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**City of Ann Arbor  
Transportation Commission**

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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# AT A GLANCE



# FOREWORD

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- Molly Kleinman  
Chair, The City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission

## COMMISSION ROSTER

### VOTING MEMBERS

#### CURRENT

Molly Kleinman (Chair)

Julie Boland (Vice Chair)

Bradley Parsons

Linda Diane Feldt

Tim Hull (Commission on Disability Issues)

Bryan Smith (AAATA Designee)

James Summers (Transportation Business Rep)

Kathy Griswold (Councilmember)

Brett Hautamaki

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#### FORMER

Tim Sanderson (AAATA)

Deanna Lernihan

Wendy Woods (Planning Commission)

### NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Steve Dolen (U of M)

Liz Margolis (AAPS)

Sergeant Bill Clock (Police Chief Designee)

Raymond Hess (Transportation Manager)

Ben Stupka (RTA)

Tom Crawford (City Administrator)

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for more information.

## Commission Group Photo

Zoom screens?

# MOTIONS & ACTIONS

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## JANUARY 15

### **2019 Annual Report**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Kleinman, that the Transportation Commission 2019 Annual Report be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/18/2020. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

### **Statewide Crosswalk Law**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Boland, that the Statewide Crosswalk Law Commission Recommendations be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/18/2020. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, with a No vote by Councilmember Griswold.

### **Chair and Vice-Chair Re-elections**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, to Approve the election of Kleinman as Chair and Boland as Vice Chair. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## FEBRUARY 19

### **Seventh Street Process Committee Appointment**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Lernihan, that the appointment of Seth Peterson to the Seventh Street Process Committee be Approved. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## MARCH - APRIL

**The March 18 and April 15 meetings were cancelled due to local and statewide COVID-19 public health measures. Virtual meetings on Zoom began in May.**

## MAY 20

### **Micro-Mobility Committee Appointment**

A motion was made by Feldt, seconded by Woods, that Jim Summers' appointment to the Micro-Mobility Committee be Approved. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

### **Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Funding**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Boland, that City of Ann Arbor staff complete the work outlined in the "Resolution to Appropriate \$21,700 from General Fund to Fund Additional Tasks Associated with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Project and to Approve an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Sam Schwartz Consulting, LLC (\$373,370)" and that this recommendation be forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/15/2020. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## JUNE 17

### **Healthy Streets**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Feldt, to recommend that Council approve the Healthy Streets Pilot Requests (as described in the attached PDF) as soon as possible and that no additional renderings be needed. This recommendation should be forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 7/6/2020. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## AUGUST 19

### **CIP Recommendations**

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Smith, that the CIP Recommendations be Approved as amended by the Commission and Forwarded to staff and the City Planning Commission and should be returned by 10/6/2020. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

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## AUGUST 19 continued

### **Chapter 40 Ordinance Amendments**

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Hautamaki, that the Transportation Commission recommends that City Council refer the Ordinance to Amend Sections 3:16 and 3:17 of Chapter 40 (Trees and Other Vegetation) of Title III of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to the Environmental Commission for consideration, and should be returned by 9/8/2020. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried with a no vote made by Feldt.

### **Fernwood Traffic Calming**

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Boland, that the Transportation Commission recommends that City Council approve the “Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Fernwood.” The Commission action will be forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 9/8/2020. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## SEPTEMBER 16

### **CIP Committee Disbanding**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Feldt, that the Proposal to Disband the CIP Committee be Approved. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

### **Maintaining Healthy Streets**

A motion was made by Feldt, seconded by Parsons, that in support of Healthy Streets, the Transportation Commission Recommends that Council defeat any resolution that would end the Healthy Streets Initiative prematurely as reflected in resolution file 20-1430, and that this action be forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 10/19/2020. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried with a No Vote by Councilmember Griswold.

## OCTOBER 21

### **Scio Church Parking Removal**

A motion was made by Parsons, seconded by Boland, that the Transportation Commission recommends that City Council approve the “Resolution to Prohibit On-Street Parking on the north side of Scio Church Road between South Maple Road and Greenview Drive.” The Commission action will be forwarded to the City Council and be returned by 11/16/2020. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## NOVEMBER 18

### **Title**

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## DECEMBER 16

### **Title**

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# FEATURED AGENDA ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

