

**St. Anthony Park Community Council
Transportation Committee**

Monday, January 8, 2017
6:30 – 8:15 p.m. at SAPCC

In attendance: Pat Thompson, John Mark Lucas, Betty Wheeler, Scott Jensen, Kim Frair, Karen Nelson, Sarah Goodspeed, Suyapa Miranda

6:30 Introductions, approve agenda. Minutes approved from December 2017 (Jensen moved, Lucas seconded). New member to add to committee (needs approval from SAPCC board): Karen Nelson. Kim Frair will attend a few times and decide if she can commit to joining.

6:35 Staff updates: This is Sarah's last meeting with us; she has taken a job with Climate Generation. Kathryn Murray, a former SAPCC board member and neighborhood activist, will be filling her role part-time. Suyapa will be leaving as of the end of this week for a job with the American Heart Association. The SAPCC board/executive committee is working on a plan for replacing her. Depending on what happens, this committee may or may not have staff support for minutes, at least for the short term.

6:40 Funding updates: We got a \$3,000 SHIP grant (State Health Improvement Program). It is half allocated to staff time and half to physical improvements to increase pedestrian safety, walkability, and accessibility, particularly in the vicinity of Seal HiRise, Jennings and Avalon, and the Green Line stations. It may include benches or interim traffic-calming measures, plus work to ensure access to the Transit Assistance Program offered by Metro Transit. The newly installed ramp on Territorial at Seal is part of this area but needs to be paired with a fully accessible ramp at Carleton. (As part of installation work, possibly connect with Adobe Designs LLC, 612-822-2385.)

We also need to proceed with bike parking installation, as funded by the University's Good Neighbor Program last year. Some of the locations are identified and okayed by the city and others need to be revised and okayed. Some of the locations may be paid for from city funds for bike racks, allowing us to do more locations overall. Hoping to get these installed by May or June so they can be used for the 2018 summer season. Depending on staff availability during the transition, more of this work may need to be done by committee members than staff. Samantha Henningson is back at work in Russ Stark's office, so that should help with getting things approved from the city. Reuben Collins and his staff also.

SAPCC also received a \$10,000 grant from Headwaters Foundation for Justice for general operating related to our food justice program and a two-year, \$40,000 grant from Voices for Racial Justice to do voter outreach. This voter outreach work can tie well with other outreach, including making transportation/accessibility connections.

6:55 Goal-setting for 2018: These grants both fit well into our priorities for the coming year and will be referred to as we discuss and finalize goals.

Safety:

- Work with the Safe Routes to Schools committee on establishing a school speed zone around SAP Elementary and general support.
- As part of the SHIP grant work, get the high-visibility pedestrian crossing signs reinstalled at key intersections, especially along Raymond (the Grand Round). Assess the whole path from Seal to Raymond Station for safety and accessibility.

- Monitor changes along Franklin as Weyerhauser work begins, work toward traffic calming.
- Hold two Stop for Me crosswalk events.

Pedestrian connectivity and amenities:

- Make progress toward sidewalk infill/shared right of way/an official path north from Carleton to Long to Hampden (through Hampden Square). Probably through a public/private partnership than outright city right of way. Possibly include signage to direct people? Possibility of a mural on the building where the Carleton/Long is?
- Explore public access to the stairs/connection between 2700 University/Metro Lofts to Westgate Station.
- Make progress on a bench-building program (from 10-year plan) as part of SHIP grant. Concentrate on the path to Raymond Station from Seal particularly.

Bike infrastructure:

- Bike parking as outlined in U of M grant.
- Monitor and support creation of the Wabash bike connection to the Weyerhauser development.
- Monitor and participate in community work toward Minneapolis Greenway extension, Granary Road connection to Energy Park Drive.

Transit:

- Work with Metro Transit to better connect NSAP to the Green Line using existing bus routes (via route 87 or 30). [Unless they want to give us one of the autonomous shuttles!]
- Discuss better Metro Transit access to the Bell Museum, opening summer 2018 (via routes 87 and 61).
- Facilitate access to the Transit Access Program (TAP) for all neighbors who meet requirements (SHIP grant). Work with Seal HiRise, Hampden Square, immigrant communities, Jennings, to make these connections.

Hold a transportation/equity fair (possibly late spring/early summer) to connect on the TAP issue, gather input on safety and accessibility for SHIP grant, promote the Bicycle Benefits program and Safe Routes to School, talk about pedestrian and bike visibility, promote bus availability. [Maybe coordinate with MayFest?]

Como Phase 2: Monitor work/staging and communicate with the community. Work for the best possible pedestrian access at points like Valentine with RRFB (and finalizing installation in Phase 1 at Knapp). Assist with business access promotion while the street is closed. Including advocating for traffic calming measures on informal detours (examples: added stop signs, temporary speed bumps).

Cleveland Phase 1: Give input to planning for the 2018 Larpenteur to Hoyt segment, assuring it meets the standards of the Raymond project at a minimum, since this segment will influence what is done on the St. Paul portions (Hoyt to Buford 2019, Buford to Como 2020).

Communication:

- Establish a connection with MnDOT so we are aware of planning for 280 and 94 before changes have begun to firm up.
- Discuss with Councilmember Stark: request by city to MnDOT to reduce speed limits to 25 on complete streets. Accessing some of the annual money for sidewalks from ROW Fund 255 for

sidewalk infill. Adding stop sign on Carter at Chelmsford, traffic circle on Valentine at Brompton or Keston. Possibilities for shared district parking for SSAP.

Multiple-year goals to keep on our near-term horizon:

- Begin studying possible improvements to dangerous intersections all around 280 at University, Territorial, Franklin. Document how people/pedestrians/bicyclists feel about these, how they are not usable and deter movement. Initiate a “Bridging the Gap” project, task force: studying possibility of a land bridge or other major changes to improve the area.
- Support the Ellis ROW acquisition in 2019, rebuild in 2020. Vandalia rebuild from Ellis to University 2020; Vandalia bridge over 94 2021.
- Study and get estimates for signage to direct truck traffic to optimal routes in the Transfer/Vandalia area.
- Territorial Road will undergo mill and overlay from Berry to Raymond in 2020. How can this be leveraged?

Motion to adjourn, Wheeler; Jensen seconded. 8:15 p.m.