

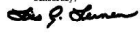
Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition Chapter 10A. Violations

This document will lay out the
Minneapolis Bike Coalition
Chapter 10A. violations.

The Minneapolis
Bicycle Coalition
is a 501c3

Who is the Minneapolis Bike Coalition?

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI, OH 45201	DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Date: MAY 3 1 2012	Employer Identification Number: 27-1539442
MINNEAPOLIS BICYCLE COALITION C/O STAN HURSH 2923 CHICAGO AVE STE 104 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407	Employer Identification Number: 27-1539442 EIN: 1705171381011 Contact Person: ANNEKE L HURSH Contact Telephone Number: ID# 31270 1877 829-5509 Accounting Period Ending: December 31 Public Charity Status: 179 (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 more helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.
	Sincerely,  Lois G. Lerner Director, Exempt Organizations
	Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC
	Letter 347 (06/03)

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Form 990 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
 Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
 Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

2019 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019, and ending 12-31-2019

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 First re-termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: MINNEAPOLIS BICYCLE COALITION
 Doing business as: OUR STREETS MINNEAPOLIS
 Number and street for P.O. box (if mail is not delivered to street address): 1428 Washington Avenue S Suite 204
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Minneapolis, MN 55454

D Employer identification number: 27-1539442

E Telephone number: (612) 964-8902

F Name and address of principal officer:
 Ashwat Narayanan
 1428 Washington Ave S
 204
 Minneapolis, MN 55454

G Gross receipts: \$ 406,302

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
H(c) Group exemption number: _____

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(1) 501(c)(29) 527

J Website: www.ourstreetsmnpb.org

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 2009 **M** State of legal domicile: MN

Part I Summary

1 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.

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalitions' mission:
 "Our Streets Minneapolis Works for a City where
 Biking, Walking and Rolling are Easy and Comfortable
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The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition 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

Business Type Nonprofit Corporation (Domestic)	MN Statute 317A
File Number 3603426-2	Home Jurisdiction Minnesota
Filing Date 12/10/2009	Status Active / In Good Standing
Renewal Due Date 12/31/2023	Registered Office Address 1428 Washington Avenue South #204 Minneapolis, MN 55454 USA
Registered Agent(s) Ashwat Narayanan	President Ashwat Narayanan 701 N 3rd Street Suite 001A Minneapolis, MN 55401 USA

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Their 2021 Annual Report shows that they spent \$125,607 on Advocacy (lobbying).

Our Streets Minneapolis 2021 Annual Report

They also spent \$41,869 on “Encouragement.”

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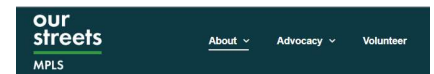
Lobbyist Handbook says:

You must register with the Board as a lobbyist if you fall into one of the following categories:

- You are hired by someone other than yourself **and** you are paid more than \$3,000 a year from all sources for your services as a lobbyist;
- You spend more than \$250 of your own money, not including travel expenses, membership dues, or the cost of your own time, on lobbying activities; or
- You are an appointed local official or an employee of a political subdivision and you spend more than 50 hours in a month in your official capacity on lobbying activities.

They also list 12 staff currently on their website, including:

- Advocacy Director
- Communications Specialist
- Community Engagement Specialist
- Lead Organizer, Bringing Back the 6th
- Lead Organizer, Twin Cities Boulevard
- Organizer



Staff

Ashwet Narayanan, Executive Director
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Ash Narayanan is the executive director of Our Streets Minneapolis. He is a nationally recognized expert on building more just, sustainable and resilient transportation infrastructure.

He represents Minneapolis on Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). He was appointed to Minnesota Department of Transportation's Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) and co-chairs its VMT reduction workgroup.

Ash has authored or co-authored numerous reports, including The Road to Clean Transportation: A Bold, Broad, Strategy to Cut Pollution and Reduce Carbon Emissions in the Midwest, and Arrive Together: Transportation Access and Equity in Wisconsin. He authored the transportation section of the City of St. Paul's Climate Action Plan.

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None of these individuals are registered as lobbyists.

Our Streets Minneapolis Website

Our Streets is not registered as an entity that has lobbyists.

Entities that have Minnesota lobbyists

Includes registrations processed through the previous business day

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Entity Name	Entity ID	Is entity a principal?
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Campaign Finance Board Website

The City of Minneapolis contracts with the Bike Coalition to operate the Minneapolis Open Streets Festival.

The Bicycle Coalition provides "Open Streets" Festivals under contract to the City of Minneapolis.

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WE'RE BACK!
Registration is OPEN! 2022 Routes & Dates

OPEN STREETS MPLS

Registration for 2022 events is OPEN!

