Transportation Committee Thursday, October 12th, 2023 – 9:05 am – 10:00 am Virtual on Zoom

In attendance: Joe Hall (Voting Member), Mary Tamminga (Voting Member)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

1. Motions

<u>Motion 1:</u> The Transportation Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,000** from line item **5.04 (Bicycle Safety Programs)** for the purchase of branded bike lights from 4AllPromos to be provided for the community. (23-1006)

JH motions, MT seconds. All ayes, motion approved.

2. Updates

- a. Bike Corrals
 - i. Dero Bike Corrals to be installed on Division St. in front of Mac's Wood Grilled soon.
- b. Milwaukee Ave Protected Bike Lane Progress
 - i. AH discussed correspondence with CDOT concerning the protected bike lane being built on the 1600-1900 block of Milwaukee Ave, including the removal of the orange planters along that corridor. MT mentioned the negative response to the progress by local store owners, and committee discussed actionable ways to track the actual impact on transit and commerce in the area as a result of the expansion. This study would likely span multiple years.
- c. Ashland Ave. Speed Radars
 - i. AH mentioned that both JH and pending commissioner Laura Botwinick had now requested speed radars on Ashland Ave to slow traffic, and AH stated that she would speak with 1st Ward Alderman Daniel La Spata to get them installed.
- d. Bench Updates
 - i. Committee discussed new potential bench models to cut back on vandalism and theft, as many have been removed from the neighborhood, either by People's Gas or vandals. Committee discussed new designs and materials to make them more difficult to lift.
- e. Community Bike Rides
 - i. Committee revisited applying community grant funds to local bike shops that could host educational group rides that teach locals how to safely bike in the city. Unfortunately, no bike shops have actually applied for the grant after AH and LS reached out to inform them, so we will continue to outreach.

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