

SAPCC Transportation Committee

May 29 2018 minutes

Attending: Pat Thompson, Scott Jensen, Charlie Christopherson, Betty Wheeler, Karin Nelson, John Mark Lucas, Liam Stewart, Steve Mastey, Patty George, Mark Snyder

Meeting called to order 7:09

Minutes approved, Nelson motioned, Wheeler second. Unanimous

Como reconstruction phase 2: trees, detour, traffic calming, signs

Thompson passed out an inventory and map of trees along Como slated for removal, with many trees already removed. Trees yet to be removed are printed in red. Transportation Committee had no previous knowledge of the extent of tree removal. Trees needed to be removed to add 2' width to the street for full-width parking spots; this was known when designing the new street layout. We were under the impression the most significant tree loss would be within the commercial area between Carter and Luther Place, because those trees were in planters that have to be removed. It was unclear to the committee and neighborhood that this would affect trees outside the business district, where parking is not so critical. Lucas proposed writing a letter to Barb Mundahl, Samantha Henningson, Russ Stark and Kathy Lantry, strongly protesting the lack of community input and due process about the trees and asking that they do more to preserve the remaining trees. (Reference letter handout from city forester). Cease all tree removal, enter a discussion about revisiting the design to preserve as many remaining trees as possible, coordinating with the city forester and explore alternate solutions, including bump outs. Mastey reports that such a letter would support the city forester's ability to weigh in at this time in favor of the remaining trees.

Lucas motion, Wheeler second, passes unanimously

Speeding along the detour

Parking along the Valentine detour has been removed on one side, and motorists are now speeding through. Thompson has ordered "please drive slow" signs for neighborhood residents. Parking was supposedly removed for emergency vehicles. Thompson will ask if there is anything else about the detour that we haven't yet been told but should. Temporary stop signs will be requested along current and future (Hendon & Grantham) for better traffic management.

Bike parking

HPC request for bike parking on Raymond in front of the Security building was approved. Next step is to place an order with Dero for the racks. Mastey asks about getting one for the vet clinic

going up by the coo-p. Lucas mentions that we're ordering more racks than in the original grant request, so may have ones for non-public right of way locations like the vet clinic.

Seal and Territorial Crosswalk (SHIP grant)

Paint plans have changed due to problems seeking approval from the city. There is a safety issue for people painting a non-residential street. Tire planters are still possible. Mastey has tires for the project from the community cleanup at Kasota Ponds. Plans for a bench at the intersection on the HiRise property may be beyond the budget and approaching deadline of the SHIP grant, but will be kept alive pending other funding.

Cleveland construction plans

Lucas reports that this year will not see the beginning of construction, just further assessment and planning. No set start date yet. County is doing the work, along with the city. The U is also rethinking its grounds around the St. Paul campus. Nelson reports the land use committee is keeping ears open.

SSAP parking around Raymond, Long, Ellis, Bradford

Thompson and George (plus SAPCC ED Kathryn Murray, Land Use chair Sherman Eagles, and others) met with Ward 4 staffer Libby Kantner and city staff/PED regarding parking. Angled parking was suggested for Bradford, with one-way, but city did not like the idea. A parking study was discussed, we will follow up with PED regarding the study. A district parking solution was suggested but there is currently no money for it. Grand Avenue (GABA) has done a parking study, as has Prospect Park. Nelson will reach out to PP about their study. (Prospect Park study attached.)

Additional

Mastey has one further item: there are reports that Breck Woods on the Lauderdale border has been sold for commercial development, routing traffic through St. Paul residential streets. Luther Seminary is selling all property north of Hendon, for further development. We need to keep an eye on it.

8:35 pm Motion to adjourn. Nelson, Lucas. unanimous.