CAN WE RECORD ALEX BURNS'

Minutes, PPA Transportation & Safety Committee, Wednesday 8 June 2022

Attending: Evan Roberts (Chair), David Frank, Kate Needleman, Daniel Bryant, Julia Tabbut, Alex Burns (Our Streets), Aloida Zaragosa, Julie Wallace, Britt Howell, Dan Cross, Kari Simonson, Dan Ratliff.

1. I-94 / Twin Cities Boulevard Report from Alex Burns, Our Streets

Alex Burns (Our Streets) gave a presentation to the meeting on the I-94 alternatives under consideration by MnDOT, and Our Streets proposal for a replacement of the freeway by a multi-lane boulevard.

After Burns left the meeting the committee discussed whether to recommend support for the specific alternative of the multi-lane boulevard at surface level.

After discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the Board invite Alex Burns back to talk to a community meeting where there can be wider attendance and discussion, before PPA commits to a position on this matter.

Further resources: Burns' presentation can be viewed <u>here</u>.

The Twin Cities Boulevard proposal is here.

2. Hubbard Broadcasting gates across 4th St

Evan Roberts reported that Thomas Rehkamp (Hubbard) had responded to the committee's letter by calling. Owing to concerns by Hubbard about employee safety and motor vehicle damage (e.g. catalytic converter) theft, they are not willing to re-open the gates.

After discussion it was agreed to continue investigating further options

- Kari Simonson will talk with a real estate lawyer to get further advice on how a legal claim for a prescriptive easement may be made, and the chances of success
- Britt Howell and Evan Roberts will work with Ward 2 Council Member Robin Wonsley, and reach out to Saint Paul Ward 4 council member Mitra Jalali and St Anthony Park District Council representatives Pat Thompson to coordinate the writing of a joint letter from both council members and both neighborhood associations to senior management at Hubbard.