

Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 01.12.2026, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Lisa Nelson, April King, Barb Thoman, Scott Berger, KC Cox, Allen Saunders, Jerome Benner

Guests:

Staff: Leah Timberlake Sullivan

1. Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda and Minutes approved

2. Updates and Open Forum

- Leah
 - Discussions about ICE and how the city can engage
 - Separation services of state and local
 - How do you patronize and support businesses that have gone to takeout only, without bringing too much attention to them
 - Businesses cannot hire legal teams to represent them
 - Generating services for transportation and environment
 - Curbs to currents salt reduction
 - January: all board members come to board orientation
 - Changing to planning commission, one commission member per board
 - CIB awarded for safer pedestrian crossings on Griggs
 - Quarterly meeting with whoever handles that area, perhaps?
- Lisa:
 - No board updates, no CLUED updates
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- Jerome:
 - Examples: Timeline is 180 days, shorten to 82
 - People will know if they got their approval right away
- Discussions about CIB budget
- KC: Budget crossing on Saint Anthony
 - Public works does have proposed ideas for things there
- CIB cannot be used on county or state roads
- Allen: Pelham Blvd reconstruction updates
 - Gonna be like Grand Round design, separated bikeway with curb and sidewalk, smaller narrower roadway
 - Four way stop at Saint Anthony and Pelham, and also Beverly (currently two way)
 - Two way stop at Doan(?) with median to make it easier to cross
 - City says people tend to be unsafe with consecutive four-way stops
 - Vote on 20th of January for final approval on design
- Maybe a bit into project have city come and give us an update

3. Work Plan

- Needs to get done in February
- Need to write down what we did in 2025 agenda
- Thank about what we want to do in 2026
- What do we want:
 - Jerome: Would like to do B-line tour and help people out
 - Allen: more discussions on 280
 - April: figuring out what's happening with Saint Anthony restripping
 - Barb: Metro Transit sidewalk install on Wabash
 - Allen: Pellen Blvd
 - Scott, Allen, April: More in-person meetings
 - April: Did we used to get people to come to meetings?
 - Jerome: *fun* in person meetings
 - April: Figuring out how to recruit people
- Between now and next month could people look through the 2026 work plan?
 - Feel free to leave comments, please put on track changes

4. Rethinking I-94

- Comment period is open and closes March 6th (or 9th)
- Some kind of potential neighborhood
- Discussions of other meetings we've had
- Barb could set aside some time in February to work on this

5 Hamline Avenue

- Owned by city
- Dangerous student crossings
- Difficulties in getting crosswalks, even paid for
- Macalester paid for their crosswalks, but the city may have put pressure on them

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Monday February 9th, 2025 via zoom.