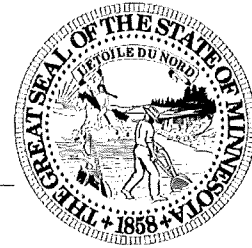


# Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board

190 Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55155

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## Complaint for Violation of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act

All information on this form is confidential until a decision is issued by the Board.  
A photocopy of the entire complaint, however, will be sent to the respondent.

### Information about complaint filer

Name of complaint filer <b>Carol Becker</b>	
Address <b>3201 48th Ave S</b>	Email address <b>shakers01_lacing@icloud.com</b>
City, state, and zip <b>Minneapolis</b>	Telephone (Daytime) <b>61223676287</b>

### Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about <b>Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, DBA Our Streets Minneapolis</b>
Address <b>701 N 3rd St, Suite 001A</b>
City, state, zip <b>Minneapolis, MN 55401</b>
Title of respondent (If applicable)
Board/Department/Agency/District # (If legislator)

Signature of person filing complaint

7/2/22

Date

Send completed form to:

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board  
190 Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

If you have questions:

Call 651-539-1189, 800-657-3889, or for TTY/TDD communication contact us through the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529. Board staff may also be reached by email at [cf.board@state.mn.us](mailto:cf.board@state.mn.us).

Give the statutory cite to the section of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, or Minnesota Rules you believe has been violated:

10A.03-10A05

You will find the complete text of Chapter 10A, Chapter 211B, and Minnesota Rules chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at [www.cfboard.state.mn.us](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us).

### Nature of complaint

Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated the campaign finance and public disclosure laws. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, materials, minutes, resolutions, or other evidence to support your allegations.

The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition (DIBA Our Streets Minneapolis) exists to lobby for "streets that put people first." They are clearly lobbying. They are clearly lobbying Minneapolis and MN Dot and Hennepin Avenue. Their own reporting shows \$89,000 of their \$500,000 budget went directly to lobbying. They are employing people to lobby who are paid over \$3,000 a year. It would appear they meet the definition of principals and lobbyists and should be registered with the Campaign Finance Board and doing required reporting.

Minnesota Statutes section 10A.022, subdivision 3, describes the procedures required for investigating complaints. A full description of the complaint process is available on the Board's website.

Briefly, the Board will notify you when it has received your complaint. The Board must send a copy of the complaint to the respondent. Complaints and investigations are confidential. Board members and staff cannot talk about an investigation except as required to carry out the investigation or to take action in the matter. After the Board issues a decision, the record of the investigation is public.

The law requires a complaint to go through two stages before the Board can begin an investigation: a prima facie determination and a probable cause decision. If the complaint does not pass one of the stages, it must be dismissed.

The Board has 10 business days after receiving your complaint to determine whether the complaint is sufficient to allege a prima facie violation of the campaign finance laws. If the Board determines that the complaint does allege a prima facie violation, the Board has 45 days to decide whether probable cause exists to believe a violation that warrants a formal investigation has occurred. Both you and the respondent have the right to be heard on the issue of probable cause before the Board makes this decision. The Board will notify you if the complaint moves to the probable cause stage.

If the Board determines that probable cause does not exist, the Board will dismiss the complaint. If the Board determines that probable cause exists, the Board will start an investigation. The Board will send you monthly updates regarding the status of the investigation. At the end of the investigation, the Board will offer you and the respondent the opportunity to be heard before the Board makes a final decision.

In most cases, the Board will issue findings, conclusions, and an order as its decision. For a spending or contribution limits violation, the Board can enter into a conciliation agreement with the respondent instead of issuing findings, conclusions, and an order. The Board's final decision will be sent to you and posted on the Board's website.

# Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition Potential Campaign Finance Violations

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Who is the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition?

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# The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition is a 501c3

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date **MAY 31 2012**

MINNEAPOLIS BICYCLE COALITION  
C/O ETHAN FAWLEY  
2929 CHICAGO AVE STE 1014  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407

Employer Identification Number:  
27-1539442  
DLN:  
170532713@1011  
Contact Person:  
SHEENA L BREWER ID# 31270  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
December 10, 2009  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

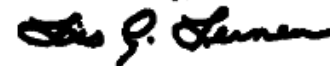
Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner  
Director, Exempt Organizations

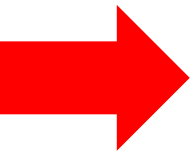
Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

