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KIDS HAVE FUN ON THE GREENWAY

By Andrew Gramm, Volunteer Go Program Intern

This summer, youth serving organizations joined with the Midtown Greenway Coalition for the Green Way to Go program. The Green Way to Go biking program gives area youth the opportunity to learn about our Greenway while reinforcing healthy and sustainable lifestyles. Partnering organizations were the Division of Indian Work, Science Museum of Minnesota – Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center, Andersen Open Elementary School, Waite House, YouthCARE CS Stars, YouthCARE Adventure Girls, and Holy Rosary Church. Fifteen of our bicycles were purchased with a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota/Prevention Minnesota, and ten were a gift from Quality Bicycle Products. The more than 90 youth who participated enjoyed exploring the Chain of Lakes and Mississippi River while riding in the summer weather on the Midtown Greenway. Youth responded to the survey question “What do you like about the Midtown Greenway?” by writing “going to Lake Calhoun,” “fun,” “easy transportation,” and “everything.” A big thank you is also deserved for our volunteers Steve Sando, Simon Blenski, and Ainsley Judge for helping me lead our rides!



Andersen School kids get ready for a bike ride through the Greenway to Lake Calhoun.

CARUURTU WAAY KU DAMAASHADEEN GREENWAYGA

By Andrew Gramm, lacag la aan ayuu kula shaqeeyaa

Ururada la shaqeeya dhalinyarada waqtiga kulaylaha ee ku xiran midtown greenway coalition. Sida cagaarku ha joro ama green way go program Cagaarku hajiro waa qorshe loogu tala galey. Dhalinyarada fursad lagu barto greenway si looo horumarayo caafimaadka iyo qurxinta nolasha

(Kala sii soco pejka 3 xaad)

LOS NIÑOS SE DIVIERTEN EN EL GREENWAY

Por Andrew Gramm, Interno voluntario de Go Program

Este verano, varias organizaciones brindando servicios a jóvenes se unieron a Midtown Greenway Coalition para llevar a cabo el programa Green Way to Go. El programa Green Way to Go de ciclismo ofrece a los jóvenes de la zona la oportunidad de informarse sobre el Greenway y al mismo tiempo sirve de apoyo a los estilos de vida saludables y sostenibles. Las siguientes organizaciones colaboraron con el programa: Division of Indian Work, Science Museum of Minnesota - Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center, Andersen Open Elementary School, Waite House,

YouthCARE CS Stars, YouthCARE Adventure Girls, y Holy Rosary Church. Se compraron 15 bicicletas con un subsidio otorgado por Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota/Prevention Minnesota, and 10 bicicletas fueron regaladas por Quality Bicycle Products. Más de 90 jóvenes participantes en el programa disfrutaron explorando la Cadena de los Lagos y el Río Mississippi, paseando en bicicleta en el Midtown Greenway. Las respuestas de los jóvenes a la pregunta de la encuesta “¿Qué es lo que te gusta del Midtown Greenway?” fueron: “ir al Lago Calhoun,” “divertido,” “medio sencillo de transporte” y “todo”. ¡Un agradecimiento bien merecido para nuestros voluntarios Steve Sando, Simon Blenski, y Ainsley Judge por ayudarme a liderar las excursiones!

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The Coalition Welcomes
Metro Transit to Study
Greenway Streetcar
Threat of High Voltage
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THE COALITION WELCOMES MAHAMED KALI, JESSICA PALOALTO AND BEN CHERLAND



"I'm Mahamed Cali- I work part time at the Midtown Greenway Coalition doing outreach to the immigrant community, especially the Somali community. This involves translation, listening sessions, and

creation of hand out materials. I hope to help more people learn of the Midtown Greenway and to take advantage of it for walking, biking, jogging, anything. People need to know more about how to get to it and out to enjoy it."

"magaceygu waa mahamed cali waxaan waqti yar la shaqeyaa midtown greenway coalition waxaan u qabtaa xiriirka bulshada somalida waxaan ka caawiyaa tarjumida dhagaysiga meetinada sameynta warqadaha laqeyo waxaan rajeynayaa in aan barno ama aan tusino dadka mittown greenway .si ay ugu faaideystaan ama u isticmaalan socodka .ruclada ah ama oradka. baaskilada iyo waliba in aan barno meesha laga galo ee kugu now lagana baxo,si aad ugu damaashaadaan."



Hi! I'm very excited to start working with the latino community! Hope to get more family and friends involved the Greenway!

Hola! Estoy muy contenta de empezar a trabajar con la comunidad latina. Espero que mas familias y amigos se involucren con el Greenway.



