

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: David Yang , Staff Engineer
DATE: March 2, 2026
SUBJECT: Appointment of student representative to the bikeways and trails committee
ITEM NUMBER: 10.c
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

To appoint Benjamin Handelsman to the student representative position on the bikeways and trails committee through May 31, 2027.

INTRODUCTION

The city council is being asked to appoint Benjamin Handelsman to the student representative position on the bikeways and trails committee through May 31, 2027 when he graduates high school.

DISCUSSION

The bikeways and trails committee's student representative position has been vacant since July of 2024. One student application was received by the city on November 3, 2025 and submitted to the committee for consideration.

Following the committee's evaluation of the application at their meeting on December 4, 2025, members recommend the appointment of Benjamin Handelsman to the committee's student representative position. Despite being the only applicant, members felt that Benjamin Handelsman, a junior at Mounds View High School, is a highly engaged individual who possess the qualifications to serve on the committee and contribute to its mission. This is evident from his involvement with DECA, NHS, and the football team at school, along with his employment at the City of Shoreview as an ice rink attendant. Candidates for the committee's student representative position are no longer required to attend two meetings prior to appointment per Resolution 26-05.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the city council appoint Benjamin Handelsman to the student representative position on the bikeways and trails committee through May 31, 2027.

ATTACHMENTS

[Student Benjamin Handelsman - BTC Application.pdf](#)