

Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 06.08.2026, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Lisa Nelson, April King, Allen Saunders, Jerome Benner, James Johnson, Mary Morse Marti, Scott Berger

Guests: Ian Greasley, Presley Martin, Mike Reynolds

Staff: Leah Timberlake Sullivan

1. Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda and Minutes approved

2. Updates and Open Forum

- Discussions of crosswalks, and getting permission from city to paint crosswalks
- Collecting data on roads and traffic speeds
- Cost for pedestrian activated crosswalk was \$65k, which was a lot for the city
- Can be demotivating for

3. Hamline Midway – Presley Martin, Mike Reynolds (HMC Transportation Committee) - North Snelling

- Recent meeting with MnDOT and city, alongside many other meetings
- Have done many Snelling corridor studies
- Rarely act on their studies
- Many district councils have tried to get action – such as the Hamline University crossing
- Last year we had a Snelling Walk, from Minnehaha to Fairground, could barely fit 2x2, with talk afterwards on what we could do
- How do we get leverage for change?
- Committee and coalition for Snelling was considered
- Derailed my Metro Surge, try to restart it
- Bus on Snelling crashed into building on Hamline (luckily)
- We had come up with about 20 ideas, such as blinking lights and crosswalks, extended pedestrian time, default pedestrian crossings, no right on red, etc.
- Snelling is crucial corridor
- Every time we talk to MnDOT we get a bit better at it, but MnDOT seems to avoid responsibility
- Infrastructure has 8+ years, bridge another decade, etc.
- Seemed to be more space from county and MnDOT
- 8 years is “close to tomorrow” for MnDOT, we are concerned about community engagement
- How do we build an actual coalition? City is interested. Ward 4 is as well.
- UPDC – planning medians around Snelling, entrances and exits were built around planned medians, which never came to fruition
- Ginkgo owner also struggles with the Snelling bridge
- Pedestrian / bicycling study over bridge
- What do elected representatives think?
- Snelling feels like another pass-through – has been in touch with Sustain Saint Paul

- Molly Coleman is very much involved, Commissioners are mixed involved, potentially Senators
- Lots of work at Snelling and University (with Alliance), we should be partners
- Representatives have been interested but not directly connected
- Every multi-modal path to the Fair is awful
- Metro Transit is onboard, especially Snelling Station, A Line signalization, Lake Street seems like the kind of street transformation we'd like to see, the A-BRT was first project, but future ones mitigated other traffic.
- Could we retrofit some of our findings? B line has dedicated lanes and signal priority. Gold line has dedicated lanes in spots. Color lines are like "real" BRT.
- Dedicated bus line to change behaviors?
- More art and more trees, between Minnehaha and Fairgrounds
- Have we noticed a big change since 280? Bigger trucks, but some people are finding alternative routes.
- How can we improve data sharing?
- [Link to crash data map](#)
- [Link to traffic data map](#)

4. Other Random Updates

- 280 Closure
- Updates on Joint District Council
- Stop For Me
- Could we do speed gun training
- I-94 meeting on Wednesday
- MnDOT is moving forward with their recommendations
- Eastbound bike pathway north of I-94
- Charles bikeway
- Walkable Cities from Jeff Speck – a walk needs to be useful, safe, comfortable, interesting
- People for Bikes new rating – Minneapolis and Saint Paul did okay (72 and 62?)
- CLUED: Parking came up

Adjourned: 7:57pm

Next Meeting:

Next meeting: Monday July 13th, 2026 via Zoom.