

Bicultural Active Living Lifestyle (BALL) Complete Street Update

Tales from the Garden, #20



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The past 2 years has been exciting for complete street on the Northside. Asian Media Access has been involved with the Blue Line Coalition, Northside Greenway Coalition and the appointment on the Equity Advisory Committee with the Metropolitan Council. The Blue Line Coalition mission is to build community-based power to advance local and regional equity and community health by securing community benefits, changing policies and systems to support the creation of wealth and well-being of historic communities of color, immigrant/refugees, migrants, people living with disabilities and low-income communities along the Blue Line Corridor. They were able to secure a grant that will enable them to hire a part-time staff that will support the mission . On November 16, 2016 Maureen Ramirez, ED for the Northside Funders Group, introduced her agency as the Host Agency for the potential new hire.

Here is the link to the Blue Line Coalition <https://blctransitway.org/>

The Northside Greenway Project and partners have been busy working with residents, community, and cultural groups to collect feedback and engage Northside residents around the temporary Northside greenway placed along Irving Ave N from 30th Ave to 36th Ave N.

Recently, the team discussed with Pillsbury United Communities – Camden Neighborhood Center, the organization slated to become the project's fiscal agent, the opportunity to hire staff for project and potential community engagement ideas for the project as we move into the spring and summer months. The team consisted of community members and non-profits organizations like the Alliance and Asian Media Access.

Here is the link to the the Northside Greenway, <http://minneapolismn.gov/health/living/northminneapolisgreenway>



As the Equity Advisory Committee met on February 7, 2017, we decided to focus on 3 projects to complete by the end of the year. One of the focuses is on Fare that would address fare practices regionally and how equitable they are for their area. Here is the link to the Equity Advisory Committee:

<https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Equity-Advisory-Committee.aspx>