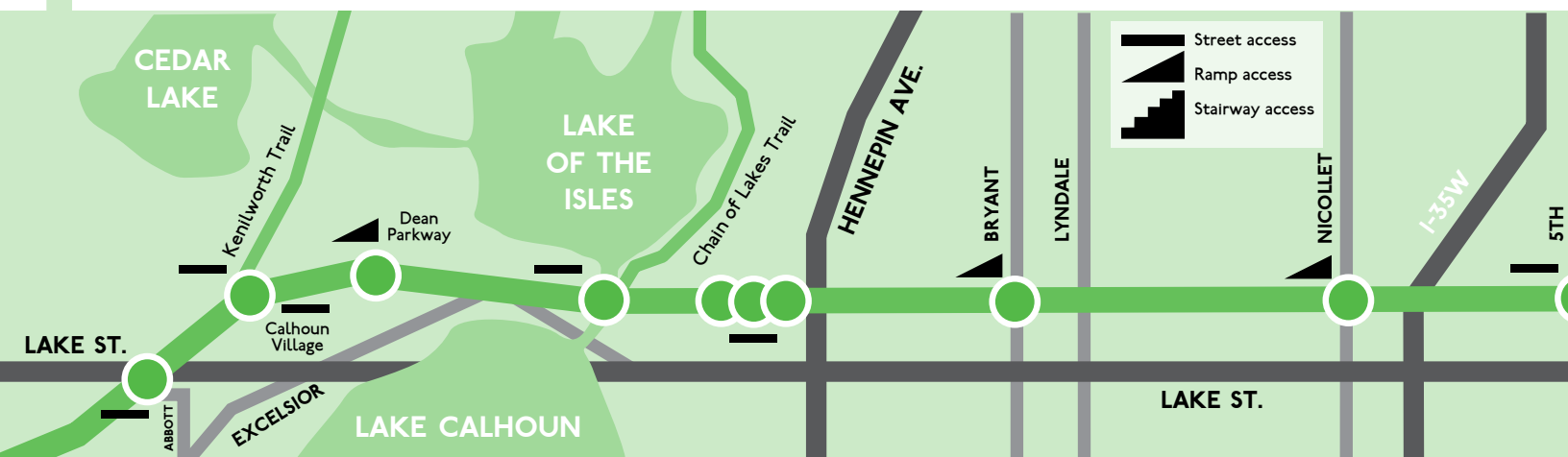
The Midtown Greenway Coalition would like to welcome Lutheran Volunteer Core Ben Cherland who arrived August 24th. Ben is already hard at work trying to fill the big little shoes Lauren left behind. He came to us from Saskatchewan,

Canada by way of Washington, New York City, and Delaware, but he is very excited to be in Minneapolis, working with the Midtown Greenway Coalition and sharing his passion for bicycling!

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This rendering shows what electric streetcars would look like in the Midtown Greenway. Image courtesy of John DeWitt.

METRO TRANSIT TO STUDY MIDTOWN GREENWAY STREETCAR

By Tim Springer (Executive Director) and John DeWitt (co-chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee)

Metro Transit announced in August that it will undertake an Alternatives Analysis of streetcars in the Midtown Greenway, probably starting in the fall of 2011. This will be an important step to get the streetcar project ready for federal implementation grant requests. As advocates for streetcars in the Greenway, the Midtown Greenway Coalition is pleased about this news. However, federal funding requirements will likely require that a limited stop rapid busway in the Greenway be analyzed again in addition to a closer look at modern streetcars and perhaps other transit modes, all as part of the Alternatives Analysis.

