

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 2/27/12

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| Project Name | Prior Avenue Bikeway |
| Geographic Scope | On Prior Avenue from Summit Avenue to Pierce Butler Route |
| Ward(s) | Ward 4 |
| District Council(s) | Hamline-Midway (11); Union Park (13) |
| Project Description | This project seeks to implement a bicycle facility on Prior Avenue between Summit Avenue and Pierce Butler Route. The facility will be a shared facility identified with sharrows between Summit and Marshall. Bike lanes will be installed on Prior between Marshall and University. On Prior Avenue between University Avenue and Pierce Butler Route bike lanes were installed several years ago as part of a mill & overlay project. The entire corridor will receive bike specific signs including bike lane signs, route marker signs and revised name blade signs. |
| Project Contact | David Kuebler, P.E. |
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| Lead Agency/Department | St. Paul Public Works Traffic Engineering |
| Purpose of Project/Plan | Prior Avenue is currently used heavily by bicycles and is one of the few viable north/south routes for bikes to travel safely. However, the route is missing pavement markings and/or signs that identify Prior as a bicycle facility. This project will correct that deficiency and connect to existing facilities on Summit Avenue, Marshall Avenue, Minnehaha Avenue and Pierce Butler Route. There will also be a connection to the Fairview LRT station. |
| Planning References | Transportation Plan; Central Corridor Bike Walk Action Plan |
| Project stage | Final Engineering |
| General Timeline | Construction summer 2012 |
| District Council position (if applicable) | Both District Councils are in support of the project. As a reminder, Prior Avenue from University to Pierce Butler has existing bike lanes. |
| Level of Cmte Involvement | Advise |
| Previous Committee action | None |
| Level of Public Involvement | Inform |
| Public Hearing | March 21, 2012 |
| Public Hearing Location | City Council |
| Primary Funding Source(s) | CIB |
| Cost | \$53,000.00 |

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| Staff recommendation | See proposed plan attached |
| Action item requested of the Committee | Recommend approval of design to the full Planning Commission |
| Committee recommendation | |
| Committee vote | |