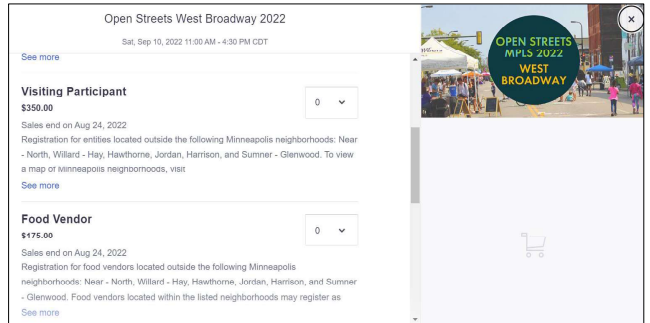
www.openstreetsmpls.org

The Bicycle Coalition uses Open Streets, Minneapolis as a fundraiser for its lobbying activities.

There is not a separate organization “Open Streets, Minneapolis”.

“Open Streets, Minneapolis” is an activity of the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition.

“Our Streets, Minneapolis” is the DBA of the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition.



Proceeds from Open Streets Festivals fund the activities of the Bicycle Coalition.

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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.”

Campaign Finance Board Lobbyist Handbook

Governmental action means:

- 1) legislative action, including action by the governor with regard to his role in the legislative process
- 2) administrative action
- 3) official action by a metropolitan governmental unit.

A metropolitan governmental unit means any of the following entities:

- the counties of Anoka; Carver; Dakota; Hennepin; Ramsey; Scott; and Washington;
- a regional rail authority established by one of the above counties;
- a city with a population over 50,000 located in one of the above counties;
- the Metropolitan Council; or
- the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, Metropolitan Airports Commission, and Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission

Key requirements:

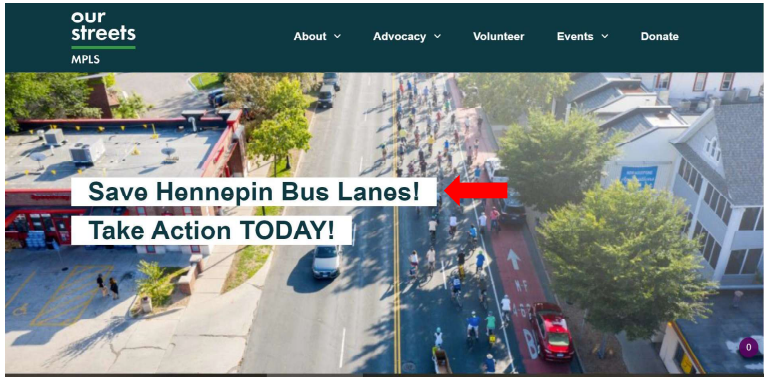
- Influence
- Legislative Action
- Minnesota: State, Large County, Large City
- Directly or by urging others to do so

The following slides show examples of how the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition urging others to communicate to influence legislative action of the City of Minneapolis, City of St Paul, Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota.

Website

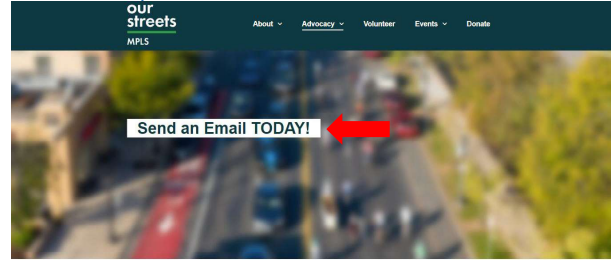
Website Lobbying The City of Minneapolis

This is the Bike Coalition's main web page as of June 19, 2022 where they are urging others to contact public officials about a legislative action, the Hennepin Avenue Bus Lanes.



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

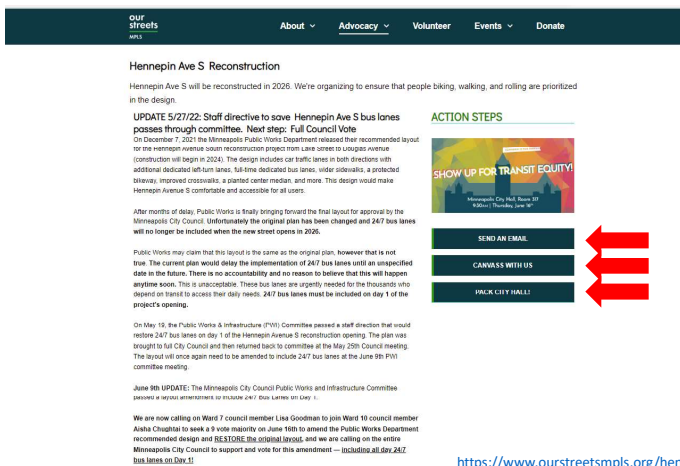
You are taken to this page with a call to action. "Send an Email TODAY", which is asking people to contact the Minneapolis City Council to influence the Hennepin Avenue bus lane decision.



