notes (misspelled names)
 - Passed unanimously
- Other business:
 - Safety is becoming a pressing need in transportation planning (Skip Williams)
 - Elevate this into the design argument and framing of our goals.
 - Debate as to is this not already implied in the document.
 - Instead of "all season design" let's amend to "safe all season design."
- Review of BPAC Goals:
 - "Safe" added to goal of 'all season design' for bike/ped infrastructure
- Update from Prescott on Bicycle Transportation Plan Draft
- Update from Andrea on new survey tool for getting input from stakeholders on the bike plan.
- Confirmation of future meeting date: August 1st at the DoT and virtually available as well.

3. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Priorities for Bike Transportation Plan (Prescott) and request for feedback
 - James: Outlook of the plan is 2050 "what do we want to see our transportation network to look like in 2050?" Set the Vision...Keep this plan oriented around a vision for 2050. Context here is LRTP and MTP.
 - Dick: "Consider other living beings in our transportation designs" Example from the county on Rice Lake Road and safety lighting...some of safety lighting goes too far and impacts ecological system. **Sustainability and Environmental Consideration.**
 - Make the goal of environmental concern in planning more visible. It already is one of the core goals laid out in MTP.
 - There will be time to review some of the things going into the LRTP/MTP at the next BPAC meeting (Prescott).
- James: 'Reconnecting Communities' planning grant will launch by mid-2025 and coordinate stakeholder/interest group consulting by then to re-envision I-35 downtown. Timeline of MNDoT projects. "To realize big vision, we have to get the vision set."



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- Conversation on 5th avenue bridge over I-35. Ramps, bridges, and connections going over the freeway. Connections need to be intermodal.
- Recommendations for Skyline Parkway (James)
 - There recent interest in improving pedestrian safety. Project in work that the city is seeking public engagement on, and it will likely be implemented this summer (2024).
 - Helpful for BPAC to discuss how do we move forward with what we can do for skyline parkway for all modes.
 - Put it on the August agenda for discussion and provide recommendations.
 - MNDoT active transportation grant that may be available in fall to help provide technical assistance for and implement better plan for skyline.
 - Skyline is a regional way...multijurisdictional.

4. INFORM/UPDATE:

- National Highway Transportation Safety Training (Andrea)
 - Key Themes: 3 E's (engineering, education, enforcement)
 - Importance of slow streets and design for safety.
 - Maren: FHAW Training
- Detours (James)
 - Big project detours: 2026 replacement of pedestrian bridge by M&H over I-35 and West Superior Street reconstruction will close the Cross City Trail.
 - No easy detours here. Discussion and seeking input from BPAC committee.
 - Cross city trail detour in Lincoln Park was so detailed because it was a multiyear closure...these closures will be one season closure...even because of that, with the nature of cross city trail being all ages and abilities.
 - Work on Superior St will begin in 2025. 3 sections culminating in an end to project by 2028.
 - Cross city trail will return to W Michigan St this fall (2024)
 - Detailed discussion proposed for August
- Cross City Trail connection with Munger Trail (Gap between Raleigh st and Zoo parking lot, Tappakeg) (James)
 - Feasibility of where to place this route, entirely new.
 - Behind Kwik Trip? Discussion with city staff of putting it behind kwik trip (desired route).
- Upcoming meetings:
 - 'Building Great Places' Next Thursday May 9th at noon until 1:30, @Zeitgeist
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Mayor Reinart and Mayor Paine will be there
 - Free Event
 - 'Bike to Work' day is the following Friday
 - There will be support tents with safety checks and goodies
 - Film Series



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- W. Skyline Parkway public meeting...trying to find a date. It's about Enger section, particularly the overlook side of the street. Temporarily converting from two lanes to one lane as a demonstration to see if it works at calming the route. Real intention from the City to install this change by summer.
 - Need to find date where elected officials can make it.
- Bike Parking: Discussion of carbon reduction program (CRP) fund allocation going into 2028
 - CRP funds, standalone bike parking facilities fit into the funding.
 - Find ways to have low cost, high yield unlocking latent demand projects for transportation projects...safe place for parking your bike.
 - Discussion. Our vision for bike parking around town (Bayfront, downtown)
 - Very accessible, not necessarily bike locker.
 - Bike parking units in Finland (Denis)
 - On residential streets near schools...putting better bike parking at the schools.
 - UMD students developing a map for public input to map bike parking.
- Public engagement for Bikeway plan
- Notes on Bicycle Transportation Plan (Brandon, Prescott, James)
 - '20 is plenty' 'better more appropriate signage' 'traffic calming' 'neighborhood greenway'
 - Making connections through the neighborhood to the main route/network.
 - Narrative in Bike Plan of how you move through the network.

5. FUNDING AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Talked a little bit about potential for Skyline...anything else?
 - Retrofitting buses for larger tire bikes.

6. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

- Dena's last meeting. Last day at WisDoT is May 10th. Thanks Dena!!!
- Safe Routes to School Coordinator Position for ISD 709 (Prescott).
- Blatnik Bridge Meeting Wednesday May 15th @5pm @Superior Public Library (Maren).
- Smart Growth America has a survey we want to access for accessible streetscape design (Andrea)

7. ADJOURN:

- Adjourned at 4:40PM