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# The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition is a 501c3

efile GRAPHIC print		Submission Date - 2020-11-02		DLN: 93493307027170	
Form <b>990</b>		<b>Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax</b>			OMB No. 1545-0047
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)			<b>2019</b> Open to Public Inspection
		▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. ▶ Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Form990">www.irs.gov/Form990</a> for instructions and the latest information.			
<b>A</b> For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019, and ending 12-31-2019					
<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending		<b>C</b> Name of organization MINNEAPOLIS BICYCLE COALITION		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 27-1539442	
		Doing business as OUR STREETS MINNEAPOLIS			
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1428 Washington Avenue S Suite 204		<b>E</b> Telephone number (612) 964-8902	
		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Minneapolis, MN 55454		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 406,302	
		<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: Ashwat Narayanan 1428 Washington Ave S 204 Minneapolis, MN 55454		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶	
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <a href="http://www.ourstreetsmpls.org">www.ourstreetsmpls.org</a>			
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation: 2009		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: MN	
<b>Part I Summary</b>					
<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: OUR STREETS MINNEAPOLIS WORKS FOR A CITY WHERE BIKING, WALKING, AND ROLLING ARE EASY AND COMFORTABLE FOR EVERYONE.				
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.				



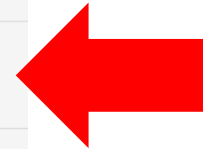
# The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition also does business under the name “Our Streets Minneapolis”

Business Record Details »		Print	Order Certificate	File Amendment / Renewal	Order Copies	« Back to Search Results
Minnesota Business Name		Our Streets Minneapolis				
<b>Business Type</b>	Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)	<b>MN Statute</b>	317A			
<b>File Number</b>	3603426-2	<b>Home Jurisdiction</b>	Minnesota			
<b>Filing Date</b>	12/10/2009	<b>Status</b>	Active / In Good Standing			
<b>Renewal Due Date</b>	12/31/2023	<b>Registered Office Address</b>	1428 Washington Avenue South #204 Minneapolis, MN 55454 USA			
<b>Registered Agent(s)</b>	Ashwat Narayanan	<b>President</b>	Ashwat Narayanan 701 N 3rd Street Suite 001A Minneapolis, MN 55401 USA			

# The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition also does business under the name “Our Streets Minneapolis”

Select the item(s) you would like to order:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	01/12/2011	Registered Office and/or Agent - Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)
<input type="checkbox"/>	03/16/2011	Amendment - Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)
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The Bike Coalition also operates the Minneapolis Open Streets Festival under contract with the City of Minneapolis.

# OPEN STREETS MPLS

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# OPEN STREETS MPLS

Registration for  
2022 events is  
**OPEN!**

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The Bicycle Coalition exists to lobby for  
bicycling and walking.

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# From their web page...

| <https://www.ourstreetsmpls.org/about>

**our  
streets**  
MPLS

**About** ▾

**Advocacy** ▾

**Volunteer**

healthy environment, and a strong economy.

## Method

We believe in the power of people:

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- Our work is volunteer driven and community supported;
  - We use a community organizing approach to set and act on our local advocacy priorities to make streets places that put people first;
  - We depend on the passion and skills of hundreds of volunteers to make our work happen each year from **our Board of Directors** to the folks who volunteer at our **Open Streets Minneapolis** events.
  - As part of centering people in our work, we apply an equity lens to everything we do. Learn more about how we do that by reading our **Equity Statement**.

## Formerly the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition

Our organization was founded in 2009 as the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition. In 2017 we **changed our name** to Our Streets Minneapolis. With this change, we affirmed our commitment to people walking and rolling, not just people biking.

# They clearly meet the definitions of lobbying.



## What is lobbying?

Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

### **What is lobbying?**

Lobbying is trying to influence governmental action by communicating with or urging others to communicate with public officials or local officials in metropolitan governmental units.

### **What is governmental action?**

Governmental action means:

- (1) actions by the state legislature and by the governor in his role in the legislative process;
- (2) actions by state agencies, including boards and commissions, in rulemaking, rate setting, power plant and power line siting, and granting some certificates of need; and
- (3) official actions by metropolitan governmental units.

### **What is a metropolitan governmental unit?**

A metropolitan governmental unit is any of the following:

- (1) the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington;
- (2) a regional railroad authority established by one or more of the counties listed in part (1);
- (3) a city with a population of over 50,000 located in one of the counties listed above, which includes Apple Valley, Blaine, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Burnsville, Coon Rapids, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Edina, Lakeville, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Plymouth, St. Paul, and Woodbury;
- (4) the Metropolitan Council; and
- (5) a metropolitan agency as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 473.121, subdivision 5a, which includes the Metropolitan Airports Commission, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, and the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.

But the organization is not registered with  
the Campaign Finance Board.

Neither are any individuals.



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Bicycle Alliance of MN

Yet they appear to exist solely to lobby.

The following slides show the various ways they are lobbying.

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# Examples of Lobbying Emails

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# This email from June 15<sup>th</sup> (broken into three parts as it is long) which shows them both promoting Open Streets and lobbying their Hennepin Redesign position.