Hennepin Ave S Reconstruction
Hennepin Ave S will be reconstructed in 2026. We're organizing to ensure that people biking, walking, and rolling are prioritized in the design.
UPDATE 5/27/22: Staff directive to save Hennepin Ave S bus lanes passes through committee. Next step: Full Council Vote
On December 7, 2021 the Minneapolis Public Works Department released their recommended layout for the Hennepin Avenue South reconstruction project from Lane Street to Douglas Avenue (construction will begin in 2024). The design includes car traffic lanes in both directions with additional dedicated left-turn lanes, full-time dedicated bus lanes, wider sidewalks, a protected bikeway, improved crosswalks, a planted center median, and more. This design would make Hennepin Avenue S comfortable and accessible for all users.
After months of delay, Public Works is finally bringing forward the final layout for approval by the

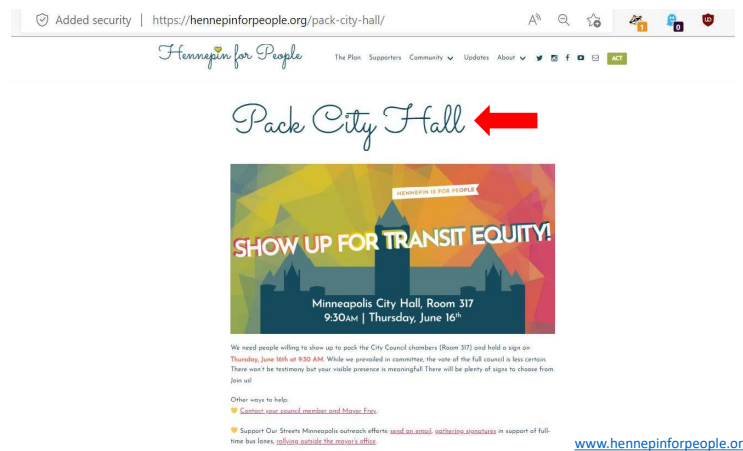
<https://www.ourstreetsmpls.org/hennepin>

This is the middle of that same page. You can see the action steps they have laid out to lobby the City. "Email." "Canvas." "Pack City Hall."



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

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



www.hennepinforpeople.org

The middle of the same page, laying out how to lobby the City.

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UPDATED

City Council Public Works & Infrastructure (PWI) Committee
Thurs, June 16th @ 1:30pm
A majority of PWI members vote to amend the layout to indicate that bus lanes will be 24'7", not "dynamic."

Full City Council
Thurs, JUNE 16th @ 9:30am
A majority of Council Members vote to approve the amended layout

Final Decision by Mayor Frey
June 16th - June 22nd
Mayor Frey approves the amended layout

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 Kellner, 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. Advocates including Metro Transit, the Metropolitan Council, and the City have discussed the importance of these lanes in meeting our climate and equity goals. We're invited by decision makers to connect 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.](#)

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

Connect your Representatives: Our Districts Minneapolis is starting with Hennepin for People to get a proposal for an Hennepin Avenue S. Learn more about [Hennepin for People on their website here](#)

Lower down on that same page, contact information so people can contact Minneapolis officials to influence governmental action about Hennepin bus lanes.

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Title	Name	phone	email		
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Senior Policy Aide	Brady Irvine	612-673-2100			
Director of Policy and Government Affairs	David Jeffries	612-673-2156			
Director of Economic Development & Policy	Rebecca Fabrum	612-673-3711			
Inclusion	Tara Neelberg	612-673-3825			
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And they provide an advocacy guide for Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction, which they themselves label as "advocacy."

https://www.ourstreetsmpls.org/hennepin_advocacy_guide_2020

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Hennepin Ave S Reconstruction Advocacy Guide

by Kerry Fennel
September 26, 2020

Hennepin Ave S will be reconstructed from Douglas Lake 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 Core Values: Streets Equity that makes tangible progress on their climate and equity goals; people to get more people taking more trips by biking, walking, riding, and being transit.

2010 all trips: 25%
2030 all trip goal: 25%

15% Walk
4% Bike
10% Public Transit
25% Multi-Occupancy Vehicle
41% Drive Alone

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 email us if you have questions and provide feedback on the guide itself.

Project Information
Visit the City's Hennepin Ave S project website for more information, including links to contact officials from the City. You'll also be able to learn 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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For email and media inquiries, please contact info@ourstreetsmpls.org.

