

Macalester-Groveland Community Council
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, January 25th, 2010 – 7:00 PM
Edgumbe Rec Center Gym, 320 S. Griggs St., St. Paul

Committee Members in Attendance: Dave Pasiuk, Andrew Olson, Steve Matysik, Terry Casey (chair), Jay MacBride, Carrie Au-Yeung, Amber Dallman, Mike Kowski

Board Members: John Haggemiller

Guests: Pete and Bev Seifert, Cindy Syme, Chris Johnson, Schitorh Krirhran, Rum Krirhran, Janine and Brian Valento, Nick Michel, Joe McKenna, Lynn Varco, Mary Karlsson, Doug Hubbard, Sharon Hubbard, Lisa Falk-Thompson (Public Works), David Kuebler (Public Works), Paul St. Martin (Public Works)

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm

Approval of Nov. 09 minutes: Dave, Mike 2nds—motion passes

Proposed Jefferson Bike Boulevard Project

Paul St. Martin—Public Works Traffic Division, has been talking to Transit for Livable Communities (TLC), Mayor's Office, City Council members about the project. There are concerns in the neighborhood—Public Works will be meeting with neighbors in February, March, and April and will be moving forward. Both TLC and Public Works would like to see:

- Some type of way-finding signage
- Identify street name signs (modify or new indication)
- Pavement markings on the street

TLC would also like to see:

- Number of stop signs decreased (ease of flow for bicyclists):

Public Works recognizes that there are community concerns related to the removal of stop signs

2010 Jefferson NTP Bikeway Proposal (10-26-09)

Mississippi River Boulevard to Cleveland Avenue (Bicycle Boulevard—Local Street)

- Shared use bicycle boulevard pavement markings
- Revise Jefferson street name signs or add placards to indicate Jefferson Bikeway
- Destination/Directional signs
- Test median at Cleveland (subject to City Council approval)

Future improvements to be tied to planned city projects subject to community input and City Council approval:

- Speed table at Woodlawn Avenue with implementation in (2014)
- Remove stops and install traffic circle at Mount Curve Boulevard (2014)
- Remove stops and install traffic circle at Finn Avenue (2016)

Cleveland Avenue to Fairview Avenue (Bicycle Boulevard—Local Street)

- Shared use bicycle boulevard pavement markings
- Revise Jefferson street name signs or add placards to indicate Jefferson bikeway
- Destination/directional signs
- Traffic signal at Fairview to remain in place

The following items are proposed by t subject to community input and City Council approval:

- Removal of stop signs on Jefferson Avenue at Kenneth Avenue and Prior Avenue

- Implementation of two sided parking between Kenneth Avenue and Prior Avenue
- Installation of speed humps/tables between Prior Avenue and Fairview Avenue

***** TUES. 2/23: PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS JEFFERSON FROM CLEVELAND TO FAIRVIEW EDGCUMBE REC CENTER (320 S. GRIGGS ST. 55105) 7PM*****

Fairview Avenue To Snelling Avenue (Bicycle Boulevard—Local Street)

- Shared use bicycle boulevard pavement markings
- Revise Jefferson street name signs or add placards to indicate Jefferson Bikeway
- Destination/directional signs

The following improvements may be included in City funded 2010 street paving project; subject to community input and City Council approval:

- Remove stops and install traffic circles at Wheeler Street, Davern Street and Macalester Street
- Implement two-sided parking

Ties into RSVP (there will be separate meeting with neighbors to discuss)

***** THURS. 2/18: PUBLIC MEETING TO ADDRESS RSVP IN THIS AREA OLIN-RICE SCIENCE CENTER, ROOM 250, MACALESTER COLLEGE*****

*****WED. 3/3: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING DAVERN/JEFFERSON RSVP**

Snelling Avenue to Lexington Parkway (Bicycle Boulevard—Collector Street)

- Install “Sharrow” shared use pavement markings
- Revise Jefferson street name signs or add placards to indicate Jefferson Bikeway
- Destination/directional signs
- Two dynamic speed display signs

Lexington Parkway to West 7th Street (Bike Lanes—Collector Street)

