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City of Ann Arbor
Transportation Commission

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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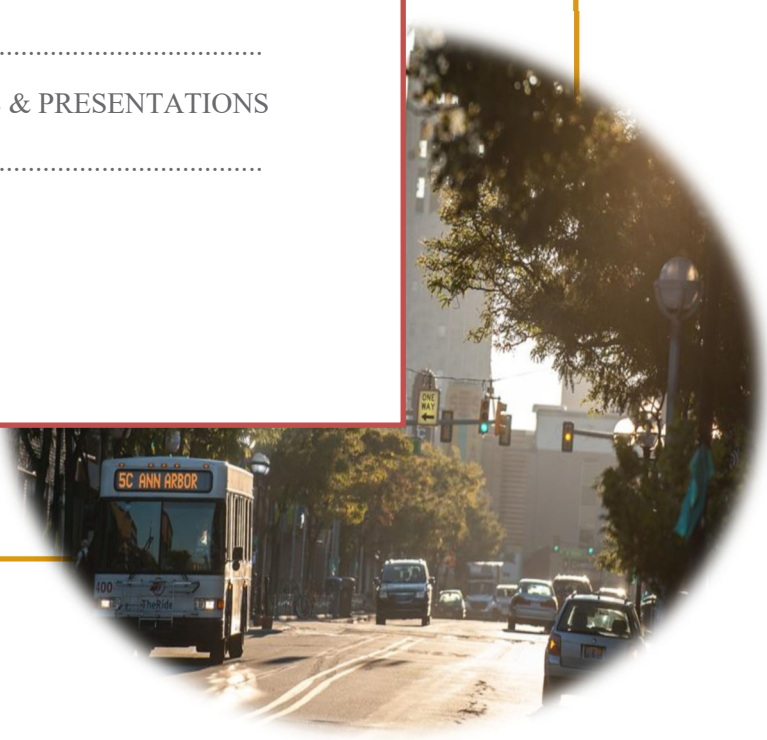
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FOREWORD

FROM THE CHAIR

There is understandable excitement in the creativity required to brainstorm, develop, revise, and ultimately create new plans. This Commission, the City of Ann Arbor, its staff, and consultants have done outstanding work in recent years to create, among other plans, the “Moving Together Towards Vision Zero” transportation plan. But 2023, I’m happy to report, saw a further mindset shift towards executing on our plans and creating actionable directives within the city – implementing and modifying projects which will affect life for those in Ann Arbor for years to come. The Vision Zero Implementation Subcommittee wrapped up its efforts with the help of subcontractors to ensure that our plans are, indeed, being thoughtfully and effectively implemented within City procedures, projects and, importantly, budgets for years to come.

Though forward-looking planning won’t and shouldn’t cease, this year we saw the implementation and furtherance of all that’s laid out in our plans including but not limited to: a new round of quick-build projects to improve safety on a smaller budget; six referrals for neighborhood traffic-calming projects; an exciting new speed management program to address safety on arterial and major streets to complement our neighborhood traffic-calming program, which itself was also heavily re-thought and re-purposed to make it work more effectively, more quickly, for more people. 2023 also saw the introduction of Spin e-bikes to join the e-scooter program and a program for businesses to apply for additional bicycle parking. The Commission’s recent recommendation to Council that Staff evaluate all multilane roads for reconfiguration in the name of safety is a significant implementation of another transportation plan goal.

Ann Arbor’s staff at all levels are what allow the Commission to operate and sincerely implement our plans and recommendations. They tirelessly and carefully pursue the goals, objectives, and funding like the Safe Streets For All federal grant to achieve what we consider important at all levels within the City, and for this we are very fortunate. We thank them. Without them years of effective implementation and execution would simply not be possible and instead leave our plans and goals as just that – plans and goals on paper. I look forward to another effective year of cooperation and making progress on our path towards Vision Zero through Commission recommendations, resolutions, and subcommittee work. Thanks to the members of this Commission, Staff, Council, public commentors, and all those working towards making Ann Arbor a safer and more pleasurable place to travel through.

