



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

April 1st, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Dzierzak at 7:01 p.m. on April 1st, 2026, in the Bartholomew Room.

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| <i>Commission Present:</i> | Adam Knosalla (Vice Chair), Eli Straub, Louis Dzierzak (Chair), David Gepner, Eli Straub, Josh Kloehn, Brinnon Kubista, Jaz Warren |
| <i>Commission Absent:</i> | Stella Yang, Jacob Olsen |
| <i>Staff Present:</i> | Matt Hardegger, Olivia Wycklendt |
| <i>Liaisons Present:</i> | Sean Hayford Oleary (City Council) |

2. ROLL CALL

Staff noted that Commissioners Yang and Olsen were absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: made by Kubista, seconded by Gepner to approve the agenda.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: made by Knosalla, seconded by Straub to approve the minutes of the Transportation Commission Regular Meeting from March 4th, 2026.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0

5. REGULAR BUSINESS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- a. Penn Avenue Parking and Bikeways

Hennepin County Project Manager Matt Huggins presented updates on the Penn Avenue reconstruction project with consultant staff Tom Kaiser, Steven Voelker, and Lance Bernard. Topics included what types of bikeway infrastructure the commission would like to see for the corridor, as well as how they'd like to address parking in the Penn Central area of the corridor.

Commissioners discussed how the corridor is currently being used by bikers today, and if any the options presented by the County which should be eliminated from consideration as

public engagement and design progresses. Commissioners also discussed draft concepts for on-street parking considerations on Penn Avenue between 66th and 68th St, and potential for parking north of 66th St as well.

MOTION: made by Knosalla, seconded by Kloehn to remove option 4, a single shared-use path, for consideration for Penn Avenue reconstruction.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0

6. UPDATES

a. City Staff – Project Updates

1. City staff provided construction updates for Nicollet Avenue, 494, Highway 77, the Sheridan Hills Safe Routes to School project, and Metro Transit's Route 14 stop changes. Staff provided a design update for the other 2026 sidewalk projects and 69th Street.

b. City Council

1. Council Member Hayford Oleary provided updates on council items relevant to the Commission including continued impacts of Operation Metro Surge.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff informed the Commission that the next scheduled meeting on May 6th would also be about Penn Avenue.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Staff asked the Commission to consider rescheduling the May 6th meeting to avoid County staff conflicts.

The commission discussed their availability for the next 6 weeks. Commission agreed with staff sending out a poll to see which dates work best for commission members after the meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Hardegger referenced a public comment that was submitted to the Commission and noted its addition in the meeting packet.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2026.

MOTION: made by Gepner, seconded by Knosalla to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0