

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: David Yang , Staff Engineer
DATE: January 4, 2021
SUBJECT: Revise and increase membership composition of the Bikeways and Trails Committee
ITEM NUMBER: 9.h
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To adopt Resolution 21-01, revising and increasing membership composition of the Bikeways and Trails Committee

INTRODUCTION

The City Council is being asked to consider adoption of Resolution 21-01 that would revise and increase the membership composition of the Bikeways and Trails Committee. This recommended action is supported by the committee.

DISCUSSION

The Bikeways and Trails Committee, by Resolution 97-25, is permitted a maximum of nine members, including a youth representative with full voting privileges, appointed by and advisory to the City Council. There are two candidates that the committee is recommending for appointment but only one vacant position this year. One of those candidates is a student at Mounds View High School that the committee believes is a good fit to fill the role of a youth representative, which would be the first one in the committee's history. The other candidate has a unique background and impressive qualifications that the committee believes would enhance their service to the City Council and community.

Similar to why the Economic Development Commission expanded their membership in 2019, and the Environmental Quality Committee in 2020, the committee is interested in incorporating a diverse range of quality applicants to assist and strengthen their service to the City Council and in expanding advocacy within the community. The committee strongly agrees that these two candidates would fill that part, and that increasing membership from nine to ten would not have an adverse effect on their role as an advisory committee since they are not a policy-driven, decision-making body. It also makes it easier to have a youth representative on the committee while maintaining the existing committee membership.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 21-01, revising and increasing membership composition of the Bikeways and Trails Committee to ten members. If approved by council, a separate action is recommended on the January 4th agenda that would appoint

two new members to the committee, which would include the youth representative who has attended at least two regular meetings per the city's citizen advisory committee and commission by-laws.

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 21-01.docx](#)