

Payne-Phalen District Five Transportation Committee
Draft Minutes of Thursday May 12, 2016

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions Eric Saathoff, Jason Burbul, Dennis Morrison, Al Oertwig, Nathaniel Schiesher, Stuart Knappmiller, Richard Finch

· 25 mph Speed Limit on Payne Ave (Richard Finch) please look at the presentation Eric created here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Vqp17StOaQqc7GcxlpMKwJFcw_WHwbzfxb1gQh_INrc/edit#slide=id.p The committee approved pursuing this. Some cars drive 35 on Payne now. The County rejected lowering Cleveland's speed to 25 while adding bike lanes. 25 on Payne can be done by a city council vote, possibly helping to show 25 mph can be done successfully on streets in St Paul like Cleveland. This is a win/win due to PABA's support of bike lanes, which will allow this slower speed on the street, more looks at our storefronts, safer bikes, cars, and pedestrians.

· Regaining Parking on Arcade between Case and Sims (Far East Restaurant) Please look at Eric's presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LPg6NGSOVxeZ7X9Qa2wzvKHxqyvMnVkAxP93vgNSQJ8/edit#slide=id.g13f1582fde_0_58 The committee agreed to ask Public Works to examine the lanes on Arcade at Case Ave and Sims Ave, with the possibility to add parking and narrow the double width lane as the paint exists today.

· Edgerton Bike Lanes Recommendation (Saathoff) Public Hearing: Bike Lanes on Edgerton & Upper Afton **May 18 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm** City Council Chambers City Hall/Courthouse at 15 Kellogg Boulevard West St. Paul, MN <http://www.smart-trips.org/event/public-hearing-bike-lanes-on-edgerton-upper-afton/> and www.stpaul.gov/edgerton-street-bicycle-lane

The committee supported the Edgerton Bike Lanes 5-2. Payne was seen as a potential option, but this is too late in the process and it narrows one block north of Maryland. 20 plus people were at the April 21st Edgerton meeting at AHCC. Half were street residents. Their concerns were loss of parking, needing to cross the street to get to and from their vehicles with groceries and children, the number of trucks using the street, and safety due to speeding vehicles. Pluses might include increased home values, the possibility of setting a weight restriction to move trucks off the street, and traffic slowing.

Priorities for a Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Proposal (Saathoff) 2016-17 proposals were done last month. Eric talked with Eric Foster and gave the Transportation Committee OK for last month's agenda Destination Payne Star Proposal. New proposals will be requested in December. In the spring the three funding groups meet. By the end of April proposals go to the full CIB committee, then to the mayor, then to the council.

We looked at these options for next cycle:

Greenbrier Bike Blvd - placing a High-intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) at Maryland, a traffic diverter or circle at Case, speed pumps, realigning of stop signs.

Aguirre/Bruce Vento Connection - Eric explained the discussion from last month about the two CIB requests related to making this connection and the expectation that Public Works would make a proposal regarding it soon.

Signage for a Payne-Phalen Family Loop Wheelock to the east side of 35E trail to Phalen Blvd to Wheelock.

Completion of bike lanes on Lower Payne Ave. Two blocks will have bike lanes once the projects slated for this summer are completed. Removal of some (new) medians.

Jason suggested a Bruce Vento connection to Flat Earth by opening the gate to access Minnehaha. This is actually in District 4.

· Debrief of St Paul Healthy Transportation For All Event: Charles Marohn of Strong Towns used a podcast from the past called “Gross Negligence” to speak about engineering solutions to traffic safety issues and smart economic development. Rather than focusing on a engineering fix to 4 deaths on 4 different roads, the local reaction was to artificially lower speed limits (a road engineered for greater than current speed having an even lower speed limit placed on it), install guard rails (which might encourage cars to actually drive faster because of a false sense of safety), doing awareness campaigns (Stop For Me/Safe Routes to Schools), or adding bollards. The one thing off the table: “designing the streets so that people drive slower. The one thing that will make a difference.” The primacy is of speed as the killer of pedestrians, bikers and those inside the vehicles. The panel was Sgt Ellison representing Stop For Me, Ann White Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths (TZD), Melissa Barnes MNDOT Bike/Ped, and Jessie Fowl SP Public Works.

Other Business - Community Announcements:

· Youth Bike Summit (May 27-29) www.youthbikesummit.org Youth \$35, Adult \$75 6 meals included. Friday 3-9 pm, Saturday 8 am-7pm, Sunday 9am-1:30pm One of the keynote speakers is Gil Penalosa, the man behind St Paul 8-80. www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/8-80-vitality-initiative

· Margaret Street Bike Ride (May 14) 9 am to 1 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church 655 Forest St
Bike to work May 20th