Make an Impact at Open Streets Minneapolis

Volunteers make these events possible! We're still recruiting volunteers for Open Streets Franklin on July 10th.

Each year, communities across the city gather to experience a day on their street without cars. By volunteering at an Open Streets event, you can help us create a welcoming and engaging environment for visitors, organizations, and businesses across the city. With a variety of opportunities, this is a great way to meet the team and share our mission with the community.

Thanks to Pizza Lucé on Franklin, all volunteers receive a complimentary slice of pizza or small salad after their shift! Plus, all volunteers get a FREE EVENT T-SHIRT for their time. Learn more about opportunities and sign up for a volunteer shift at the link below.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Sun. July 17th | 12-2PM

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

Meet other volunteers, enjoy some food, and celebrate your hard work! Everyone who has volunteered in any capacity is invited to attend. (Including volunteers for future events!)

[RSVP](#)



### Hennepin goes to City Hall TOMORROW!

24/7 bus lanes are a critical design element and should be operational on day one of the reconstruction opening. Without them, transit users are left behind. Here's what you can do to support the design:

- Collect signatures at the Uptown Transit Station TODAY at 5PM. It's an easy and meaningful way to get involved. [Sign up here.](#)
- [Send an email to City Council and Mayor Jacob Frey.](#)
- [Pack City Hall TOMORROW at 9:30AM](#) for the City Council vote. After the vote, we'll move to deliver postcards to the Mayor's office.

- In the community -

**Bici Xicas Bike Clinic**

Fri, June 17 | Coronan Park  
Bici Xicas is hosting an event with free basic bike repairs and bike giveaways. First priority for resources will go to unhoused people.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Cooling Centers in Minneapolis**

Most Hennepin County buildings and recreational sites offer cooling spaces for people to escape the heat. Find a map of locations below.

[VIEW SPACES](#)

**Hop on your wheels and attend an event**

It's going to be an action-packed Summer with biking and outdoor events nearly every weekend. Visit StravaMN's event directory to find something fun near you.

[PLAN AN EVENT](#)

**Our Streets** Minneapolis depends on people like you to keep us moving forward. Your recurring donation helps us make our city a better place for people biking, walking, and rolling.

[BECOME A RECURRING DONOR](#)

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[Energy Foundation](#)

**Thank you to our funders:**

[Sign up today!](#)

[Sign up today!](#)

Our Streets Minneapolis - 101 N 3rd St, Minneapolis, MN 55401, United States  
This email was sent to [greg@ourstreets.org](mailto:greg@ourstreets.org). To stop receiving emails, [click here](#). You can also keep up with Our Streets Minneapolis on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

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# OPEN STREETS MPLS



## FRANKLIN

Sun. July 10th | 11AM - 4:30PM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND

### One week to register for Open Streets Franklin

Open Streets Franklin is back for the first time in three years! We're inviting local businesses, organizations, artists, performers, and more to join the fun with a spot on the street.

There will be an Open Streets Minneapolis event every month through October. Interested in participating at multiple events? Once you register for one, you'll receive a discount code to use for other events. Everything you need to register can be found on our website below.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

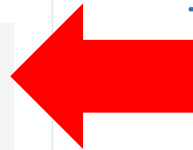


### TAKE ACTION

Thank you to everyone who visited Hennepin for People and our team at Open Streets Lyndale. Thanks to your support, 24/7 lanes have been amended back into the design. We still need your help to get the full design approved at the June 16th City Council meeting.

[TAKE ACTION](#)

Here is the email from June 13<sup>th</sup>. You can see both the Open Streets information as well as the lobbying of people to take action for their position on the Hennepin redesign.



# This email from May 26<sup>th</sup> showing both Open Streets and their lobbying on the Blue Line



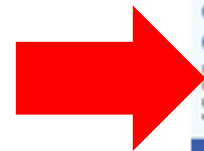
Sunday, June 5th | 11AM - 4:30PM | Lyndale Ave S

Open **Streets** Minneapolis is HERE! We're kicking off the season with **our** biggest event: Open **Streets** Lyndale. Join over 200 local businesses, artists, performers, and more for car-free fun on Lyndale Avenue South. [The full event map can be found here.](#) Stay tuned for updates and highlight activities as the event approaches!

Missed out on a spot at Open **Streets** Lyndale? We have four more events throughout the season. [View our other events and sign up for a spot here.](#)

We hope to see you at Open **Streets** Minneapolis this Summer!

[LEARN MORE](#)

A graphic with a dark green background. At the top, it says 'I'm volunteering at' in white. Below that is a white t-shirt with a colorful graphic of a rainbow and trees. To the right of the t-shirt, it says 'Volunteers help create a welcoming space at our events - and get a free t-shirt!' in white. At the bottom, 'OPEN STREETS MPLS 2022' is written in large, bold, green letters. To the right of the graphic, on a light grey background, it says 'VOLUNTEER!' in bold. Below that, it says 'Volunteer at Open **Streets** Lyndale on June 5th to receive a free event t-shirt and a complimentary slice of pizza from Pizza Luce. Volunteering is an easy and fun way to support the event.' At the bottom right, there is a white button with the text 'SIGN UP' in green.

