

Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 10.10.2022, 6:30-8:00 p.m. via Zoom videoconference

Committee Members Present: Scott Berger (presiding co-chair), Gene Christenson, Dan Elenbaas, Amy Gage, April King, Debbie Meister, Lisa Nelson (co-chair), Sean Ryan, Allen Saunders.

Guests: Anne White, Ben Swanson-Hysell

Staff: Abdulrahman Wako, Leah Timberlake Sullivan

1. Agenda and Minutes

- Gage/Nelson moved to approve the minutes and agenda.

2. Open Forum

- No topics

3. Rethinking I-94

MnDOT I-94 Policy Advisory (PAC) Mtg Sept 26th - *Meister, Berger, Nelson*

- Discussion and recap of the meeting. MnDOT releasing an updated purpose and need statement, updates to priorities for the Rethinking I-94 process. Not a lot of substantial changes.
- Public comments summary - most public commenters spoke in favor of the Twin Cities Boulevard. Caveat that Our Streets did a lot of outreach to invite people to the meeting.

Reconnect Rondo listening session Sept 26th - *Gage, Meister*

- Discussion and recap of the meeting. Keith Baker is generally in favor of the highway. Reconnect Rondo's major focus is on the economic development of the Rondo Neighborhood.

ReConnecting Communities Grant applications, letter from UPDC

- St. Paul is applying for grant w/Reconnect Rondo
- UPDC ED & Board President decided against sending additional letter to St. Paul regarding the grant applications

Meeting w/Our Streets, Russ Stark, Sean Kershaw, other orgs. Sept 28th - *Berger, Nelson, Timberlake Sullivan*

- Recap of meeting and discussion.

General I-94 Discussion

- RCR and TCB compatibility and common ground?
- No useful actions for UPDC and committee to take at this time
- Committee will continue to closely monitor Rethinking I-94 and other I-94 updates

4. General Bike/Ped/Streets updates

Updates on streets and planning projects

- Recent/ongoing/upcoming: Prior, Summit, Grand
- Summit repaved Snelling to Lexington. More details forthcoming about the Summit Master Plan.
- Prior reconstruction nearing completion
- Options for Grand reconstruction have been released. Outside of Union Park, but will keep following.

Bike Plan

- New plan should be released sometime relatively soon
- Discussion of N end of Ayd Mill road - Elenbaas reminds committee that right of way has been retained to the north along the railroad for potential connection at Saratoga.

Pedestrian Plan

- No new updates, but a reminder to keep an eye on sidewalk gaps. Many along Ayd Mill Road. Committee will continue to advocate for filling sidewalk gaps, especially during road reconstructions.

Ramsey County 4-3 Conversions

- <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transportation/future-road-projects/4-3-lane-conversions>
- Marshall Avenue - Mississippi River Boulevard to Cretin Avenue, ranked 11th in terms of implementation priority based on several factors.

5. Updates and Follow-ups

Executive Director Updates - Wako

- Annual Meeting and board election coming up
- Committee and community members invited to attend. Email Wako if interested in running for board. Committee members can help with board recruitment

Neighborhood Cleanups

- September 15 cleanup with Allianz employees was a success. Allianz is interested in continuing to participate in future events.
- October 15 cleanup will be at 2 p.m., meeting at the corner of Pascal and University.

Future meetings planning

- November meeting will include Ward 4, Western District of SPPD, Allianz/MNUFC for discussion of game-day traffic issues
- Metro Transit safety letter was approved by the UPDC board. Wait for a response, topic will stay on the committee's radar. Committee members can fill out google form with transit observations: <https://forms.gle/VNmGx2kGYyG3y1mf7>
- Work plan will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. Committee members should think about topics and goals for the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

November 14, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconference.