



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, July 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council Chambers

[19-1353](#) Homework and Study Guide July 2019

Received and Filed

CALL TO ORDER (LINDA DIANE FELDT)

Linda Diane Feldt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL (KAYLA COLEMAN)

Kayla Coleman called the roll.

Non-voting Commission members: Sergeant Bill Clock, Steve Dolen, Raymond Hess.

Non-voting Commission members absent: Howard Lazarus, Liz Margolis, Matt Webb.

Bill DeGroot attended as an alternate for Commissioner Sanderson.

Per City of Ann Arbor By-laws of The Transportation Commission Art.4 s.5, Commissioner Robert Gordon was present and served.

Present: 4 - Linda Diane Feldt, Bradley Parsons, Timothy Hull, and Molly Kleinman

Absent: 3 - Julie Boland, Kathy Griswold, and Tim Sanderson

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (LINDA DIANE FELDT)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

[19-1364](#) Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 2019

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Kleinman, that the Consent Agenda be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 8/19/2019. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER (LINDA DIANE FELDT)

Charnetski - Traverwood, Nixon, and State of Michigan Crosswalk Law

Trudeau - State Crosswalk Law: Written Comment, Not Present

[19-1372](#) Trudeau - State Crosswalk Law

Received and Filed**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Updates (AMBER MILLER)

Commissioner questions and comments included:

- *Safety of curb on State St.*
- *Bike traffic and pedestrian volume.*
- *Shared pedestrian and bike environments.*
- *Double threat treatments.*
- *Grand opening event with stakeholder groups, Bicycle Alliance of Washtenaw, etc.*
- *Dedicated bicycle light.*
- *Bus traffic.*
- *Integration with other bike system improvements.*

[19-1446](#) Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Updates

Received and Filed

SnowBuddy Presentation (LISA BRUSH)

Commissioner questions and comments included:

- *Sidewalk accessibility.*
- *City code - vehicles on sidewalks?*
- *Ordinances that support/enable SnowBuddy-type programs.*
- *Sidewalks as transportation corridors, community-wide benefit.*
- *City's road maintenance quality.*
- *Sidewalk gaps.*
- *Anticipated SnowBuddy report - August/September 2019.*

- *Potential collaboration with the Commission on Disability Issues.*

[19-1356](#) SnowBuddy Background Materials and Presentation

Received and Filed

[19-1355](#) City of Ann Arbor Snow Removal Materials

Received and Filed

Community Engagement Presentation (KAYLA COLEMAN)

Commissioner questions and comments included:

- *Equity efforts.*
- *Online engagement - valuation, origin of comments, provision of educational materials before response.*

[19-1447](#) Community Engagement Overview and Updates

Received and Filed

BUSINESS

Lane Reconfiguration Projects Update (RAYMOND HESS)

Commissioner questions and comments included:

- *Quantification and over-simplification of public comments.*
- *Detour impacts with and without Green Rd. Lane Reconfiguration.*
- *Public misunderstanding of improvement costs and project impacts.*
- *Engagement support: in-person vs online.*
- *Land development considerations.*

[19-1358](#) Lane Reconfiguration Projects Update

Received and Filed

[19-0913](#) Resolution to Proceed with a Road Reconfiguration and Safety Enhancement Project for Earhart Road, from US-23 to South Waldenwood Drive and Appropriate \$34,500.00 and \$40,500.00 Respectively from the General Fund and Alternative Transportation Fund Balances **(8 Votes Required)**

See attached 'Transportation Commission Road Reconfiguration Additional Statement.pdf'

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Gordon, that the Transportation Commission recommends that City Council approve the Resolutions to Proceed with Road Reconfigurations for Green Road, from Burbank Drive to Plymouth Road, for Traverwood Drive, from Huron Parkway to Plymouth Road, and for Earhart Road, including a Safety Enhancement Project, from US-23 to South Waldenwood Drive, and appropriate \$34,500.00 and \$40,500.00 respectively from the General Fund and Alternative Transportation Fund Balances; and, that an additional statement from the Transportation Commission be provided to City Council with this action. The Commission action will be forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 8/5/2019. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

19-0956 Resolution to Proceed with a Road Reconfiguration for Traverwood Drive, from Huron Parkway to Plymouth Road

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A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Gordon, that the Transportation Commission recommends that City Council approve the Resolutions to Proceed with Road Reconfigurations for Green Road, from Burbank Drive to Plymouth Road, for Traverwood Drive, from Huron Parkway to Plymouth Road, and for Earhart Road, including a Safety Enhancement Project, from US-23 to South Waldenwood Drive, and appropriate \$34,500.00 and \$40,500.00 respectively from the General Fund and Alternative Transportation Fund Balances; and, that an additional statement from the Transportation Commission be provided to City Council with this action. The Commission action will be forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 8/5/2019. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

CA-20 19-0985 Resolution to Proceed with a Road Reconfiguration for Green Road, from Burbank Drive to Plymouth Road

See attached 'Transportation Commission Road Reconfiguration Additional Statement.pdf'

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Gordon, that the Transportation Commission recommends that City Council approve

the Resolutions to Proceed with Road Reconfigurations for Green Road, from Burbank Drive to Plymouth Road, for Traverwood Drive, from Huron Parkway to Plymouth Road, and for Earhart Road, including a Safety Enhancement Project, from US-23 to South Waldenwood Drive, and appropriate \$34,500.00 and \$40,500.00 respectively from the General Fund and Alternative Transportation Fund Balances; and, that an additional statement from the Transportation Commission be provided to City Council with this action. The Commission action will be forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 8/5/2019. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

State of Michigan Crosswalk Law (LINDA DIANE FELDT)

19-1359 Recommendation from the Transportation Commission Regarding State of Michigan Crosswalk Law and Related Materials

See attached 'HB 4738 - Combined Recommendation_FINAL.pdf'

A motion was made by Gordon, seconded by Kleinman, that the Transportation Commission forward their recommendation concerning HB 4738 to City Council for consideration and should be returned by 8/5/2019. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried with a no vote by Bill DeGroot.

Vice-Chair Elections (LINDA DIANE FELDT)

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Gordon, that Kleinman be elected as Vice Chair. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Energy Commission Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Subcommittee - Transportation Commission representative (LINDA DIANE FELDT)

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Parsons, that Robert Gordon continue serving on the Energy Commission's EV Readiness Subcommittee and act as an informal liaison to the Transportation Commission. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

STAFF REPORT AND UPDATES (RAYMOND HESS)

19-1360 Transportation Project Updates July 2019

Commissioner questions and comments included:

- Washtenaw and Pittsfield - MDOT.
- Sharrow placement.
- Ann Arbor crosswalk safety rankings per Dangerous by Design report.

Received and Filed

[19-1361](#) Quiet Zone Assessment Report

Received and Filed

[19-1357](#) Dangerous by Design 2019 Michigan State Report

Received and Filed

[19-1354](#) HR and Administrative Policies for Board and Commission Members

Received and Filed**LIAISON REPORTS (LINDA DIANE FELDT)**

None provided.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS (LINDA DIANE FELDT)*Commissioner questions and comments included:*

- Thanks to Robert Gordon for his time on the commission.
- Disappointment regarding commissioner removals.
- Vacancies.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS*Work plan:*

- Construction Impacts to Active Transportation
- ReImagine Washtenaw
- Crash Report

Other topics requested:

- AAATA bus detour routes due to construction.
- AAATA public engagement for service changes.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in second floor Council Chambers at Larcom City Hall (301 E. Huron Street).

ADJOURNMENT (LINDA DIANE FELDT)

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 9:17 p.m.