

Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 05.12.2025, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Via Zoom

Committee Members Present: James Johnson, Lisa Nelson, April King, Amy Gage, Barb Thoman, Scott Berger, KC Cox, Abby Heil, Allen Saunders

Guests: David Peterson, Craig Vaughn, Alyssa Bell

Staff : Leah Timberlake Sullivan

1. Agenda and Minutes

- Moved Agenda and Minutes approved

2. Updates & follow-ups

- Air quality meter volunteering, for how traffic impacts air quality
- Scientists share multiple options
- Focuses: air quality, watershed, tree canopy, sound pollution
- Councils given critical corridor money (Selby Snelling - \$75k)
- Partner with Summit U for B-Line opening
- Host tours for that month
- Interns: 2x Macalaster (environmental committee) + 1 Olaf
- streets.mn tabling in Minneapolis on B-Line opening day
- BRT concerns: if you don't live near stop, long space near stops
- Jim Johnson: Monument Piper (promo for show, Celtic) - May 31st + June 1st (indoor sit down)
- Public hearing for Breakaway, city council meeting on Wednesday
- Trash cleanup @ 9am this Saturday – meet at playground
 - Not above 90°, thunder / lightning, AQI > 100
 - Always first Saturday
- All motions from previous committee passed by Board

3. Rondo Streets Study - Craig Vaughn (Transportation Collaborative & Consultants, TC2), David Petersen (SPPW)

- Federally funded project, local roads in Rondo
- Trying to keep I-94 discussion at arms length
- Craig: community engagement manager
- Unique to Rondo, but what's being done here could happen to other roads
- First block / Last block
- Study area: Hamline -> John Ireland, University to Selby
- Engage residents and businesses, conceptual design alternatives, topology, etc.
- Timeline: Started Fall 24 (phase 0) through Winter 25
 - Community outreach -> infrastructure inventory -> neighborhood visioning -> setting future state, reporting and visualization
- www.stpaul.gov/rondostreets
- Trying to add street elements similar to Marshall and Dale (sidewalks, grass, plantings, trees, signs, parking, bike lanes, etc.)
- Also Selby / Hague (bump outs, tighter streets, mature trees)
- Take Rondo Street Survey: 3-5 minutes, 3 pages

- Saint Paul streets goes out many many decades in future
- Earlier reconstructions: north of 94 (central avenue) - 2031, marshall / dayton (2044)
- Marshall (east of Lexington), Hamline (sales tax)
- When resurfacing - triggers requirement to update ADA compliance
- Ways we can update bike lanes without full reconstruction
- Bunch of north/south bike boulevards dedicated, maybe calming
- Why Rondo? City was aware of historic aspects, opportunity with RAISE grant (equity)
- Vertical treatments - traffic calming
- Always asking for more with the same amount of money, things like chicanes add plowing time
- Concerns about starts / stops / slowing / speeding
- Reconnect Rondo: working with them - meant to go together
- Will have opportunities for additional community engagement

4. B Line! - Alyssia Bell (Metro Transit)

- About 20% faster than normal busses
- Bus-only lanes
- Off-board payment
- Distinctive busses with all-door boarding
- Previously second busiest route, very slow on Lake (8mph), replacing route 21
- Stations: Push button heating (under 40°), very pretty, emergency telephones, security cameras, ticket machines, etc.
- 13 miles, 33 stations, 4am to 1, 1:30, or 2:00am
- Outreach: community and pop-up events, business/communities, flyering/canvassing, tabling, in-reach, CBO partner outreach
- Stop closure engagement: rider alerts, post cards, newsletters, ambassadors, pre-launch
- Partners: Hennepin County, Ramsey County, Minneapolis, Saint Paul
- Pre-board ticket purchasing only (apps, ticket machines, etc.)
- B Line busses will still have ramps at front
- Route 72 (existing 70) will offer 30 minute service on Selby

5. Follow-ups

- Still giving out tickets on Cretin
- April will email Alyssa about bikes on B-Line

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Monday June 9th, 2025 via zoom.