

Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 7.10.2023, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Scott Berger, Amy Gage, James Johnson, April King, Mary Morse Marti, Lisa Nelson, Sean Ryan, Allen Saunders, Barb Thoman

Committee Members Absent: Lisa Mueller, KC Cox, Austin Wu

Guests: Justin Borrell (MNUFC)

Staff: Leah Timberlake Sullivan

1. Agenda and Minutes

- July agenda and June minutes approved unanimously

2. Follow-ups and UPDC updates

- Barb T. and Scott B. were approved by UPDC board by email vote as reps to Reimagining I-94.
- Last Transportation meeting had agenda items pushed to this month because others went long.
- Update anticipated at next meeting regarding Snelling/Univ clean-up.
- STAR grant applications, e.g., for logo bike racks, due July 21. Quicker to write now without a matching funds requirement (if < \$50K).
- Discussion of pros/cons of logo bike racks (including functionality), and which logo fits best where. Possibility of installing multiple plain racks next to single logo rack, for cost saving.

3. Open Forum

4. Allianz Field & MNUFC Check-in – Justin Borrell, Allianz Field General Manager

- SPPD manages all vehicle traffic; review of procedures pending.
- Metro Transit update pending; usage seems to be up.
- “Long pedestrian path” to train station is for queueing, leftover from pre-pandemic days; needs reassessment.
- No news on construction projects.
- Pedestrian crossing at Pascal now will have a police officer.
- Safe pedestrian crossing of Snelling and University is a priority.
- More bikes are appearing at events in summer. Vehicle traffic well directed; bike traffic not. Sufficient bike racks exist; how to find them needs guidance. Signage and digital guidance could be improved. Have bike events (with and without there being a game).
- Feedback welcome to: justin.b@mnufc.com

5. Updates on ongoing topics

- Summit Trail: window for offering input to Met Council is closing.
- Speed cameras: moving forward slowly in Minnesota. Sensitive issue with public; community engagement needed.
- Stroad = cross between street and road (more like a highway).

- One-ways: no new one-way streets, due to problems with one-ways; changes are by ordinance, not petition. Problems with non-compliance (especially with signs down for construction).
- Ayd Mill: no news about revision at NW terminus.
- I-94 update: Mn DOT presenting new alternatives to Advisory Committee 7/17. Things may move quickly after that; UPCD board should meet shortly thereafter. Can public attend that meeting? Likely not? (Mn DOT HQ: 395 John Ireland Blvd., room #27).
- Bike plan update: nothing new. See piece in streets.mn next week. Andy Singer had issues with bike plan; maybe these will get addressed in the streets.mn piece.
- Snelling medians: efforts to get them north of Summit, like south of Grand. Ryan companies promised to do medians at the O’Gara’s redevelopment; should check back with them.

6. Workplan review, in-person events, other topics

- Summit Ave. Slow Roll recap (July 1)
- Leah to call her counterpart at Highland Park District Council to express concern.
- B Line walk. Low turnout; super-hot day. Organized by a committee member who had the idea; anybody can instigate an event like this—contact co-chairs.
- Discussion of email lists: Distinction between Transportation Committee and Transportation Community (larger) email lists. “Reply all” risks spamming. Send items to co-chairs to email out to the larger list.
- UPDC non-partisan: invite all candidates/elected officials, irrespective of party affiliation, to events. Nice to have multiple leaders present at events.
- Future event: I-94 walk
- Wabash Sidewalk gap: Vandalia Tower contact disappeared, so now need door-to-door solicitation of co-signatories to letter to MTC re: sidewalk installation. Can tap committee members.
- Cretin Ave meeting with with Mac-Groveland and Highland Park DCs: productive, community-building. Consensus: at north end, Cretin’s way too fast. Some commonality, some differences in perspectives by District. // Concerns re. new St. Thomas arena.
- Ayd Mill issues re-emerging: dumping onto Selby? (cars, bikes); other issues (and Selby/Snelling).
- Clean-up Snelling/University this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Monday August 14th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm via videoconference.