

**DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR KEY FIRST & ASHLEY AND WILLIAM STREET
TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS**

Whereas, In November 2017, the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) began a collaborative design process with the City of Ann Arbor for First, Ashley, and William Street improvements;

Whereas, Extensive community outreach and a detailed analysis of the corridors indicates problems with speeding and crashes that are symptoms of multi-lane and one-way streets, with disproportionate injuries to vulnerable users;

Whereas, Recommended transportation concepts include:

- Restoration of two-way traffic on First & Ashley Streets
- A two-way protected bike lane on the east side of First Street
- A two-way protected bike lane on the north side of William Street

Whereas, These concepts have been shown to eliminate the “double threat” to pedestrians and reduce vehicle speeds and crash severity for all roadway users, with increased benefit to vulnerable users;

Whereas, Protected bike lanes provide dedicated street space for people on bikes, creating an attractive and safe option for all users and further legitimizing cycling;

Whereas, City Council must approve rules or regulations concerning 1-way streets, per Chapter 126, Article 1 Section 10:2 and the DDA needs to ensure support for these concepts prior to beginning detailed design, which is why this matter is being considered at this time;

Whereas, The DDA Board and Capital Improvements Committee recommends that these transportation elements be supported;

Resolved, The City Transportation Commission supports the recommendations identified above;

Resolved, The City Transportation Commission urges the Ann Arbor City Council to support a two-way restoration on First & Ashley Streets;

Resolved, DDA staff will continue to meet with the community, city staff, and key stakeholders to assemble a detailed design with these elements included.