COMMISSION ROSTER

VOTING MEMBERS

Bret Hautamaki
(Chair)
Megan Brovan
(Vice Chair)
Julie Boland
Molly Kleinman
Praveena Ramaswami
Suzette Wanninkhof
Peter Houk
Ken Anderson/Matt Carpentar
(AAATA)
Larry Keeler
(Commission on Disability Issues)
Dharma Akmon (Councilmember)
Wonwoo Lee (Planning Commission)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Liz Margolis
(AAPS)
Lieutenant Mike Scherba
(Chief of Police Designee)
Raymond Hess
(Transportation Manager)
Nicholas Hutchinson
(City Engineer)
Ben Stupka (RTA)

Attending Staff

Christopher Cespedes
(Management Assistant)

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Chair Bret Hautamaki

MOTIONS & ACTIONS

*** Exclusive of meeting agenda & minutes

January 18

Chair Elections

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Brovan, to elect Bret Hautamaki as the newest Chair to the Transportation Commission. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

Vice Chair Elections

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Lee, to elect Megan Brovan as the newest Vice-Chair to the Transportation Commission. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

Transportation Commission 2022 Annual Report

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Lee, to postpone action on the annual report until the next meeting. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

February 15

Transportation Commission 2022 Annual Report

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Brovan, to approve the Annual Report and forward to the City Council and should be returned by 4/3/2023. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

FY24 Policy Agenda Input

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Hautamaki, to approve the Transportation Commission FY24 Policy Agenda Input as presented and forward to the City Council and should be returned by 4/3/2023. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

March 15

Spin agreement amendment for e-bikes

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Boland, to propose the approval of an amendment to Spin's agreement for the inclusion of e-bicycles within the City. Said motion was forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/1/2023. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

Congressional Funding Requests

A motion was made by Akmon, seconded by Boland, to allow the Chair to endorse the letters of congressional support for the Pedestrian Signal Upgrade Project and the Ann Arbor Station Project. Said motion was forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 5/1/2023. On a unanimous voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

April 19

No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.

May 17

Granger (State to Packard) Traffic Calming

A motion was made by Akmon, seconded by Brovan to recommend the approval of the Granger Traffic Calming Project between State and Packard. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 07/03/2023.

June 21

Granger (Forest to Olivia) Traffic Calming

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Boland to recommend the approval of the Granger Traffic Calming Project between Forest and Olivia. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 08/07/2023.

Safe Streets for All Grant Acceptance

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Boland to recommend the acceptance of the Safe Streets for All Grant. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 08/07/2023.

July 19

Fulmer (Miller to Foss) Traffic Calming

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Akmon to recommend the approval of the Fulmer Traffic Calming Project between Miller and Foss. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 09/05/2023.

August 16

Baldwin (Packard to Stadium) Traffic Calming

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Akmon to recommend the approval of Baldwin Traffic Calming Project between Packard and Stadium. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 10/02/2023.

August 16 cont...

Manchester (Buckingham to Needham) Traffic Calming

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Brovan to recommend the approval of Manchester Traffic Calming Project between Buckingham and Needham. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 10/02/2023.

Traffic Calming Resolution

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Brovan to recommend the approval of resolution included in the packet which suggests changes to the Traffic Calming Program. The voice vote was carried by a majority vote with 7 in favor and 1 vote in opposition made by Peter Houk. The chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 10/02/2023.

Bylaws Amendment

A motion was made by Akmon seconded by Lee to recommend the approval of the suggested change to the bylaws to change the membership to read “seven members of the public, one of whom shall be 55 years of age or older”. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion to be defeated, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 10/02/2023.