- New pavement markings and new signs along the corridor for the purpose of implementing bike lanes
- Revise Jefferson street name signs or add placards to indicate Jefferson Bikeway
- Destination/directional signs
- Changing the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph between Ayd Mill Road and Victoria Street
- Sidewalk on the south side of Jefferson—Lexington Avenue to Victoria Street
- Street lighting improvements
- Bump outs at View Street, Vance Street and Bay Street
- Bump outs and/or median pedestrian refuge at Victoria Street
- Colored pavement treatment in bike lanes at the entrances to Ayd Mill Road

West 7th Street to Cliff Street and Randolph Avenue (Bicycle Boulevard—Local Street)

- Shared use bicycle boulevard pavement markings
- Revised Jefferson street name signs or add placards to indicate Jefferson Bikeway
- Destination/directional signs

The following items are proposed but subject to community input and City Council approval:

- Remove stops and install neighborhood traffic circle on Jefferson Avenue at Duke Street

Public Works won’t move forward if neighborhood doesn’t want it; don’t want to spend a lot of time debating parking/traffic circles); if we don’t do something west of Lexington Parkway, the project won’t get funded east of Lexington (all or nothing kind of deal).

Public Works Timeline:

End of February: come back to MGCC for update

March: final Jefferson meeting

March 3rd: public hearing with City Council re: RSVP

April 7th: back to City Council

It was pointed out that we talk about this as a bike boulevard, but it has elements of traffic calming as well.

RSVP Project

Lisa Falk-Thompson project manager for RSVP (Snelling, St. Claire, Fairview, Randolph)

Part 1 will be done in 2010; Part 2 will be done in 2011. The whole of 2010 Davern/Jefferson neighbors will get a letter in the mail regarding the upcoming meeting. As of today (1/25/10) on Jefferson: there will be new curbs/gutters, trees/sod, street lights, opportunity to combine construction of RSVP with any potential traffic calming elements of the proposed bike boulevard. They will be coordinating with people replacing sidewalk squares, tree heaves, broken sidewalks, etc. Petition process can happen if folks wish to change the parking on Jefferson from Fairview to Snelling; petition process would also continue for requesting traffic circles. If (stop) signs come out, Public Works want traffic calming efforts put in place—this will be discussed at their upcoming neighborhood meetings.

Maintenance of Traffic Circles

Monica Beeman—Public Works will give out a petition, 75% of neighbors need to sign the petition. The folks at Stanford/Macalester got 75% of their neighbors to sign their petition; MGCC will send a letter to the City for both the Lincoln/Finn traffic circle and the Stanford/Macalester traffic circle to let the city know that these folks have made a commitment to maintain the traffic circle and pass on the responsibilities if they were to move away or no longer be able to take care of it. (Plantings are the most difficult to manage)

Internal (MGCC) policy on traffic circles: the City wants MGCC to send a letter saying we've got people organized to take care of traffic circle, city can then say folks agreed to keep it maintained. All requests regarding traffic circles will be forwarded from Karmann on to Mike.

Grand/Syndicate Kowalski's update

Paul St. Martin will meet with Kowalski before the Feb. 22nd MGCC transportation committee meeting. Cost of \$50,000 to do west side bump outs on Grand and \$30,000 to do east side bump outs on Grand.

City of St. Paul's Comprehensive Plan—Planning and Economic Development (PEPD)

Christina Morrison will be invited to attend the Feb. MGCC transportation committee to discuss the vision at the City (especially as it relates to the transportation piece of the City's Comprehensive Plan); what do we want to hear or know within our neighborhood? Amber will invite Christina to Feb. meeting.

Snelling Median update

Historical/archeological investigation survey needs to be done, Phase 1: investigation; plan is still moving forward. On 2/10/10, the City Council unanimously voted in favor of funding for the Snelling Median project. Resolution is as follows:

Resolution 10-138 - Authorizing allocation of City funds for the Snelling Avenue Medians project, and authorizing City Engineer John P. Maczko as the delegated authority for signing the contract with the State. (GS 3096176-Ward 3)

2010 Committee Leadership

Amber will run for chair position—Jay nominates, Steve 2nds, all in favor, motion passes

Jay will run for vice-chair position—Carrie nominates, Steve 2nds, all in favor, motion passes

THANK YOU TO TERRY FOR 10 OUTSTANDING YEARS OF LEADERSHIP!!! And to Dave for being her “wingman.”

Next Transportation Committee meeting: Monday, March 22nd, 2010, 7:00 PM, Edgumbe Rec Center

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