Our Streets Minneapolis is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit working for a city where being, making, and riding are easy and comfortable for everyone.

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This advocacy guide tells people how to contact the City and also sample language on what they want people to say to the City of Minneapolis.

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.
- Comment on the [interactive map](#).
- Take the [City's survey](#).
- Contact Becca Hughes, the City staff member leading the project. You can reach Becca at (612) 673-3594 or rebecca.hughes@minneapolismn.gov

Sample language

Here are a few examples of the types of written feedback you might give. These are just samples—the most powerful feedback you can give is telling your personal story and sharing your vision for Hennepin Ave S.

Example: Sharing your experience with a design recommendation

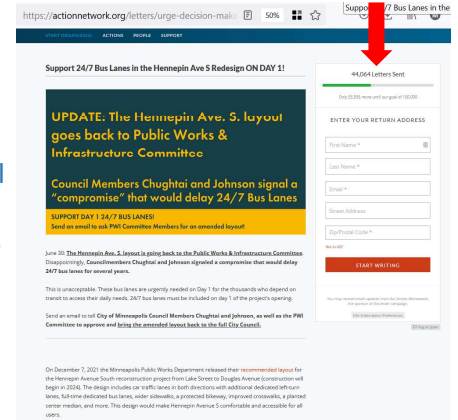
Option 1 looks like the best way to create a Hennepin Ave that prioritizes sustainable transportation options that reduce congestion, increase shopping opportunities at local businesses and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to improve air quality and combat climate change - everything we want in a city with climate change looming.

Personally, I use Hennepin Avenue mostly to commute by transit to work in South Minneapolis. The transit lane has made my commute easier. I also use my bike and walk along Hennepin to visit local businesses. I'd appreciate space for bicycle parking and amenities to make sure people are safe while walking and riding their bicycle along the street.

Example: Sharing an intersection recommendation

It would be great if the intersection at Hennepin and 26th street could be protected for people on bikes. I usually turn left onto Hennepin to get to Red Cow and other restaurants along Hennepin. Although it's a short distance, I've almost been hit several times when using this intersection and feel unsafe every time.

This effort generated over 44,000 letters to Minneapolis City Council Members, Hennepin County Board Members, and government staff.



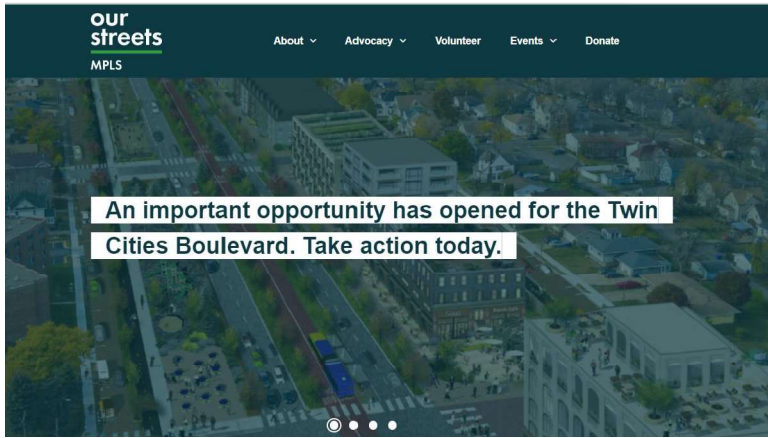
These are the officials who received emails from this effort, including Minneapolis City Council members, the Mayor of Minneapolis, Hennepin County board members, and City staff.

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Website Lobbying MnDOT

Website on July 27th urging lobbying MnDOT on converting I-94 to a boulevard.



Here they are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with MnDOT.

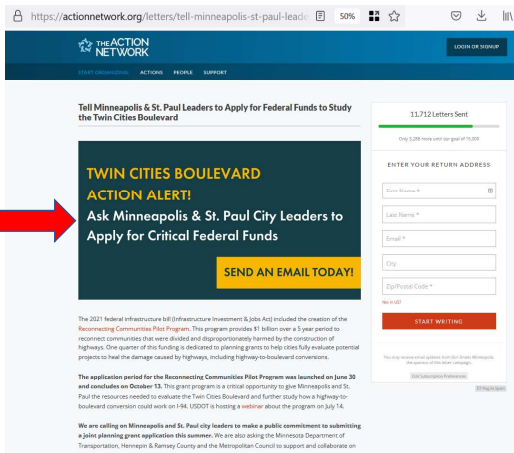
Get Involved



We cannot afford to let MnDOT rebuild the highway and perpetuate its harms for another half century. Want to help make the Twin Cities Boulevard vision a reality? Here is how you can help.