## JANUARY 15

### **2020 Resurfacing Projects**

Dave Dykman

### **Statewide Crosswalk Law Recommendations**

Molly Kleinman

## FEBRUARY 19

### **Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Eli Cooper & Stacey Meekins

### **A2Zero Carbon Budget Analysis**

Missy Stults

### **Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage**

Raymond Hess

## MARCH - APRIL

**Meetings cancelled due to local and statewide COVID-19 public health measures.**

## MAY 20

### **A2Zero Update**

Missy Stults

### **DDA Parking/Curbside Management**

Linda Diane Feldt

### **Healthy Streets**

Raymond Hess

### **Comprehensive Transportation Plan Supplemental Work**

Raymond Hess

## JUNE 17

### **FY21 Budget**

Marti Praschan

### **Street, Bridge, Sidewalk & New Sidewalk Millages**

Nicholas Hutchinson

### **How Speed Limits are Set**

Cyrus Naheedy

### **Crosswalks and Lighting**

Cynthia Redinger

### **Healthy Streets**

Raymond Hess

## JULY 15

### **Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)**

Deborah Gosselin

### **Annual Crash Data Report**

Cynthia Redinger

### **Effective Commission Communications**

Julie Boland & Linda Diane Feldt

### **Effective Committee Work**

Kayla Coleman

## AUGUST 19

### **TheRide/AAATA Service Restoration Plans**

Bryan Smith

### **Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Prioritization**

Bret Hautamaki

### **Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Recommendations**

Bret Hautamaki

### **Chapter 40 Trees and Vegetation Ordinance**

Councilmember Griswold

### **Fernwood Avenue Traffic Calming**

Kayla Coleman

## SEPTEMBER 16

### **Annual Crash Data Report**

Raymond Hess

### **Council Mobility Committee**

Councilmember Griswold

### **Pedestrians and Roundabouts**

Raymond Hess

### **Capital Improvements Plan Prioritization**

Bret Hautamaki

### **CIP Committee Disbanding**

Molly Kleinman

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**Commissioner Feedback - Materials/Communications**

Kayla Coleman

**Healthy Streets Update**

Councilmember Griswold & Raymond Hess

**OCTOBER 21**

**Pedestrians and Roundabouts**

Cynthia Redinger

**Scio Church Road Improvements**

Jane Allen

**Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Eli Cooper & Stacey Meekins

**NOVEMBER 18**

**Title**

Name

**DECEMBER 16**

**Title**

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# REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

JANUARY 15

Recommendation to City Council -  
State of Michigan Crosswalk Laws

## Transportation Commission Recommendations Regarding Michigan Statewide Crosswalk Laws

The Ann Arbor Transportation Commission supports the adoption of a statewide crosswalk bill, provided the bill meets the following conditions:

- The bill does not supersede local ordinances that have more stringent stopping requirements for crosswalks;
- The bill requires motorists on both sides of the street to stop for pedestrians waiting at the crosswalk, and does not require pedestrians to have any part of their person or belongings in the roadway in order for vehicles to stop OR the bill includes the curb, curb ramp or curb line in its definition of the crosswalk;
- The bill does not abolish or nullify the use of pedestrian activated beacons at crosswalks;
- When a vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the bill requires that the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake or pass the stopped vehicle.
- The bill does not increase penalties for pedestrians crossing without a crosswalk OR the bill reduces penalties for pedestrians crossing without a crosswalk.

The Ann Arbor Transportation Commission does not support a state crosswalk bill that does not meet these conditions.

AUGUST 19

Recommendation to Planning Commission -  
Capital Improvements Plan Update

## CIP Recommendations

The Transportation Commission Requests that staff incorporate, and Planning Commission approve, the following project modifications and additions for the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP):

- Modify the scope of these existing CIP projects to accelerate the construction of bicycle lanes infrastructure downtown to provide a network of safe, dedicated bicycle infrastructure lanes that interface with arterials like Packard, Main, Huron, etc.:
  - o People-Friendly Streets Part 2 (TR-AT-20-06): Focused on downtown (DDA area) and includes active transportation connectivity as a key scope item.
  - o Bicycle Network Gap project (TR-AT-20-04): to start addressing gaps identified in the Transportation Plan.
- Modify the scope of Streetlights: Packard (State to Stadium)(TR-OT-20-04) to note that this is viewed as the top priority streetlight project by the Transportation Commission due to midblock crosswalk visibility concerns.
- Implement as soon as fiscally feasible the recommendations from the South State Street Corridor Plan (TR-SC-20-17 through TR-SC-20-19), including the following:
  - o Traffic reconfiguration and streetscape improvements around the I-94/Mall area of State St
  - o Buffered bike lane, and other bicyclist safety improvements as applicable, north to the University of Michigan central campus area
  - o Enhance this major gateway with improved wayfinding/simplification of traffic patterns



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- o Aesthetic improvements for this major gateway

- Implement projects from the Healthy Streets Program in a permanent capacity: downtown core closures seasonally/weekly; outside of downtown arterial changes; and neighborhood slow streets

The Transportation Commission also reinstates these prior CIP recommendations that have not yet been implemented:

- August 2019 Recommendations (final Transportation Commission action: 9/18/19)
- October 2017 Recommendations (final Transportation Commission action: 10/18/17)

Aknowledgments  
Prepared by Bret Hautamaki

# ATTACHMENTS

## 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. Six members of the public.
2. One owner or operator of a transportation business operating in Ann Arbor.
3. One member of the Planning Commission, appointed by the Planning Commission.
4. One member of the Commission on Disability Issues, appointed by the Commission on Disability Issues.
5. One individual appointed by the board of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.
6. 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.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Commissioner Involvement in City Process

#### **Linda Diane Feldt**

May 30, 2019 to Present

Member of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the City of Ann Arbor Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update.

#### **Bret Hautaumaki**

August 2020

Participated at 3 prioritization update meetings for the Capital Improvements Program - Active Transportation section.

# 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 healthy streets initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for taking an active interest in the Transportation Commission and we hope to see continued community engagement into the coming year.

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