Highland Park District Council
Transportation Committee
March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Roll call: Frank Jossi, Adam Hertell, Tom Romens, Brad Ballinger, Mikael Asp, Kristen Nelson, Matt Grotte, Shayne Stone

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Approved

Bike MN- CJ Lindor

- State and local advocacy more of a consulting role to communities
- Events to promote biking across the state, and promote other community rides both weekly and larger rides
- Education around safe riding using National League of American Bicyclist.
  - Teach adults how to ride a bikes and bike safety
  - Education to school kids around safe routes for biking and walking
- Funding via foundations, events and small donors
- E-bike policy (e-moto definition) if it runs like bike, under 20mph is a legal e-bike and regulated like a bike.
- Supporting automated enforcement bill
- Other contacts of support: Sustain St. Paul, St. Paul bike coalition

- 35 Bridge Project Update – Michael Corbett, Kent Barnard, Kevin Walker, Dale Gade
  - Project overview Replace I-35 E bridge over Shepard Road (2026), Repair bridge over Mississippi boulevard and Shepard Road (2027)
  - Starting April 20th will start on bypass pending weather
  - Season long impact/Closures
    - Shepard Road will be closed for remainder of the construction season
      - West bound on Shepard Rd between Lexington to Otto
      - East bound Shepard Rd between Lexington and 35E
      - South bound I-35E entrance ramp from Shepard Rd
  - Short term impact
    - Month long closure North bound I 35E to Shepard Rd exit ramp

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        - Occasional closures on Shepard Rd between 35E ramp off ramp and Otto
        - Sort term closures highway 5/ 7th street west
        - Lane closure on I-35E
        - Pedestrian trail access along Shepard Rd will be maintained
    - Detour
        - Vehicle detour on west 7th from Lexington parkway and Otto Ave
        - Bike detour use tunnel of Sam Morgan regional trail
    - Events and outreach into the community
        - Metro Council reached out to do emergency by bass sewer system along on 35-E pedestrian path

Move Minnesota – Gabby Gerkin

- Advocacy- boosting commuter benefits to employees
- Educational – sustainable transportation options, commute, employers, residents, developers, colleges, support community in how to use systems
- Transportation demand management plan review
- Transit Tours – learn how to use transit via bus or light rail
- Bike rack cost-share 50/50 up to 1K
- May 11-17 bike to work week

Old Business

- BRT J line on west 7th
- Smart Goal Review – Continues

New Business

- Hour car update – finding space for highland bridge possible location Ford Parkway and Mount Curve. Will know December or January
- Rail Spur resolution for the Committee send email on stance. Motion passed
- New business John has missed 4x meeting unexcused

- Meeting Adjourn – Frank Jossi

Frank Jossi called the meeting to order at 7:02

Submitted by Shayne Stone, HDC Transportation Secretary