

Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 04.13.2026, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Lisa Nelson, April King, Barb Thoman, Scott Berger, James Johnson, Jerome Benner

Guests: Jim Schoettler, David Peterson, Jane McClure

Staff: Leah Timberlake Sullivan

1. Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda and Minutes approved

2. Updates and Open Forum

- James Schoettler
 - Owns duplex off Snelling
 - Talking about I-94
 - Very disappointed in I-94 study, which after six years has returned the status quo
 - Talking about the boulevard, I-94 will continue to exist is there something else we can do?
 - Rather than filling in the trench, make in a tunnel from Marian Street and 280
 - Propose it's like the Lowry Tunnel
 - No exit ramp between Marian and 280, with a boulevard on top
 - Take a distributor, take to one end or the other, would provide alternative to folks who hop on and off
 - Other cities have done the same thing
- Barb:
 - Appreciate you bringing this to us

3. Craig Vaughn (TC^2) + David Peterson (Saint Paul) - Rondo Streets Study

- Lots of road reconstruction coming up
- Can this be an opportunity to rethink how we do neighborhood streets
- [Study webpage](#)
- [Direct link to survey](#)
- Local street designs have changed since 50's and 60's since construction
- Trying to create a set of street typologies
- Community Connectors (Marshall -> Lexington to Victoria) - four concepts
- Selby Ave corridor
- Central Avenue
- Neighborhood Streets
- Output is high level planning designs - several years in advance of when projects get picked up
- The goal is we can pass this to them
- Green stormwater infrastructure / raingardens
- Goal is feasible and implementable
- Ian: neighborhood street is some place you want *to go to*, a destination street

- Potentially diverters in some concept designs, potentially traffic circles
- Grid pattern has advantages (spread out traffic)
- Opportunities for traffic calming
- Ian: concerns about cut through traffic
- More bike boulevard infrastructure
- Mary: Safety gains are only from separated bike lines
- David: We see a lot of concerns about repainting, try for separated spaces, complications with fire departments
- Will hear by Met Council by end of year about what they've decided
- Extension of Ayd Mill path, to Saratoga
- Maybe improvements to Selby easy of bridge
- If you have time to come to committee next month, would love to hear more about regional solicitations

4. Snelling

- Dayton to Montreal
- Odd gap from area where they just did updates
- North Snelling is really the mess

5 CIB stuff and also random stuff

- CIB board come up with candidates
- Then to City Council, which is unlikely to overturn committee
- Patrolling at Four Seasons car
 - Traffic is really scary
 - Maybe improved by Pelham design, but it's terrible currently
- Rice Street redo
 - Recent reconstruction is fantastic - between Maryland and Wheelock
- Allen Saunders
 - Public art done
- Winter parking project
- T-mobile cell tower no longer operating
 - \$202k unspent, that we understood would accrue
 - When brought to committee, we learned it's all spent
 - UPDC has assigned task force to look at this
 - This year, funding is secure - but \$18k, not \$101k
- More tangible goal setting - April 25th is trash kickoff
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/923598597045537>
- Selby West having annual spring
 - Free trolley, other fun activities
- Merriam Park updates with common cent tax
- Launched housing stability fund - local community fund, support monetarily
 - Direct item in financial report
- If anyone wants to help put together an agenda, let us know

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Monday February 9th, 2025 via zoom.