- Volunteer with us**
Help us reach out to the community!
- Sign the Twin Cities Boulevard petition**
Help us bring broad support for this vision to decision makers!
- Contact your neighborhood organization**
Ask them to support the Twin Cities Boulevard
- Ask City leaders to apply for a key federal funding opportunity**
- Share your vision and priorities**
Let us know how to grow this vision so that it better serves the community.
- Email project decision makers**
Let them know you support this vision and ask them to

Here they say that effort generated 11,712 letters to elected officials.



Website Lobbying for The City of Minneapolis for Funding for Themselves

Here they are urging others to contact the City of Minneapolis to give them more money.

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!

https://www.openstreetsmpls.org/funding_campaign

The letter people were asked to send.

YOUR LETTER

YOUR LETTER SUBJECT *
Please support City funding for Open Streets events in the 2023 budget

YOUR MESSAGE *
For a decade, Our Streets Minneapolis, a local nonprofit, has collaborated with the City of Minneapolis on the Open Streets Minneapolis initiative. Open Streets Minneapolis is part of a global movement to make streets places that put people first. Since the launch of 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 has grown, the events have continued to require more resources from Our Streets Minneapolis, the event organizer. 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. Specifically, small businesses and other event participants are facing higher barriers to entry to participate in these events. Higher entry fees disproportionately affect vendors of color, immigrants and those otherwise marginalized. Our Streets Minneapolis is also unable to increase the number of Open Streets Minneapolis events in neighborhoods with lower incomes and along Minneapolis cultural corridors due to cost constraints.

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, I support Our Streets Minneapolis in asking the City of Minneapolis to monetarily invest in this program.

I urge you to make a public commitment to the following asks:

- The inclusion of \$400,000 of ongoing funding in the Mayor's 2023 budget to support Our Streets Minneapolis in hosting these important events in our communities
- Commissioning a city-led racial equity analysis of open streets events

Thank you for your time and consideration.

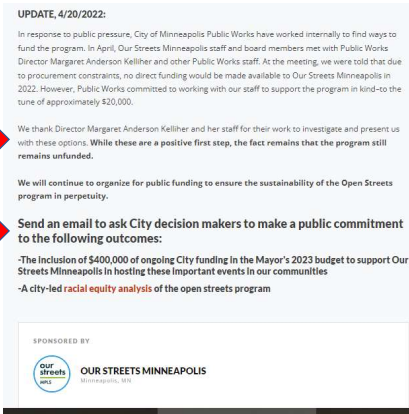
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They generated 8060 letters from this effort.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/help-make-open-streets-minneapolis-events-more-accessible/>

They say they already have lobbied successfully and will be getting money in 2023.



UPDATE, 4/20/2022:

In response to public pressure, City of Minneapolis Public Works have worked internally to find ways to fund the program. In April, Our Streets Minneapolis staff and board members met with Public Works Director Margaret Anderson Kelliher and other Public Works staff. At the meeting, we were told that due to procurement constraints, no direct funding would be made available to Our Streets Minneapolis in 2022. However, Public Works committed to working with our staff to support the program in kind-to the tune of approximately \$20,000.


We thank Director Margaret Anderson Kelliher and her staff for their work to investigate and present us with these options. **While these are a positive first step, the fact remains that the program still remains unfunded.**

We will continue to organize for public funding to ensure the sustainability of the Open Streets program in perpetuity.

Send an email to ask City decision makers to make a public commitment to the following outcomes:

- The inclusion of \$400,000 of ongoing City funding in the Mayor's 2023 budget to support Our Streets Minneapolis in hosting these important events in our communities
- A city-led **racial equity analysis** of the open streets program

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<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/help-make-open-streets-minneapolis-events-more-accessible/>

Emails

I have included a small number of examples in this document.

I have more than I sent in with the complaint.

Emails to Influence Legislative Action of the City of Minneapolis

UPDATE: SAVE HENNEPIN BUS LANES TODAY

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

Save Hennepin Bus Lanes! Call on Council Members to restore the original design.

The Hennepin Ave S design is going to City Hall - but 24/7 bus lanes have been removed from the design. This critical design feature is key to meeting the city's climate and equity goals. Without 24/7 bus lanes, transit users are left behind. We're calling on City Council members to introduce an amendment at the May 19th Public Works & Infrastructure Committee meeting to restore 24/7 bus lanes in the layout. Here's what you can do to support our call to action:

- **EMAIL COUNCIL MEMBERS** on the PW committee urging them to introduce an amendment to restore the original layout including 24/7 bus lanes. Unless an amendment goes through, the layout will not include full time dedicated lanes.
- **ATTEND THE RALLY & BUSRIDE TODAY at 6PM.** Come show your support for transit and 24/7 bus lanes at the rally! Afterwards we'll hop on a bus for a group ride on Hennepin Avenue.