A graphic with a blue background. At the top, it says 'Tell Hennepin County, Met Council &amp; Minneapolis City Council:' in white. Below that, 'OUR LIVES ARE ON THE LINE!' is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right, there is a white speech bubble with the text 'TAKE ACTION by submitting a comment by May 27!' in blue. Below the speech bubble, it says 'No community support for the Blue Line Extension until anti-displacement protections are passed and previous community harm is addressed!' in white. At the bottom, it says 'Learn more about the Blue Line Coalition &amp; WorkforceOutlook.org' in small white text.

## Blue Line Coalition calls for anti-displacement protections

A new route has been proposed for the Blue Line Extension. As part of the Blue Line Coalition, we're calling for anti-displacement protections and for past harms to be addressed with this project. Submit comments using the link below.

[TAKE ACTION](#)

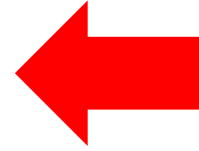
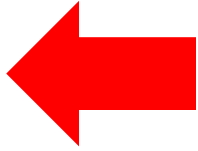


## Bring Back 6th! Phase 2 forum on September 20th

Thank you to everyone who attended Imagine 6th Avenue North! We'll be hosting another forum to check the progress on Phase 1 improvements and work towards Phase 2 of the vision.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

This is May 17<sup>th</sup> where they promote Open Streets, lobbying on Hennepin Avenue and lobbying for converting I94 to a boulevard.



Talking about  
their lobbying  
efforts.

December 28th  
2021.

# New year, better **sidewalks** **bike lanes** **streets.**

Friend,

This spring, **our** team sat down to ask ourselves a difficult question: Should we host Open **Streets** Minneapolis? Were **our** partners and neighbors ready for this event series to return? Would communities embrace Open **Streets** Minneapolis after a year-long hiatus?

The answer was a resounding yes. **Nearly 50,000 people and 350 organizations showed up for **our** events on West Broadway, Lyndale, and Minnehaha this fall.** The resiliency of **our** communities was on full display at these events. We've seen it time and again this year through the support of people like you, who have shown up to an Open **Streets** Minneapolis event, signed a petition, canvassed with **our** advocacy team, or shared **our** action steps with your community.



We have so many exciting campaigns lined up for 2022 that build on **our** successes from 2021, and will help create a city that truly puts people first in transportation. **We know that a just and equitable climate-forward, people-first transportation system is achievable, but we depend on your help to get there.** Hundreds of you have contributed to us this year to make **our** work possible, and your support has directly impacted the success of **our** campaigns. However, **our** work has just begun.

If you haven't already, will you consider making a donation today to support **our** mission to make Minneapolis a city that works for people who bike, walk, and roll?

Lobbying MnDOT on turning I-94  
into a boulevard.

December 16, 2021.

March 2nd, 2022,  
lobbying for an I-94  
boulevard and ending  
Olsen Memorial as a  
highway.



### It's time to move on from I-94

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is in the process of determining the future of the I-94 corridor between downtown Minneapolis and downtown Saint Paul via its Rethinking I-94 project. We cannot let this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity go to waste. The **Twin Cities Boulevard** is a community vision to repair I-94's harms and bring racial, environmental & economic justice to surrounding communities. **This movement is growing and ever-changing.** We need your help to shape the vision and make the Twin Cities Boulevard a reality.

[TAKE ACTION & LEARN MORE](#)

**WE CAN'T HAVE  
TRANSPORTATION  
JUSTICE WITHOUT...**

**CLIMATE JUSTICE  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
RACIAL JUSTICE  
UNIVERSAL DESIGN  
OPPORTUNITIES  
COMMUNITY CONSENT  
& EQUITY FOR ALL**

- advocacy -  
**A BETTER FUTURE  
IS POSSIBLE**

We're calling on all levels of decision makers to prioritize equity and climate justice for all transportation projects. Support this push by sending an email to decision makers.

[TAKE ACTION](#)

Lobbying on turning I-94  
into a boulevard.

December 4, 2021.

I have many more lobbying emails.

I may not be on all their lists so this may be the tip of the iceberg. They have claimed they can generate 20,000 emails to elected officials so that would indicate a larger outreach.



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# Lobbying on the Our Streets Website

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This is the Bike Coalition's main web page as of June 19, 2022 where they are lobbying on the Hennepin bus lanes.

