



Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes

October 13, 2011

Purpose: The Bike Edina Task Force (BETF) meets to serve citizens and partner with City staff and elected officials to promote bicycle improvements in Edina for education, encouragement, infrastructure, enforcement, and ongoing assessment. We support implementation of the approved [City of Edina Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) that serves all levels of bicyclists, connects key destinations including safe routes to schools, and integrates with the Twin Cities' regional bike network. Our **vision** is a progressive bicycle-friendly community where citizens can integrate cycling into their daily lives.

Time & Location: BETF monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at Edina City Hall. For questions contact Brad Schaeppi or Peter Kelley, Co-Chairs. Guests are welcome.

Distribution: BETF, guests, City Manager, City Engineer, Edina Police BETF Liaison Sgt. Timothy Olson, SHIP contact Robyn Wiesman, and Mayor & City Council. Also, Jack Sullivan to forward to the Edina Transportation Commission, and Dianne Plunkett Latham to post for the Edina Energy and Environment Commission.

- **Online source:** [Source link here](http://tcstreetsforpeople.org/BikeEdina) (<http://tcstreetsforpeople.org/BikeEdina>)
- **Present:** Peter Kelley, Alice Hulbert, Brad Schaeppi, Carl Gulbranson, Donald Eyberg, Jennifer Janovy, Kirk Johnson, Rob Erickson, Dan Atkins, Alex Johnson, Sally Dunn
- **Absent:** Carl Follstad, Marty Mathis, Tom Randall, Ellen Jones, Larry Olson
- **Recorded by:** Sally Dunn

1. Road Striping Recommendations:

Peter and Brad reported that Wayne Houle agreed to add additional striping and/or signage to City roads using existing funds. Ideally, these would be non-controversial areas that could be approved relatively quickly. Wayne requested a list of Bike Edina Task Force priority roads.

Maps from the Engineering Department were reviewed. Peter developed a spreadsheet of routes and proposes tracking annual progress (total miles of bike paths, bike routes, signed routes, etc.). Maps and routes were reviewed.

BETF members identified the following roads as priorities:

70th Street from Antrim to Hwy 100
Cahill Road
Antrim from top of hill to the schools
Valley View from Antrim to Hwy 62
Tracy Avenue south from Vernon
Benton Road
Dewey Hill Road
Vernon- 100 to Gleason
Southview Loop- Concord/Southview Lane
50th street from Wooddale to Halifax
Valley View from frontage road to Wooddale

Peter will email a smaller list and come up with a ranking. There will be prioritizing based on our needs and then later on feasibility. Wayne requested this list before our November meeting.

2. Bike Blvd Update:

Brad updated group on city open house to discuss TLC Grant for the Bike Blvd (54th/Wooddale/Valleyview).

Approximately 40 people attended the open house. Steve Clark and Wayne Houle presented. There was some opposition related to losing parking, but attendees overall seemed okay with the idea of bike lanes. They were particularly interested in the idea of reducing speed limits with bike lanes. The church on 54th had concerns about losing on street parking for its constituents.

There will be another Open House before a Public Hearing. Wayne wants the council to hear this issue at the November council meeting. An RFQ will go out to 3 consultants to put the information and come up with a plan. The consultants can be paid under the TLC grant. The three consultants were WSB , Alliant Group, Community Design Group.

Once the initial design is completed, Wayne will invite BETF to review it.

3. Tour de Edina

BETF members who attended reported it was generally a positive event. General comment were:

- a. More bike/riding education immediately prior to the event

- b. Have different groups-some faster, some slower, accompanied by a guide of some sort.
- c. One purpose of the ride was to have an actual on-road experience and follow the correct road rules. However, police officers were directing riders not to stop at stop signs.
- d. It was a novice bike riding population, many people without helmets and with old bikes in need of repair.

Carl reported that Mary Brindle is seeking additional feedback about the ride.

4. BETF Project Brainstorming:

Peter requested that in future meetings the group review all BETF projects and activities with a goal to prioritize and to designate leaders and participants for each project.

Initial list includes:

- a. BETF Website
- b. Facebook Page
- c. Blog
- d. Bike Rodeo
- e. Comprehensive plan update
- f. Infrastructure projects (e.g. 9 mile creek)
- g. Traffic counts
- h. Bike racks
- i. Safe routes to school
- j. City outreach (ride with mayor)
- k. Public outreach (friends of the BETF?)
- l. Press liaison (Sun, Strib);
- m. Road construction issues (Jointly with ETC)
- n. State legislative outreach
- o. League of American Bicyclist(LAB) Bike Friendly Award

Peter requested any additional project be emailed to him for review at upcoming meetings.

5. 44th Street update:

Jennifer reported that road striping on 44th will be deferred until Wooddale design is formalized so that the same treatment can be considered for both routes.

6. Membership:

BETF still needs a student member, which Alex Johnson hopes to fill. Otherwise, there are sufficient members at the moment.