Minneapolis could become a leader in equitable and sustainable transportation, but not until City leaders commit to improvement projects and follow through with the Transportation Action Plan. Join us in calling for accountability at our **City Forum on Tuesday, May 24th.** [Click here to register.](#)

Here is an email from June 13th.

They are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with public officials of the City of Minneapolis about bus lanes on Hennepin Avenue.



This is an email from May 17th.

They are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with the Minneapolis City Council about Hennepin Avenue bus lanes.

Emails to Influence Legislative Action of the State of Minnesota

This is from an email from December 16, 2021.

They are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with public officials of MnDOT to turn Olson Memorial Highway into a street and to turn I-94 into a boulevard.



This is from an email from March 2nd, 2022.

They are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with the public officials of MnDOT to turn I-94 into a boulevard.



Twin Cities Boulevard
A community vision for MnDOT's Rethinking I-94

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](#)

This is from an email from December 4, 2021.

They are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with public officials of MnDOT to turn I-94 into a boulevard.

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RETHINKING I-94 ACTION ALERT

Testify for a sustainable future at the upcoming Policy Advisory Committee meeting or send your comments via email

Testify in support of a more equitable and sustainable vision for Rethinking I-94

The Minnesota Department of Transportation just posted a Virtual Rethinking I-94 Policy Advisory Committee Meeting for next Friday, December 10th from 10AM to 12PM. This sudden change comes after staff postponed all PAC meetings until 2022.

Despite emailing PAC members about the change on November 17, MnDOT did not share the new meeting date with the public until yesterday afternoon. No reason or advanced notice was provided. The abrupt scheduling of this meeting is yet another example of the lack of transparency in this process. The sudden change has the clear impact of limiting public attendance and suppressing criticism about the draft project documents.

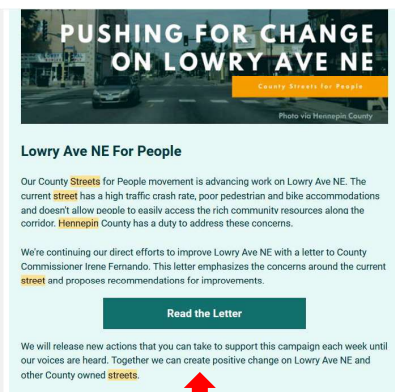
Please consider testifying at this meeting. The final 20 minutes of the PAC meeting are reserved for public comment. Even if you can't attend the full meeting, your voice during that period is vital in showing MnDOT that the public wants to look beyond a highway for this project. Signing up with the link below will put you in contact with one of our team members to help you prepare for the meeting.

If you cannot attend the virtual meeting, we encourage you to submit your comments over email. Email comments will still be incorporated into the PAC

Emails to Influence Legislative Action of Hennepin County

Email from September 23, 2021.

They are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with public officials of Hennepin County to design Lowry Avenue the way they want.



PUSHING FOR CHANGE ON LOWRY AVE NE
County Streets For People
Photo via Hennepin County

Lowry Ave NE For People

Our County Streets for People movement is advancing work on Lowry Ave NE. The current street has a high traffic crash rate, poor pedestrian and bike accommodations and doesn't allow people to easily access the rich community resources along the corridor. Hennepin County has a duty to address these concerns.

We're continuing our direct efforts to improve Lowry Ave NE with a letter to County Commissioner Irene Fernando. This letter emphasizes the concerns around the current street and proposes recommendations for improvements.

[Read the Letter](#)

We will release new actions that you can take to support this campaign each week until our voices are heard. Together we can create positive change on Lowry Ave NE and other County owned streets.

Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley acknowledging receiving hundreds of emails from the Our Streets activities.

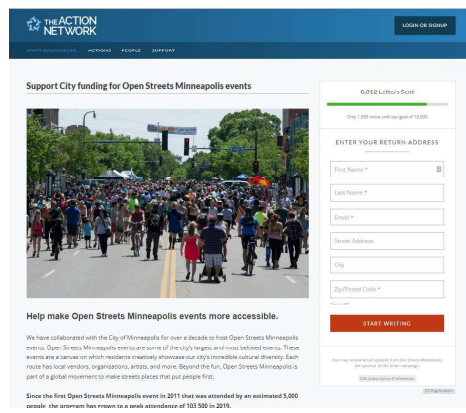


Emails to Influence the City of Minneapolis to give them more Funding

March 17th email. They are trying to influence governmental action by urging others to communicate with the City of Minneapolis City Council to increase their funding.