September 20

Bike/ped crossings and US-23

A motion was made by Houk, seconded by Kleinman for the addition of a whereas clause which recommends City Council to pass a resolution discouraging adding lanes and other actions that will increase private vehicle traffic volume in the project area. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 11/06/2023.

Grandview Traffic Calming

A motion was made by Akmon, seconded by Lee to recommend the approval of The Grandview Traffic Calming Project between Packard and Stadium. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 11/06/2023.

October 18

Road Diet Resolution

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Boland to recommend the approval of the “Resolution to Accelerate Safety Improvements on Multilane Roads” included in the packet. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 12/04/2023.

November 15

2024 Calendar of Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Lee to recommend the approval of the 2024 Calendar meeting dates as presented to the commission. On a unanimous voice vote the chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 01/02/2024.

December 20

2024 Work Plan

A motion was made by Wonwoo seconded by Brovan to approve the 2024 work plan as discussed. On a unanimous voice vote The Chair declared the motion carried, said motion was forwarded to City Council and should be returned by 02/05/2024.

FEATURED AGENDA ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

*** Note: The File ID can be typed into the "Legislation" tab in Legistar to access files.

January 18

File ID: 23-0085

Transportation Commission 2022 Annual Report
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File ID: 23-0064

Transportation Commission FY2024 Policy
Agenda Recommendations

File ID: 23-0068

Crash Report Interpretation Memo

File ID: 23-0066

East Medical Center Drive Path Memo

February 15

File ID: 23-0258

2022 Quarter 4 Bike Ped Crashes

File ID: 23-0254

City Organization and Transportation Issues
Overview

File ID: 23-0283

Earhart Project Update

File ID: 23-0250

FY24 Policy Agenda Input

File ID: 23-0249

Transportation Commission 2022 Annual Report

March 15

File ID: 23-0462

Spin agreement amendment for e-bikes

File ID: 23-0463

Congressional Funding Requests

File ID: 23-0465

Crosswalk Design Guidelines

March 15 cont...

File ID: 23-0466

Sidewalk Gap Prioritization Process

April 19

File ID: 23-0722

Transportation Commission Budget Presentation

File ID: 23-0687

SPIN Presentation_2023.04.12

File ID: 23-0688

Equitable Engagement Report Presentation

May 17

File Id: 23-0851

Granger (State To Packard) Traffic Calming

File Id: 23-0852

Traffic Calming Program

File Id: 23-1100

Getdowntown Update

File Id: 23-0854

2023 Resurfacing And Related Projects

June 21

File Id: 23-1123

Granger (Forest To Olivia) Traffic Calming

File Id: 23-1124

Safe Streets For All Grant Acceptance

File Id: 23-1153

Treeline Presentation

File Id: 23-1126

Driving Equality Ordinance

July 19

File Id: 23-1237

Fulmer (Miller To Foss) Traffic Calming

File Id: 23-1341

UM TRI Update

File Id: 23-1320

Seventh And Greenview Projects Update

File Id: 23-1239

Capital Improvement Plan

August 16

File Id: 23-1366

Baldwin (Packard To Stadium) Traffic Calming

File Id: 23-1367

Manchester (Buckingham To Needham) Traffic Calming

File Id: 23-1368

Traffic Calming Resolution

File Id: 23-1369

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Transportation Asset Management Plan

September 20

File Id: 23-1561

Bike/Ped Crossings And Us-23

File Id: 23-1562

Transportation Commission Bylaws Amendment

File Id: 23-1563

Grandview Traffic Calming

September 20 cont...

File Id: 23-1606

Speed Management Program Updates

File Id: 23-1755

Road Reconfigurations And Road Diets Presentation

October 18

File Id: 23-1772

Road Diet Resolution

November 15

File Id: 23-1897

2024 Calendar Of Meeting Dates

File Id: 23-2073

Downtown Curb Management Planning Study Update

File Id: 23-1941

Downtown Area Circulation Study

File Id: 23-1898

2022 - Summary Of Fatal And Severe Injury Crashes

December 20

File Id: 23-2093

2024 Policy Agenda

File Id: 23-2094

2024 Work Plan

File Id: 23-2095

TheRide's 2024 Millage Service Improvements Plan

File Id: 23-2096

Annual Crash Report

File Id: 23-2118

2023 Annual Report

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ATTACHMENT A

Transportation Commission Ordinance

1:207. - Transportation Commission.

