

**Macalester - Groveland Community County  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 24, 2010 | 7:00 PM

Edgumbe Recreation Center | 320 South Griggs Street | Saint Paul

**Members in attendance:** Amber Dallman, Dave Pasiuk, Terry Casey, Andy Albrecht, Mike Kowski, Jay Mac Bride, Lauren Anderson (staff)

**Guests:** Dan Haak – Saint Paul Public Works

**Meeting called to order:** 7:06pm

**Approval of April 2010 Minutes:** Dave made motion, Jay seconded - motion passes with the following corrections: Mary Davis will be included as a “guest” in future minutes; under Snelling Median, audible warnings may be included; Committee would prefer not to include members who make or second a motion to adjourn meetings.

**Added to agenda under Other Business:** no additions.

**Jefferson Bikeway Update | Cleveland & Jefferson Pedestrian Refuge**

Jay gave a recap of the 5/5 meeting: 28 people spoke for and 4 spoke against the Bikeway. Jay read the MGCC resolution on the Bikeway. All City Council Members, except Council Member Pat Harris, voted in favor of the Bikeway. Lauren read the following information from David Kuebler on the Cleveland & Jefferson pedestrian refuge:

*[P]rior to any temporary structure being placed in Cleveland at Jefferson, traffic counts would need to be obtained on roadways parallel to Cleveland and roadways parallel to Jefferson. The City is currently developing the specifics of such data acquisition. Once the testing is completed the temporary structure in the middle of Cleveland would be installed and monitored. The length of time for the temporary installation and monitoring is yet to be determined. The time would most likely be between four and eight weeks. Along with the temporary curb installation, Cleveland between Juliet and Wellesley would be restriped and temporary signs would be installed on both Cleveland and Jefferson. The signs would be installed to indicate that left turns are prohibited at the intersection as well as any parking restrictions in advance of the intersection. Following installation of the temporary median, traffic counts would again be obtained on the streets parallel to Cleveland and Jefferson at the same locations previously studied. The two sets of data would be compared to determine any traffic impacts that resulted from the test median. A summary report would be generated.*

The Committee discussed details of the curb and the timeline, with a preference for counts being obtained while schools are still in session. Nativity School has some concerns about the refuge, but the Committee is not sure what kinds of safety instructions the school currently gives to its students. Terry recommended that Amber call David Kuebler to discuss about the Committee’s concerns regarding the timeline of the pedestrian refuge test.

## **Grand & Syndicate**

No update from Paul St. Martin.

## **Wellesley & Wheeler Traffic Circle Update:**

Maintenance letter was created with help from Mike and staff, submitted to Public Works in time for the 5/18 meeting on the proposed Wellesley & Wheeler traffic circle. Lauren attended the meeting and reported that the majority of neighbors were in favor of the traffic circle by the end of the meeting. Some concerns were voiced related to visibility and snow plowing around the circle— Public Works staff addressed questions and allayed some concerns from neighbors. Dan Haak from Public Works reported that the Wellesley & Wheeler traffic circle was approved for construction. Lauren will work to create maintenance letters for Lincoln & Finn and Stanford & Macalester traffic circles.

## **RSVP – Public Art Presentation:**

Dan Haak from Saint Paul Public Works spoke with the committee about public art funding included in RSVP. 1% of total funds must go to public art projects. For Davern-Jefferson RSVP, \$38,000 is allocated for public art. The exact boundaries for public art aren't clear, but the funds should be used as close to the project area as possible, which runs from St. Clair Ave to Jefferson Ave and from Fairview Ave to Snelling Ave. Public Works is looking for recommendations and projects will be installed in Fall 2010 or potentially in Spring 2011. Funds can be split between different projects.

The Committee received a handout with pictures of potential projects including bus stops, mosaic planters, art benches, sidewalk poetry, and paint-the-pavement. The Committee also discussed public art bike racks (as seen on E Lake St in Minneapolis), decorative man-hole covers, fire hydrant painting, art or sculptures in the center of traffic circles (under 24" height restriction), and street prints (as seen on Selby Ave east of Lexington), which involve stamping patterns in asphalt.

Ways to seek neighbors' input could include posting information on the MGCC website, the E-Illuminator, and creating an online survey to gauge interest in specific projects. Concerns about having neighbors outside the RSVP project area weigh in on how the funds should be spent were brought up. Jay will work on compiling a guide with pictures and Lauren will get information up on the website, E-Illuminator. The Transportation Committee will gather feedback by the 6/28 meeting.

## **Bike/ Pedestrian Education:**

Amber brought "Share the Road" and other MNDOT materials as examples of existing bike/pedestrian education. Dave brought up recent changes in laws regarding yielding to pedestrians at (not in) the crosswalk. Committee discussed focusing on school safety patrol. Jay wondered how much we have in the budget for this educational initiative. Amber would like to establish goals for this effort including handing out Share the Road brochures, clings, stickers, and/or hand stamps at Grand Old Day. Dave brought up past Transportation demonstrations at Grand Old Day as another outreach tool. The Committee discussed

distributing Share the Road materials in neighbor rep packets and sharing tips in a Transportation Corner of the E-Illuminator. Lauren will include a tip in the upcoming June 1, 2010 edition.

**Snelling Median Update:**

Plans for the Snelling Avenue Median are not signed yet.

**Complete Streets:**

Complete Streets legislation passed.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:17pm.