

Transportation Committee
Minutes
July 13, 2017

In attendance: Brent Norsman (chair), John Paige, Lindsay Bayley, Jessica Wobbekind (managing director), Michael Ashkenasi (SSA program specialist)

1. Milwaukee / North / Damen project
 - a. Update from public meeting #2 (7/12/17) – Feedback was generally very positive, especially for bike boxes, bumpouts, reduced speed limits, and closing the slip lanes. There were some people who commented on the lack of dedicated bike lanes, but for the most part the public understood that CDOT has limited funding for this year’s improvements. DNA Info and Streetsblog Chicago were present so a couple of articles should show up shortly.
 - b. SSA placemaking initiatives – MA explained that CDOT suggests to focus for now on getting permits for planters, and putting in “Design TBD” on any sites plans where we are thinking of doing public art or other placemaking. That way, we can always get an addendum but we need a Use Agreement ASAP for installing planters.
 - c. Planters - General agreement to go with large, bright orange fiberglass planters, and possibly all in the same shape (circular). MA to research and will reply back to the group with some options ASAP so committee can provide feedback via email before the SSA Commission meets next week. Because Transportation Committee and the SSA Commission don’t meet in August, we need to pass a motion now to secure funding for buying & installing planters (& plants), plus ongoing maintenance.

Motion 1 (for Exec. Committee): to approve and not exceed \$25,000 from 2.02 (landscaping) for installing and maintaining street planters as part of CDOT’s Milwaukee Avenue improvements.

- d. CDOT’s budget limitations – MA explained that CDOT may not have enough money in their project budget to paint *all* of the bumpouts or bike boxes. Perhaps the SSA can “fill in some of the blanks” and possibly do some public art in the slip lane(s) and bumpouts

Motion 2 (for Exec. Committee): to approve and not exceed \$25,000 from 2.05 (streetscape elements) for street painting (curb bumpouts, bike lanes, bike bumpouts) as part of CDOT’s Milwaukee Avenue improvements.

Motion 3 (for Exec. Committee): to move \$25,000 from 2.06 (public art) to 2.05 (streetscape elements)

Motion 4 (for Exec. Committee): to approve John Paige as a voting member of the WPB Transportation Committee.

Motion 5 (for Exec. Committee): to approve Lindsay Bayley as a voting member of the WPB Transportation Committee.

2. Mode Study - JW reached out to ATA, never heard back.
3. Blue Lounge Project - paperwork submitted, there are a few details to work through with insurance.

4. Blue Benches –submitted permits with aldermanic signatures and business approval to BACP. A few permits are waiting because the 2nd Ward is requesting a “Commissioner’s Waiver” to a part of the municipal code dealing with benches on the public way.
5. Bike Corrals - waiting on delivery and Use Agreement from CDOT