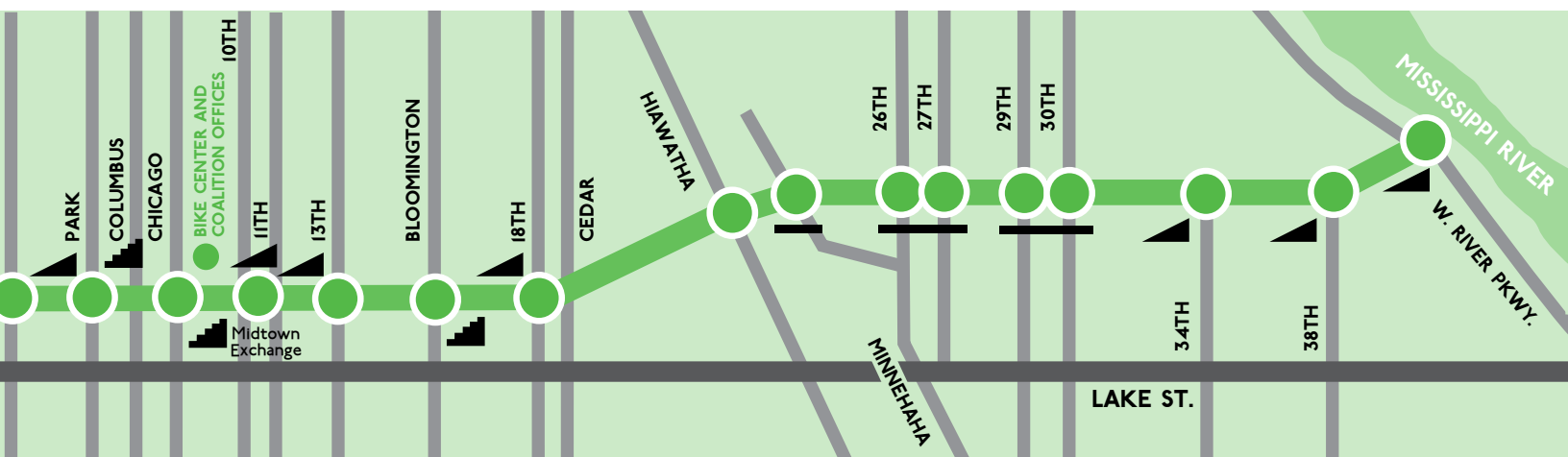
The Coalition will be watching and advocating during the study process to protect the Greenway from any transit scenarios that would take the green out of the Greenway or otherwise negatively impact the Greenway and trail users' experiences. More specifically, the Coalition believes that electrically-powered modern streetcars operating on rails running through turf alongside the trails, if designed right, would be a welcome addition. This rail transit line would be an important part of a regional system, allowing more people to live without cars and making the Greenway safer with more eyes and ears in the corridor.

CARUURTU WAAY KU DAMAASHADEEN GREENWAYGA

Wada shaqeynta bulshada sida qeybta Indian work Science Museum of Minnesota- Kitty Anderson Youth Science Center, Andersen Open Elementary School, Waite House, Youth CARE and Holy Rosary Church. Toban iyo shan baaskiil baan soo iibiney markii aan ka helnay deeq lacageed Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota/Prevention Minnesota iyo toban kale oo deeq ah kana timid Quality Bicycle Products.

Waxaa ka qeyb qaatey damaashaadka iyo farxada cusub 90 dhalinyaro ka badan inta u dhaxeysa waadiyada iyo wabiga Mississippi River.

Miyaad jeceshay, Midtown Greenway ? in aad u aado Lake Calhoun. Damaashaad" fudud e baaburac, waxwalba. Mahad celin weyn waxaa leh. Stave Sando, Simon Blenski, iyo Ainsley Judge Sida wanaagsan ay noo caawiyeen.



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THREAT OF PROPOSED HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES ON THE GREENWAY CONTINUES— ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY LIKELY IN FALL 2010

By Tim Springer, Executive Director

Already in response to Xcel's proposal for high voltage transmission lines along the Greenway, there have been public hearings, an additional month of legal hearings before a judge involving Xcel and intervening parties, and then legal documents filed whereby various parties stated their cases. The Midtown Greenway Coalition and its top-notch lawyer, Paula Maccabee, participated throughout and assisted five neighborhood organizations that also intervened. Xcel's has not constructed overhead high voltage lines through such a densely populated area since the 1950s, and an underground route on 28th Street is feasible! Some of the concerns about the lines are aesthetic impacts, an increase in childhood leukemia risk, the loss of public greenspace where substations would go, and squashing the potential for the Greenway to serve as a spine for smart growth.

The judge will likely make her recommendation to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in October regarding where the power lines and substations should go, if the lines should be underground. The public will likely have one more shot at sharing opinions. To request notification of public input opportunities, please contact tim@midtowngreenway.org.

On another track, a separate group is preparing data to show that energy conservation, local power generation, off-peak storage, and smart grid can address the electricity needs and avoid the lines. To get involved with this contact Angelina Matias (612-940-5515 or juanita82153@msn.com) or Christine Murphy (Christine.Murphy@house.mn).

THANK YOU TO OUR TRAIL WATCH SUPER STARS JUNE – AUGUST 2010

Trail Watch rides are fun, and fall is a critical time as we make the Greenway safer for commuters who are biking home after dark. Please join us. Email trailwatch@midtowngreenway.org to learn more.

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Thursday, October 28 and
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Monday, October 11, November 8 and
December 13, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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October 19 and November 16,
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