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streets**

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**Save Hennepin Bus Lanes!**

**Take Action TODAY!**



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<https://www.ourstreetsmpls.org/>

# This is the bottom half of the main web page where they are lobbying on the Hennepin Redesign.

**our streets**  
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About ▾ Advocacy ▾ Volunteer Events ▾ Donate

Our Streets Minneapolis is a local nonprofit working for a city where biking, walking, and rolling are easy and comfortable for everyone.

We're a community driven nonprofit dedicated to making Minneapolis a place where people of all identities and backgrounds have access to streets and trails that are vibrant community spaces year round.

We do this work because we know abundant biking and walking contribute to happy people, a healthy environment, and a strong economy. [LEARN MORE...](#)

**Word on the Streets**

**Minneapolis Legislative Delegation calls for 24/7 bus lanes on Hennepin Avenue and asks for no more delay**

Minnesota State Senators and Legislators sent a letter to the Minneapolis City Council urging them to include 24/7 bus lanes on Hennepin and approve the design. "We must now maximize the State and Federal investments in the E-Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit and the City and Federal invest ([show all](#))

**READ MORE**

**E-Bikes 101: What You Should Know About Electric Biking in Minneapolis**

There's nothing quite like pedaling through Minneapolis. From the beautiful Midtown Greenway to the city skyline, there's always something to look at along any route. That's why I enjoy commuting back and forth from my office in Uptown to my home, especially during the warmer months.

How ([show all](#))

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**Protected Bikeway**

**Twin Cities Biking (Resources)**

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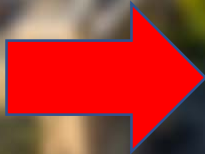
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Public Works may claim that this layout is the same as the original plan, however that is not true. The current plan would delay the implementation of 24/7 bus lanes until an unspecified date in the future. There is no accountability and no reason to believe that this will happen anytime soon. This is unacceptable. These bus lanes are urgently needed for the thousands who depend on transit to access their daily needs. 24/7 bus lanes must be included on day 1 of the project's opening.

On May 19, the Public Works & Infrastructure (PWI) Committee passed a staff direction that would restore 24/7 bus lanes on day 1 of the Hennepin Avenue S reconstruction opening. The plan was brought to full City Council and then returned back to committee at the May 25th Council meeting. The layout will once again need to be amended to include 24/7 bus lanes at the June 9th PWI committee meeting.

June 9th UPDATE: The Minneapolis City Council Public Works and Infrastructure Committee passed a layout amendment to include 24/7 Bus Lanes on Day 1.

We are now calling on Ward 7 council member Lisa Goodman to join Ward 10 council member Aisha Chughtai to seek a 9 vote majority on June 16th to amend the Public Works Department recommended design and RESTORE the original layout, and we are calling on the entire Minneapolis City Council to support and vote for this amendment — including all day 24/7 bus lanes on Day 1!

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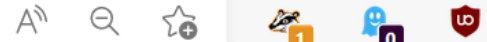
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PACK CITY HALL!



And the graphic links over to the “Hennepin for People” site, the main lobbying site for the pro-bus lane group.

Added security | <https://hennepinforpeople.org/pack-city-hall/>



Hennepin for People

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## Pack City Hall



We need people willing to show up to pack the City Council chambers (Room 317) and hold a sign on **Thursday, June 16th at 9:30 AM**. While we prevailed in committee, the vote of the full council is less certain. There won't be testimony but your visible presence is meaningful! There will be plenty of signs to choose from. Join us!

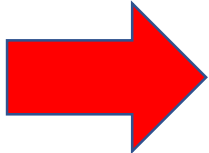
Other ways to help:

♥ [Contact your council member and Mayor Frey.](#)

♥ Support Our Streets Minneapolis outreach efforts: [send an email](#), [gathering signatures](#) in support of full-time bus lanes, [rallying outside the mayor's office](#).

[www.hennepinforpeople.org](http://www.hennepinforpeople.org)

# More from the middle of the same page, laying out how to lobby the City.



## Other ways to support putting people first on Hennepin Ave S:

### Send an Email to All Project Leaders

Send an email to tell Public Works Director Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Mayor Jacob Frey and City Council Members to restore the original layout that includes 24/7 bus lanes. [Click here to send an email.](#)

### Take the Survey

Hennepin Avenue is due to be reconstructed. This survey captures your experience on Hennepin and feedback for the proposed design. It takes less than five minutes to complete!

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

### Read the letter from Minnesota Senators and Legislators

[Click here to read the letter](#)

### Inviting Mayor Frey and the Metropolitan Council to talk to transit riders

With 24/7 bus lanes removed from the Hennepin Ave S design, transit riders will be left behind. Agencies including Metro Transit, the Metropolitan Council, and the City have described the importance of these lanes in meeting our climate and equity goals. We're invited key decision makers to canvass with us and hear directly from the people most impacted by this project.