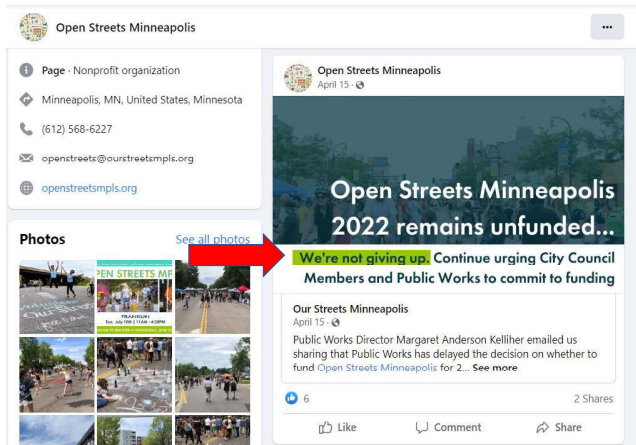
This shows their efforts to lobby Minneapolis City officials for more funding for themselves generated 8,312 letters.



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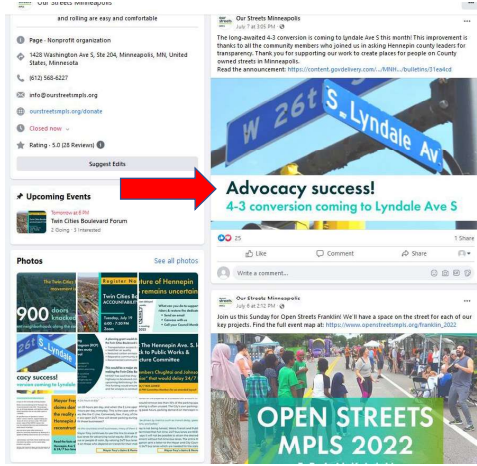
Using Open Streets Facebook Page to Lobby for Funding from the City of Minneapolis for Themselves

Open Streets Facebook page where they lobby the City of Minneapolis for funding for themselves.



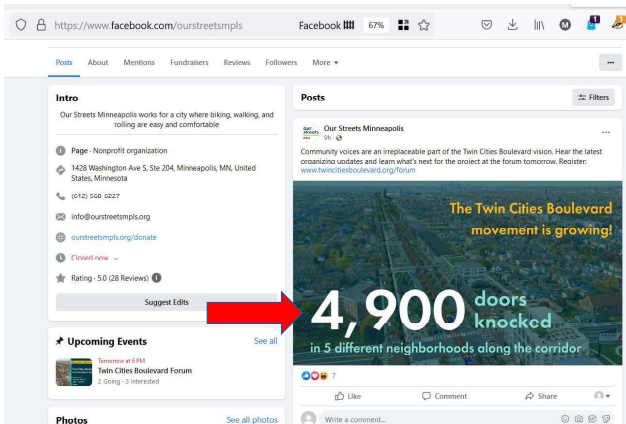
Using Open Streets Facebook Page to Lobby Hennepin County

On Facebook they are saying they have been successful at lobbying Hennepin County.

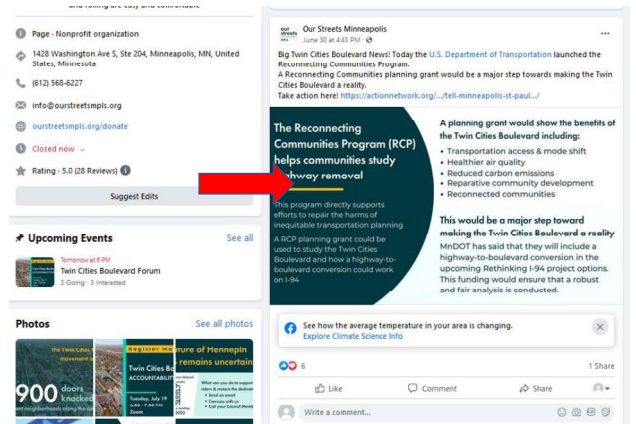


Using the Our Streets Facebook Page to Lobby MnDOT

Our Streets Door Knocking to Lobby



Lobbying MnDOT to apply for a grant for a study they want.



Using the Our Streets Facebook Page to Lobby the Cities of Minneapolis and St Paul

Lobbying City of Minneapolis and St Paul leaders on I-94.

Our Streets Minneapolis
June 21 · 🌐

Mark your calendars! We are calling on Minnesota Department of Transportation commissioner Nancy Daubenberger & Rethinking I-94 decision makers to support the Twin Cities Boulevard. Here's how you can support our ask:

- Register for the virtual forum on July 19th at 6PM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/1Z0vcOCsqzqgHTP8-jdb9sUWpd...>
- Send an email urging Minneapolis & St. Paul leaders to commit to applying for the upcoming Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program...

