

Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 5.08.2023, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Via Zoom

Committee Members Present: April King, Amy Gage, James Johnson, Lisa Nelson, Travis Snider, Allen Saunders, Barb Thoman, KC Cox, Lisa Mueller, Scott Berger, Sean Ryan, Scott Berger

Committee Members Absent:

Guests: Molly Burns-Hansen

Staff: Leah Timberlake Sullivan

1. Agenda and Minutes

- Allen moved, Barb seconded motion to approve agenda and minutes from April. Both Motions approved unanimously.

2. Open Forum

- Introductions all around

3. Updates & Follow-ups

Executive Committee

- Leah discussed upcoming events: Ice Cream Peanut Butter & Jam & Midway Peace Park Fall Fun Day
- Keystone representative will be at next CLUED meeting to discuss new food center on University

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- Need to get updates from Mary MM and Scott Berger

Misc

- Discussions on Met Council and how there is confusion on what they do
- Lack of information on how to contact Metro Transit due to poor signage, with its "text line"
 - a. Molly discusses how that text line will help steer people in the correct direction (emergency or non-emergency)
- [New draft of citywide Bike Plan](#) has been released
- Move MN update from Amy Gage
 - a. Julie has formed two action teams (Minneapolis, Saint Paul), looking to flesh out Saint Paul team since having trouble finding people
 - b. Information on joining [Volunteer Team Meeting](#)
- Concern about high speeds on Ayd Mill Road
- Metro Transit [Network Now survey](#)

4. Neighborhood Transportation

Molly Burns-Hansen, Move Minnesota Programs Coordinator - mollybh@moveon.org

- [Link to Presentation](#)
- Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for Saint Paul, with vision to create a MN where we break down transportation barriers to provide sustainable transportation options in Saint Paul

- Works with employers about Metro Transit Metro Pass & My Fare Card, [Guaranteed Ride Home](#) (emergency rideshares), and Bike Programs (50/50 bike parking cost sharing)
- Works with developers and property managers, official TDM plan reviewer for new developments to reduce congestion and traffic, residential transit pass (\$14/mo/unit, unlimited rides per month, min 10 units), helps find best types and locations for bike racks and parking
- Works with residents and community members, with [Transit Assistance Program](#) (TAP) with \$1 fare rides, create neighborhood centric maps, partnering for events (Bike Anywhere, Earth Day, World Car Free Day)
- Next steps: Upcoming events, major property owners worth contacting about programs, other questions?
 - a. Amy offering to connect with Little Africa Festival, Snelling closed
 - b. Safe Ride Home rideshare questions about how to get access and use it for emergencies
 - c. Transportation usage has gone up (especially BRT)
 - d. How to onboard new employers? - Contact with Max Singer - they typically reach out to businesses
 - e. Transit Pass initially happened in 2019, people in pilot really wanted it, and then pandemic happened
 - f. Is Move MN involved with MN United – not active, but work with a number of events
 - g. Onboarding UPDC members with helping getting people signed up for TAP
 - h. Does Move MN have sway with Metro Transit, e.g. lines on Cretin, frequency of certain lines (e.g. Cleveland, A Line), etc.
 - i. Move Minneapolis is organization for Downtown Minneapolis
 - j. Libraries are able to help with bus schedules and maps

5. Camera Speed Enforcement

James Johnson

- [Slides for presentation on speed and noise camera](#) automated enforcement
- Vehicle speed is major contributor to crash frequency and injury severity
- Automated speed enforcement (ASE) avoids problems with officer enforcement
- Widely used in the US – 188 communities in 18 states
- Currently it is illegal in MN (due to statutes), but not unconstitutional
- Part of Minneapolis' "zero traffic death" policies
- Bills have frequently died in MN House & Senate
- Saint Paul Public Works is aware, but letting Minneapolis take the lead
 - a. Has a lot of data on speeding and safety
- New York City currently using them around school zones
- Concerns around civil liberties, biased application with placement, as many poor neighborhoods often have roads with high speed designs, privacy concerns about wrongful citations
- Automated Noise Enforcement (ANE) is feasible, but not deployed outside of Paris
- Some cynicism about ASE as a revenue generation mechanism
- Important to give out warnings, and notices that you were speeding, reasonable sizes for fines
- ACLU, etc., concerns about ASE, should we get Jose from Our Streets?
- State Patrol was against it, historically

- Would we need to get photos of the driver as well?

6. Walking, Biking, & Events

- Barb: We wrote a letter to Metro Transit in 2021, asking for sidewalk on Wabash and Cleveland, but they rebuffed saying they don't own the area and should talk to city
 - a. Emailed Reuben Collins at city, city said they don't have many for sidewalk infill projects but only as part of full reconstruction (and not planned for Wabash in next couple decades)
 - b. New properties are required to install them
 - c. City has a list of approved contractors for adding them
 - d. Nearby businesses want it badly (Lake Monster)
 - e. No current estimate of costs, but likely to be high
 - f. Meet up at 4pm on Wednesday, May 17th
- Lisa: Walk training with people from Metro Transit
 - a. Presentation from Jonathon Stalls, who wrote book about walking about US
 - b. Organization: Walk to Connect
 - c. Walking enables human behavior

7. Committee events and project planning

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 4pm: Walk at Lake Monster Brewery
- Saturday, May 20, 2023, 10am-12pm: University Avenue Cleanup
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6:30pm: Grid 5 Walk w/ April, city council reps from 1 & 4, Ramsey county representatives, public works staff, Justin from Stadium

Additional Ideas

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Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Monday June 12th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm via videoconference.