

## Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 6.12.2023, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Via Zoom

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Mary Morse Marti, Borb Thoman

**Guests:** Jimmy Shoemaker (SPPW), David Peterson (SPPW)

**Staff:** Leah Timberlake Sullivan

### 1. Agenda and Minutes

### 2. Open Forum

### 3. Saint Paul Bicycle Plan, by Jimmy Shoemaker and David Peterson (Saint Paul Public Works)

#### Presentation

- Bike plan -- "tail-end" of bike plan update
- <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/transportation-and-transit/bike-saint-paul/saint-paul-bicycle-plan> -- feedback online
- Now: public review and feedback, Council approval and adoption in August
- This is an updated plan from the current one (2015-era) -- aim is for a bike network
- Long-range planning, long-term; building upon downtown bike ways and Grand Round across town
- Bike Plan open house 28 June Wednesday Frogtown Community Center -- visuals, food trucks, 6-7:30 pm
- First step in the long process of getting a bike lane funded and built
- for UPDC -- a lot more separated bikeways in this plan, compared to what is there now
- Bike plan directed by the Climate Action plan

#### Q/A

- Managing public opposition like Summit, improving quantity and quality of bike parking, adding in bike parking to planning maps, limited efficacy of flex posts -- jersey barriers not used frequently in Saint Paul generally
- Shoemaker POV: Cars not being "punished" as part of the Bike Plan
- No special preference given to Saint Paul Bike Coalition
- Very long-range, high-level plan -- each individual project will have more engagement; "next-best bikeway"
- Funding can be from 1% sales tax -- that tax is not just to fix potholes, but for other infrastructure improvements as well
- Midtown Greenway extension: TBD given need for coordination between counties, cities, railroad owners -- but supported by the state government and met council
- Discussion on claims people can submit to the City for damages from potholes, street sweeping for sand

#### 4. Saint Paul E-scooter rentals (Lime + Spin), by David Peterson

##### Presentation

- Some limits on how many scooters can be at Harriet Island, downtown -- most concentrated in Wards 1 and 2
- Some scooters at reduced cost required to be in lower-income areas
- Talking pitfalls -- parking or riding on the sidewalks, tipping them over, managed between city and vendors
- Hazard scooters can be reported
- Peak scooter riding in July/August
- Last STP bike share in 2019 -- dockless bike sharing; niceride departure in 2018
- Pending agreement to bring back Lime e-bikes, possibly as late as fall, due to supply chain issues (maybe ~200)
- No data on reason for people's travel (point-point, leisure, etc.)
- Not much fining/enforcement for shared mobility misuse in STP -- staffing issue
- Discussion on integration of "last-mile" modes with transit -- micromobility, evie, Metro Transit as a mobility provider and as a manager of various modes of mobility
- Accessibility concerns about scooters on the sidewalks, data collection -- limited by staff capacity and privacy concerns about tracking people

#### 5. Committee events and project planning

##### Upcoming Events

- No follow-up on UPDC board and committee meeting, open forum, updates on ongoing topics, work plan review and next planning meetin
- Upcoming events discussed as in agenda

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

##### Next Meeting:

Next meeting Monday July 10th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm via videoconference.