PPA Transportation Committee Minutes 12/18/18

In attendance: Evan Roberts (chair), Julia Tabbut, Alexis Daniel, David Frank, Ken Hampton, Eric Lind, Allison Bell, Peter Wagenius, Paul Ellison, Jeremy Bergerson

E-Line Bus Rapid Transit: Eric Lind and Evan Roberts reported to the meeting on plans for the E-Line BRT line. PPA has previously sent a letter in support of the northern terminus of the route being at the Prospect Park or Westgate stations. The committee agreed to monitor MetroTransit's community engagement for the project, and build further support for the project.

Essex St reconfiguration: Jeremy Bergerson reported that he had initiated email contact with Robin Garwood (City of Minneapolis, Ward 2 office) and Monique McKenzie (UMN) about changing traffic flows on Essex St.

Weyerhauser/Bedford/St Paul: Allison Bell reported on a meeting with Karen Nelson from St Anthony Park to discuss the proposed move of the stop sign from Emerald to Bedford. St Anthony Park is also in support of this proposal. Allison and Karen will work together to draft a letter that will be brought to both neighborhood's transportation committee's, with the goal being to pass a letter through both boards so that a joint letter can be sent to the City of Minneapolis and City of Saint Paul.

Marked crossings on East River Parkway: A letter was sent by PPA to the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board requesting marked crossings on East River Parkway at Seymour Place, Emerald St, and Thornton St. Paul Ellison will co-ordinate neighbors writing to council members and MPRB commissioners in support of crosswalks.

Arthur/Williams Ave walkway: The pedestrian path between Arthur and Williams Ave is closed with no indications of repairs taking place or a plan to re-open it. The committee agreed that the chair will talk to CM Gordon about the issue.

Next meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 17 January 2019.