



Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission

Monday, August 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting

1. Saint Paul Bicycle Plan Update – Jimmy Shoemaker (Public Works), 90 minutes

NOTE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: The chair of the Planning Commission has determined that it is not practical nor prudent for the Planning Commission and its Committees to meet in-person or pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.02. In light of the COVID-19 health pandemic, it is not feasible for any member of Transportation Committee to be present at the regular location, and all members of the Transportation Committee will attend this meeting by telephone or other electronic means. It is also not feasible for members of the public to attend the meeting at its regular location due to the health pandemic and emergency. Accordingly, no meeting will be held in the 13th Floor Conference Room in City Hall Annex at 25 W. 4th Street in the City of Saint Paul.

Members of the public may monitor this meeting remotely the following ways:

Join on your computer or mobile app (in Microsoft Teams)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

(612) 315-7905, Phone Conference ID: 983 253 837#

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Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings

- August 23
- September 20 (no meeting September 6 due to holiday)

Meetings are open to the public. Additional time may be allocated for comments or further discussion at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings may be cancelled if there is not a quorum expected, or if there are no agenda items. For additional information on the Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission, please visit our website at bit.ly/StPaulITC or contact Bill Dermody at Bill.Dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-6617.

Transportation Committee Staff Report for Plans and Policies

Committee date: Aug 9, 2021

Plan Name/Policy Name: Saint Paul Bicycle Plan Update

Contact: Jimmy Shoemaker, Senior Planner, Department of Public Works
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Plan/Policy Webpage: <http://www.stpaul.gov/bikeplan> (updates to website will go live following Aug 9)

Description: The City of Saint Paul is updating the Bicycle Plan to identify future network priorities and include more guidance on separated bike lanes and shared use paths. First adopted by City Council in March 2015, the current plan and planned bike network will largely remain. However, state and national best practice, community feedback, and local policy guidance (2019 Climate Action and Resilience Plan) direct staff to update the current plan. The process will be completed by City staff and will include two rounds of engagement – to inform and gather feedback on priorities and network gaps in Fall 2021, and to share draft updates in Spring 2022. Engagement opportunities are currently scheduled to be a mix of in-person and virtual/online.

General Timeline: Updated plan adoption by City Council tentatively scheduled for summer 2022, with two rounds of engagement in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

Public Hearing Date & Location: NA

Transportation Committee Role:

Inform scope & approach Review draft Make recommendation

Explanation: This presentation begins the Fall 2021 first round of engagement. The goal of this round is to inform the Transportation Committee and public, as well as share opportunities for engagement.

The City of Saint Paul is updating the Bicycle Plan

What is the purpose of a bicycle plan?

A bicycle plan is a document that tells staff where in the city bike lanes and bike paths should go. City planners and engineers refer to the bicycle plan when making decisions about how a street should look and function. Having this document allows the City to plan for the future as we create a city that is safe, equitable, healthy, and resilient.

How do I get involved?

The City wants to hear your ideas for improving biking in Saint Paul! Visit the website below to complete a survey, sign up for email updates, and learn more about the timeline and process.

stpaul.gov/bikeplan

What will be included in the update?

- This process will update the planned bike network to include more spaces that separate people biking from people driving
- This process will identify where and how we should focus our resources to expand the bike network

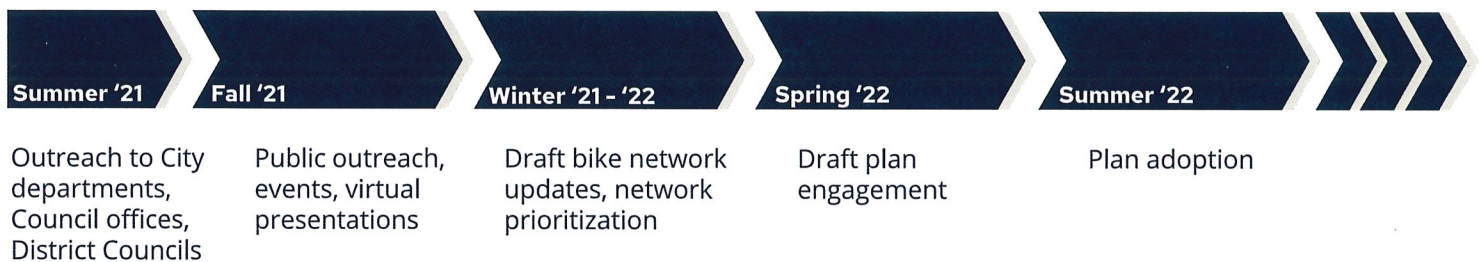
2015 Saint Paul Bicycle Plan

The City's first Bicycle Plan, adopted in 2015 by the City Council, helped Saint Paul increase the bike network from 153 miles in 2015 to 207 miles in 2020.

The 2015 Plan led to progress on a downtown network of bike facilities (Capital City Bikeway), and created important connections between our parks (Saint Paul Grand Round).

The 2015 Plan built a great foundation and tool to create spaces for people to comfortably ride bikes. But it's time for a refresh!

Timeline



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