(1) The Transportation Commission is established to foster excellence in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of a sustainable and resilient multimodal transportation network for the City of Ann Arbor. The Transportation Commission will serve as an advisory body to the City Council and the City Administrator on transportation policy with a focus on accessibility, mobility, equity, and safety for all citizens.

(2) The Transportation Commission shall consist of 11 voting members. Appointments should be of individuals who, insofar as is possible, have an interest in the various forms and modes of transportation needs of the community. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council unless otherwise stated.

(a) To support a holistic evaluation of the community's concerns, the voting members of the Transportation Commission shall be as follows:

1. Seven members of the public.
2. One member of the Planning Commission, appointed by the Planning Commission.
3. One member of the Commission on Disability Issues, appointed by the Commission on Disability Issues.
4. One individual appointed by the board of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.
5. One member of the City Council.

(b) The City Administrator, the Transportation Manager, and the Chief of Police shall be nonvoting members of the Transportation Commission. The City Administrator shall designate staffing to support the Transportation Commission.

(c) The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan, the University of Michigan, and the Ann Arbor Public Schools may each appoint one nonvoting member to the Transportation Commission.

(d) Unless otherwise stated in this subsection, voting members of the Transportation Commission shall be appointed to three-year terms, which shall be staggered so that approximately one third of the terms expire each year. Initial terms may be for less than three years so that the terms are staggered. The City Council member shall be appointed for a one-year term in the same manner as for City Council committee appointments. Members appointed by other City boards or commissions shall continue to serve until they are no longer members of the appointing board or commission or until the appointing board or commission appoints a different member. The member appointed by the board of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority shall continue to serve until the board appoints a different member.

(3) The Transportation Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) Advise the City Council and City Administrator on:

1. Transportation grants.
2. Streets and highways.
3. The use of, restrictions on, and upkeep of public rights-of-way.
4. Bus and rail service.
5. Pedestrian and bikeway programs and

projects.

6. Safety-related programs and projects.

7. Regulation of vehicles for hire, including taxicabs, transportation network and ride-sharing entities, pedicabs, and other transportation vehicles; and all related matters including permits, annual permits, franchise permits, transportation franchise requests, renewals, rate adjustments, and hours of operation.

(b) Provide comments to the Planning Commission, City Council, Downtown Development Authority, and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority on transportation policy, and the impact of proposed projects to the same.

(c) Recommend to the City Council and the City Administrator priorities and budget allocations related to transportation.

(d) Provide recommendations on the City's transportation master plans including the City Transportation Plan and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

(e) Report annually to the City Council and the City Administrator regarding the activities of the Transportation Commission, which shall reflect the effectiveness of the city's transportation strategy process and make recommendations for any changes thereto.

(f) Make proposals and recommendations to achieve and maintain a holistic and inclusive transportation ecosystem that meets the mobility needs of all people, including the mobility-impaired.

(g) Form special purpose task forces and subcommittees to carry out the business of the commission.

(h) Perform other duties as directed by City Council.

(Ord. No. 16-26, § 1, 11-21-16; Ord. No. 18-23, § 1, 9-17-18)

THANKS FOR READING!

Over the past year, the Commission greeted new members, made recommendations on both local and state laws, and engaged with numerous projects affecting residents across the city, including road resurfacing, traffic calming, crosswalks, and many other projects aimed towards the improvement of city transportation. Thank you for taking an active interest in the Transportation Commission and we hope to see the continuation of community engagement into the coming 2024 year.