[Click here to read the letter to the Mayor](#)

[Click here to read the letter to Metropolitan Council members](#)

### Letter of support for Hennepin Ave S reconstruction from Pueblos de Lucha y Esperanza.

[Click here to read the letter](#)

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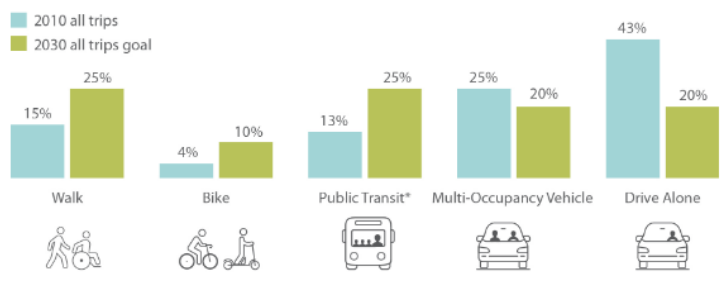
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And they provide an advocacy guide for Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction, which they themselves label as an “Advocacy Guide.”

## Hennepin Ave S Reconstruction Advocacy Guide

by Kenny Fennel  
on September 29, 2020

Hennepin Ave S will be reconstructed from Douglas Ave to Lake St in 2023. Hennepin Ave S is a City-owned street that is home to many Minneapolis residents and beloved businesses. This reconstruction provides an opportunity to make Hennepin Ave S a beacon of the City’s [Complete Streets Policy](#) that makes tangible progress on their [climate](#) and [mode share](#) goals to get more people taking more trips by biking, walking, rolling, and taking transit.



City of Minneapolis Mode Share Goals by year 2030

This is a guide to help organize your thoughts for a people-centered Hennepin Ave S. This document is continuously updated based on your ideas and needs. Please [reach out](#) to discuss additions and provide feedback on the guide itself.

### Project information

Visit the City’s Hennepin Ave S [project website](#) for more information, including links to [concept plans](#) from the City. You’ll also be able to learn more about the City’s project timeline on that webpage.

### Feedback opportunities

There are many ways to let the City know what you would like Hennepin Ave S to be like:

- Attend an online [open house](#). The next one is Wednesday, September 30th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

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# Emails Lobbying for Funding from the City for Themselves

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This email is from March 17, 2022, where they ask people to contact the City to support funding for themselves.

There are other emails.

[TAKE 5 MINUTES TO SEND AN EMAIL](#)



- *advocacy* -

## THE FUTURE OF OPEN **STREETS**...

We need your help to secure funding for Open **Streets** Minneapolis in the 2023 City budget. Sending an email in support helps keep vendor costs low and make these events the best they can be.

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# Website Lobbying for Funding from the City for Themselves

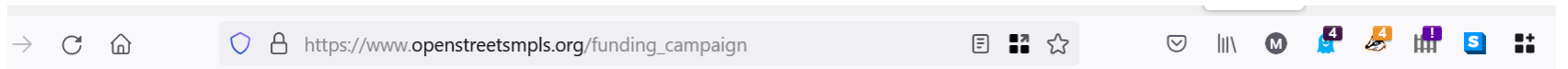
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Not only is the Bike Coalition lobbying on transportation issues, they are lobbying for more money from the City for themselves.

This link is to their lobbying for more funding but I have pages following:

[https://www.openstreetsmpls.org/funding\\_campaign](https://www.openstreetsmpls.org/funding_campaign)

This is from the Open Streets website where they lobby for more money from the City of Minneapolis for themselves



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## Help make Open Streets Minneapolis events more accessible for all

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[https://www.openstreetsmpls.org/funding\\_campaign](https://www.openstreetsmpls.org/funding_campaign)

# More from their funding lobbying page.

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**Since the first Open Streets Minneapolis event in 2011 that was attended by an estimated 5,000 people, the program has grown to a peak attendance of 103,500 in 2019.**

As Open Streets Minneapolis, these events have continued to require more resources from our organization. As a small non-profit with a team of six, and just one person managing a majority of event planning & logistics, this is a growing concern for the future of Open Streets Minneapolis events. We historically have not received any compensation from the City of Minneapolis to cover the costs of organizing Open Streets Minneapolis. In 2022, the City of Minneapolis is proposing the creation of a new contract that seeks a contractor to organize future Open Streets Minneapolis events. **The compensation provided through this contract is \$0 (City of Minneapolis Agreement).**

The City's lack of monetary support is having a serious and continued impact on Our Streets Minneapolis's ability to organize Our Streets Minneapolis events sustainably and equitably.

**Looming participation costs:** To cover the cost of hosting the event, event participants pay a minimal fee for a spot at Open Streets Minneapolis events. While this fee is manageable for some, small businesses, nonprofits, and other event partners face significant barriers to entry. Receiving funding from the City would reduce the cost burden on participants.