See more

Register Now!

Twin Cities Boulevard
ACCOUNTABILITY FORUM

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

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/ourstreetsmpls/?hl=en>

Twitter

Our Streets Minneapolis 12.6K Tweets Following

Our Streets Minneapolis Retweeted
Heather Paulson @Heather37727075 · Jul 15
I just wrote a @ourstreetsmpls letter: Tell Minneapolis & St. Paul Leaders to Apply for Federal Funds to Study the Twin Cities Boulevard. Write one here:

TWIN CITIES BOULEVARD ACTION ALERT!
Ask Minneapolis & St. Paul City Leaders to Apply for Critical Federal Funds

SEND AN EMAIL TODAY!

actionnetwork.org
Tell Minneapolis & St. Paul Leaders to Apply for Federal Funds to Study...
The 2021 federal infrastructure bill (Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act) included the creation of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot ...

Our Streets Minneapolis 12.6K Tweets Following

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Our Streets Minneapolis @OurStreetsMpls · Jul 22
We have not heard from @MnDOT yet. Take a minute to send an email!

ACTION ALERT!
The Minnesota Department of Transportation is NOT committing to permanent improvements on Olson Memorial Highway

MnDOT, City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County came together to intentionally destroy, displace, and harm the Near North community for 90 years. It is time they come together to repair it.

Learn More and SEND AN EMAIL TODAY!

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Our Streets Minneapolis 12.6K Tweets Following

Our Streets Minneapolis @OurStreetsMpls · Jul 22

actionnetwork.org
Tell MnDOT and Olson Memorial Highway decision makers to Bring Ba...
Olson Memorial Highway, or Highway 55, is an urban highway running through North Minneapolis. It is one of many urban highways that ...



Conclusions

Key requirements for registering:

- Influence – **Yes!**
- Legislative Action – **Yes!**
- Minnesota: State, Large County, Large City – **Yes!**
- Directly or by urging others to do so – **Yes!**

Because the Bicycle Coalition spent more than \$50,000 lobbying, this makes them a principal.

FINANCES

REVENUE

Business Sponsorships and Donations	\$48,186
Contract Income	\$244,285
Foundation and Corporate Grants	\$224,055
Individual Donations	\$72,654
Other Income	\$42,371
Total Revenues	\$631,551

EXPENSES

Advocacy and Engagement	\$125,607
Open Streets Minneapolis	\$163,289
Encouragement	\$41,869
Administration	\$33,495
Fundraising	\$54,430
Total Expenses	\$418,690

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$212,861
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Ashwini Narayanan, Executive Director
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Ashwini Narayanan is the executive director of Our Streets Minneapolis. He is a nationally recognized expert on building more just, sustainable and resilient transportation infrastructure.

He represents Minneapolis on Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). He was appointed to Minnesota Department of Transportation's Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) and co-chairs its VMT reduction workgroup.

Ash has authored or co-authored numerous reports, including The Road to Clean Transportation: A Bold, Broad Strategy to Cut Pollution and Reduce Carbon Emissions in the Midwest, and Arrive Together: Transportation Access and Equity in Wisconsin. He authored the transportation section of the City of St. Paul's Climate Action Plan.

Hailey Froydel, Operations and Development Director
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Hailey comes to Our Streets Minneapolis after working, walking, and biking in multiple cities across the East Coast and mid-Atlantic. Her past work has focused on creating sustainable solutions to existing products and infrastructure, from Maine lobster to cleaning supplies. Hailey's favorite pastime is taking advantage of every sidewalk, bike path, bus, and train available to get to her destination.

José Antonio Zayas Cabán, Advocacy Director
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José joined us in May 2021 as the Advocacy Coordinator. José has worked as manager, political director, executive and community for environmental, transportation, parks and local

Staff paid \$3000 or more:

- Advocacy Director
- Communications Specialist
- Community Engagement Specialist
- Lead Organizer, Bringing Back the 6th
- Lead Organizer, Twin Cities Boulevard
- Organizer

Do they meet the requirements of registering as lobbyists?

Yes!

Is the Bicycle Coalition an lobbying entity?

Yes!

Are they registered at the Campaign Finance Board?

No!

Additional thought...

Additional thought...

This is not a new or small or fly-by-night operation. This is a very well-funded, sophisticated lobbying operation.

It is led by experienced individuals well-versed in federal and state law.

They had to have known about these laws. And they chose to ignore them.

The Campaign Finance Board exists to provide the light of transparency to have a functional democracy.

Democracy dies in darkness.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition
Chapter 10A. Violations**