

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 2, 2016

Members Present: Steve Ludwig, Hazel Youngmann, Caleb Dirckx, Sue Ek, Kurt Franke, Ryan Daniel

Member Absent: Tama Theis

City Staff Present: Steve Foss, Cheryl Malikowski, Recording Secretary

Chairperson Ludwig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Youngmann moved to approve the February 10, 2016, minutes. Ek seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Ludwig reiterated that his submitted comments on the Comprehensive Plan were not from the Board. There is a public hearing at the City Council meeting on March 7th. The Board can still submit additional comments.

Youngmann noted that 13th Street North between Northway Drive and 9th Avenue North is in rough shape. Ludwig questioned the defeated projects of 16th Street South and Cooper Avenue South of whether they were going back into the Capital Improvement Program. Foss stated that these projects are not being put into the CIP as of now. Franke questioned the configuration of Minnesota Boulevard.

Franke wanted to let the Board know that he will be contacting the Mayor to encourage him to sign onto the Minnesota Mayoral Active Transportation Caucus, which is a coalition of Greater Minnesota and suburban-based mayors investing in a quality pedestrian and bicycle transportation infrastructure. Franke will forward his email and have Malikowski forward to the Board. Daniel also noted that he spoke to someone at the Capitol regarding this coalition. This item will be put on the April agenda for an update.

Franke noted that the St. Cloud APO had on their agenda that MnDOT is dispersing bicycle counters around the state and St. Cloud APO has agreed to take two of them. One would be portable and the other would be permanently installed. The APO is looking for a permanent location in the area, but that city would take on the maintenance expense of the counter. Franke encouraged the City of St. Cloud to take on this project. Foss stated that he was aware of this and wanted to install the permanent counter in conjunction with an ongoing trail project to lower the costs. Foss stated that the only current project is along Clearwater Road from 22nd to 33rd Street South, which is not an ideal location. The APO would prefer the counters to be put on bike lanes versus bike trails. Foss also noted that he would like to know the maintenance cost for the counters before committing to the project.

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Ludwig commented that he received an email from the southeast neighborhood association regarding two surveys conducted by MnDOT for the comprehensive transportation plan and for alternative transportation. He will forward the email to Malikowski and have it forwarded to the Board. Youngmann stated the pedestrian concern of not enough access to stores in neighborhoods.

Franke discussed visiting a “gold level city” in Colorado. Discussion ensued, and it was suggested that Franke bring in more information regarding the League of Cyclists. This item will be put on the May agenda.

Foss noted that the “No Bikes” signs on the Veterans Bridge were recently taken down. The signs were put up years ago due to the high curbs. Ludwig mentioned that there is a “high curb” sign on the University Bridge and suggested putting a similar sign on the Veterans Bridge. Youngmann suggested striping the high curb due to the narrow sidewalk. Foss will check into the signage.

Youngmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Daniel seconded and the motion unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.