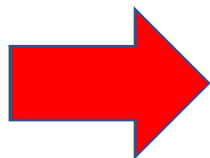
# You can see where they clearly state that they have a lobbying campaign to get funding for themselves and how people can take action.

**Limited route selection:** Due to capacity and funding constraints, Open Streets Minneapolis events are hosted on corridors that have the resources to support an event. This means that streets with lower incomes and areas along Minneapolis cultural corridors are left out of Open Streets Minneapolis activities. The business and communities in these areas deserve celebration. Funding from the City would allow us to increase the number of events we can host, specifically in lower income areas.

Open Streets Minneapolis is named as a priority in the recently adopted City of Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan. To ensure the current and future sustainability of the Open Streets Minneapolis initiative and to truly make it accessible and equitable for all city residents to enjoy,

we are asking the City of Minneapolis to monetarily invest in this program. **We ask that the Mayor's 2023 budget include \$100,000 of ongoing funding to support Our Streets Minneapolis in hosting these important community events.** We are launching a public organizing campaign to support this goal, which we will continue until our needs are met. [Read our letter to the City here.](#)

## Take Action!




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[https://www.openstreetsmpls.org/funding\\_campaign](https://www.openstreetsmpls.org/funding_campaign)

The previous page links here which lets you send a pre-written email on their behalf.

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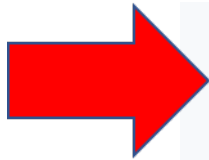
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They state they have been successful in getting money from the City because of the pressure they were able to bring through their lobbying.



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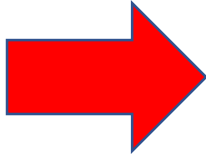
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## Our Streets Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/ourstreetsmpls>

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Virtually everything on their Facebook page is either lobbying or their fundraising efforts through Open Streets.

Lobbying  
for turning  
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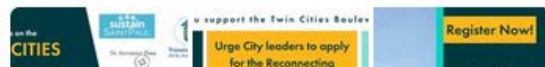
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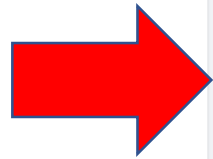
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# Lobbying for turning I-94 into a boulevard

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# Lobbying MnDOT

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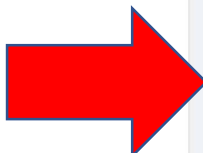
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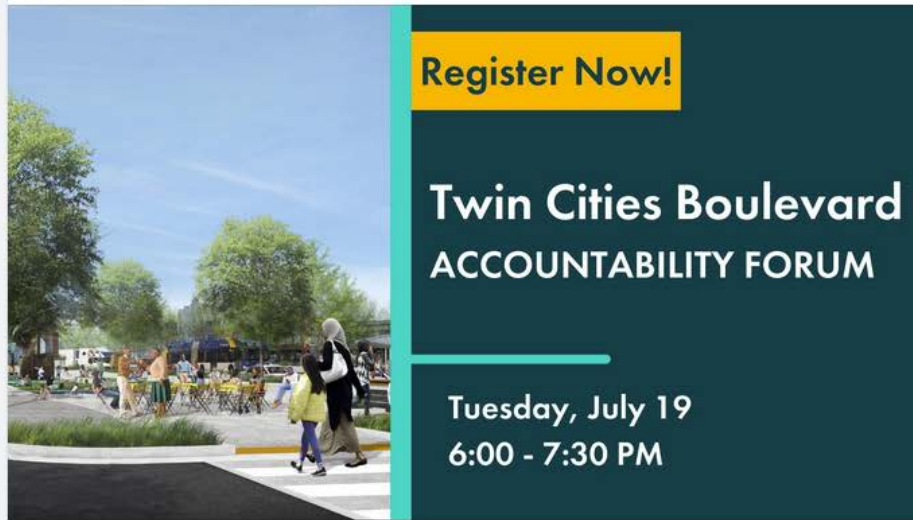


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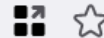
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# Lobbying the City on the Hennepin bus lanes

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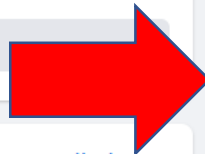
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UPDATE: [Mayor Jacob Frey](#) vetoed the Hennepin Ave S design with 24/7 bus lanes despite years of planning and community support. Our organizing continues. We're calling on the city council to listen to the community and override the Mayor's veto. Take action: <https://actionnetwork.org/.../urge-decision-makers-to...>

## Get Involved Today!



- March to save Day 1 Hennepin Bus Lanes!
  - Tuesday, June 28th at 5:00 p.m.
- Rally at City Hall! Thursday, June 30th at 9:00 a.m.
- Canvass with us and talk to transit riders! (New dates coming soon!)
- Visit Hennepin businesses and ask for their support!
- Call your Council Member!
- Send an email! (Link in the thread)
- Share and Tag us!

