

State Non-motorized Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

Date: May 1, 2018

Rochester City Hall, Room 320

201 4th St SE, St Paul, MN 55904

Attendees

Steve Brisendine, Vice-Chair, District 8 Citizen Rep

Cameron Hintzen, Executive Board, Law
Enforcement

Julia Curran, Executive Board, Metro Citizen Rep

Kurt Franke, Executive Board, District 3 Citizen Rep

Russell Habermann, District 1 Citizen Rep

Tony Drollinger, Metro Citizen Rep

Tom Meium, Industry Rep

CJ Lindor, State Advocacy Org

Ellen Pillsbury, Dept of Health

Jen Jevnisek, Pollution Control Agency

Steve Elmer, Metropolitan Council

Dillon Dombrovski, City of Rochester

Tracy Schnell, MnDOT District 6

Kurt Wayne, MnDOT District 6

Jake Rueter, MnDOT Transit & Active
Transportation

Agenda Items

- 2:30 Call to order, welcome, introductions

- 2:40 **City of Rochester Bicycle Master Plan**

Dillon Dombrovski, City of Rochester

Dillon presented the City of Rochester's Bicycle Master Plan and talked about how implementation has gone since the plan's adoption in 2012. Dillon also shared the City's plan for redesigning South Broadway in Downtown Rochester. Dillon's presentation slides are attached to this summary.

- How do you determine where to conduct counts?
 - Typically focus on entry points to downtown – need to focus on how people get to and/or through downtown due to lacking conditions in this area.
- Could you talk more about crash data?
 - We work with the planning department to collect both crash and speed data for use in our projects.

- Does the Mayo Clinic take part in bicycle planning activities?
 - They are typically at the table, often as an adjacent property owner. The Mayo as an institution is not outspoken, and tend to not get involved in political issues.
- The City of Rochester considers bicycle improvements on projects to not add costs, since much of the work will be done regardless and bicycle improvements are most commonly related to space delineation.
- Interesting to note that a significant percentage of transportation spending in the Rochester region is focused on roadway expansion as opposed to preservation – that trend may shift in coming years.
- How many square miles is Rochester?
 - 55 square miles.
- Other ongoing initiatives/challenges in Rochester include:
 - Political disagreements on how high of a priority bicycle infrastructure should be
 - City-wide focus on shortening pedestrian crossings by building bump-outs
 - Broadway corridor redesign including cycle track and BRT stations
 - One intersection in downtown is raised for increased pedestrian safety

- 3:10 **Statewide Pedestrian System Plan – Goals & Purposes**

Jake Rueter, MnDOT

Jake provided an update on MnDOT's intent to complete a Statewide Pedestrian System Plan. SNTC Members were invited to provide feedback on the draft project goals and purposes. Feedback was collected through individual worksheets and small group discussions. The scope of work for the Statewide Pedestrian System Plan will be presented to MnDOT's Planning Management Group on May 9th. Jake's presentation is attached to this summary.

- 3:50 **MnDOT District 6 Update**

Tracy Schnell & Kurt Wayne, MnDOT

Tracy and Kurt shared an update on projects in District 6 that are making it easier for people to walk and bike.

- How does SMART (Southeast Minnesota Area Regional Trails) share information with the public?
 - SMART is a collaborative effort between agencies and there is a considerable amount of information available on their website.

- 4:30 Adjourn