**Call for a VETO OVERRIDE and Hennepin Ave. S. 24/7 BUS LANES on Day 1!**

# Bike Coalition uses the Open Streets Facebook page to lobby for funding for themselves.

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April 15 · 🌐

**We're not giving up.** Continue urging City Council Members and Public Works to commit to funding

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Public Works Director Margaret Anderson Kelliher emailed us sharing that Public Works has delayed the decision on whether to fund [Open Streets Minneapolis](#) for 2... [See more](#)

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## Our Streets Twitter Account

<https://twitter.com/ourstreetsmpls>

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# ← Our Streets Minneapolis

12.4K Tweets



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More options icon (three dots) | Direct message icon (envelope) | Notification icon (bell with plus) | **Following** button



## Our Streets Minneapolis

@OurStreetsMpls

Our Streets Minneapolis works for a city where biking, walking, & rolling are easy & comfortable for everyone. Hosts of [@OpenStreetsMpls](#)

Minneapolis, MN [linktr.ee/ourstreetsmpls](https://linktr.ee/ourstreetsmpls) Joined January 2010

859 Following 9,547 Followers

Followed by hennepinforpeople, Sheila Nezhad, and 62 others you follow



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# Lobbying MnDOT

The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile for 'Our Streets Minneapolis' with 12.4K tweets. A red arrow points to a pinned tweet from June 21. The tweet text reads: 'Mark your calendars! We are calling on @MnDOT commissioner Nancy Daubenberger & Rethinking I-94 decision makers to support the Twin Cities Boulevard. Join us at a virtual public forum on July 19. Register here: [us06web.zoom.us/meeting/regist...](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/regist...)' Below the text is a promotional graphic for the 'Twin Cities Boulevard ACCOUNTABILITY FORUM' on Tuesday, July 19, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. The graphic features a photograph of a park-like street scene and a dark teal background with white and yellow text. At the bottom of the tweet, there are 1 reply, 6 retweets, and 23 likes.

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**Register Now!**

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Tuesday, July 19  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

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# Lobbying MnDOT on a land bridge over I94

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The Minnesota Department of Transportation is supporting a land bridge that leaves out 90% of the community and fails to address the highway's harms.  
Learn more 

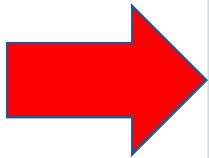
**MnDOT is supporting a land bridge that would leave out 90% of the community**

**The Rethinking I-94 project corridor is 7.5 miles**  
**A land bridge would cover .5 miles of the highway**

**Every community deserves to be repaired and reconnected**

Minnesota Department of Transportation

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There are over 12,000 similar tweets.

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Our Streets Instagram Account Lobbying

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CdrEkqspewp/>

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# Lobbying on I-94 on Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/p/CfFOdW3gcKT/ Facebook 80%



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ourstreetsmpls Announcing our Twin Cities Boulevard forum on July 19th. Take action and learn more on the website.

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17 likes  
2 DAYS AGO


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**Take action with three steps!**

1. Register for the July 19 Forum
2. Complete the email action step
3. Sign up to doorknock with us

[twincitiesboulevard.org](http://twincitiesboulevard.org)

# Lobbying for bus lanes on Hennepin on Instagram


 **Our Streets Minneapolis**  
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NEW ACTION STEP: The May 19th Public Works & Infrastructure Committee agenda includes a vote to approve the Hennepin layout WITHOUT 24/7 bus lanes at launch... We're calling on PWI committee members to amend the plan and restore 24/7 Hennepin bus lanes:  
[actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-t...](http://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-t...)

**UPDATE: SAVE HENNEPIN BUS LANES TODAY**


**Take action! Urge Public Works & Infrastructure Committee members to amend the plan & restore 24/7 bus lanes**

2:40 PM · May 17, 2022 · Twitter Web App





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 mariastara Switching up lanes depending on the hour is CONFUSING and GOOFY - thank you for sharing this!

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# Celebrating their lobbying success on I-94

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## ADVOCACY SUCCESS!

MnDOT will include a highway-to-boulevard conversion in Rethinking I-94 project options

>>> Read the update and support the movement >>>



**ourstreetsmpls** BIG Twin Cities Boulevard news! Visit our website to learn more and take action!

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**sj.polk** amazing!!!!!!

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# Conclusions

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- The Bike Coalition exists to lobby for changes to the transportation system for bikers and walkers.
- It is lobbying through emails, its website, its Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts.
- The Bike Coalition (or Our Streets Minneapolis) is not registered as a lobbying group with the Campaign Finance Board. Neither does it have any individual lobbyists registered.
- This would appear to be a violation of the Campaign Finance rules.

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Thank you

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