



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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[24-0242](#) Homework and Study Guide - February 2024

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I.) CALL TO ORDER (Bret Hautamaki)(1 Minute)

The meeting was called to order at: 7:01 pm.

II.) ROLL CALL (Christopher Cespedes) (2 Minutes)

- Non-voting Commission members present: Lieutenant Mike Scherba, Raymond Hess, Nicholas Hutchinson.
- Non-voting Commission members absent: Liz Margolis, Ben Stupka,
- Attending staff, presenters, or guest speakers: Trevor Brydon, Christopher Cespedes

Present: 9 - Molly Kleinman, Bret Hautamaki, Megan Brovan, Peter Houk, Matt Carpenter, Erica Briggs, Lisa Campbell, Larry Keeler, and Wonwoo Lee

Absent: 2 - Julie Boland, and Praveena Ramaswami

III.) CONSENT AGENDA (Bret Hautamaki)(2 Minutes)

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

24-0243 JAN 2024 - Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Keeler, to recommend the approval of the agenda and the approval of the meeting minutes. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council, due on 4/1/2024.

An additional motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Houk, to amend the agenda and recommend to the city council the approval of Taking over the Trunkline transfers. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council, due on 4/1/2024.

IV.) PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER (Bret Hautamaki)

[24-0244](#) Public Comments

4 emails inclusive of attachments

- *No Public Comments Made During the Meeting*

V.) BUSINESS

V.A.) Bird Rd Traffic Calming (Raymond Hess) (30 Minutes)

24-0245 Bird Rd Traffic Calming

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Inquiry on speed survey timing.*
- *Potential impact of new signage on speed study results.*
- *Highlighting safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists due to speeding.*
- *Query regarding city obligations in response to neighborhood petitions.*
- *Concern regarding high resident cost for limited affected properties.*

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Briggs, to recommend the approval of the Bird Rd Traffic Calming petition. The Chair declared the motions carried with seven votes in favor of the recommendation and two votes against it; the commission approved the motion and forwarded it to The City Council due back on 4/1/2024.

VI.B.) Arella Blvd Traffic Calming (Raymond Hess) (5 Minutes)

24-0246 Arella Blvd Traffic Calming*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Lower project cost compared to Bird Rd. may have broader community impact.*
- *Connections to parks as a metric*

A motion was made by Houk seconded by Lee, to recommend the approval of the Arella Blvd Traffic Calming petition. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council, due back on 4/1/2024.

VI.C.) Henry St Traffic Calming (Raymond Hess) (5 Minutes)

24-0247 Henry St Traffic Calming*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Inquiry about inclusion of Pattengill.*
- *Suggestion to include speed studies in meeting minutes.*
- *Clarification on definition and assignment of school areas.*
- *Consideration of impact on cyclists and snow removal.*

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Brovan, to recommend the approval of the Henry St. Traffic Calming petition. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council, due back on 4/1/2024.

VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

VI.A.) Trunkline Transfer Study (Trevor Brydon)(30 Minutes)

24-0248 Trunkline Transfer Study*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Low benefit-cost ratio of Jackson Ave. but there is a high danger level.*
- *Proposal to take over roads for greater freedom in implementing improvements.*

- *Proposal to reduce 7 lanes on Jackson Ave.,*
- *Clarification on state responsibility for road conditions before turnover to the city.*
- *The city will inherit maintenance costs upon ownership transfer.*
- *Absence of estimates for reconstruction costs in the study.*
- *Requirement to accept all road segments upon ownership transfer.*
- *Discussion of the ownership transfer process and hypothetical timeline (5 years).*
- *Inquiry into negotiating the reconstruction concurrently with the ownership transfer.*
- *Concerns about contradictions with city core goals.*
- *Consideration of additional analysis needed for negotiations with MDOT, including historical road data.*

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Houk, to recommend that the City Council initiate the trunk line transfer process with all of the current MDOT-controlled roads. The Chair declared the motion carried with six votes in favor of the recommendation and two abstaining votes. The commission approved the motion and forwarded it to The City Council due on 4/1/2024.

VI.B.) 2024 Street Resurfacing and Related Projects (Nick Hutchinson) (20 Minutes)

24-0249 2024 Street Resurfacing and Related Projects

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Houk, to postpone the 2024 Street Resurfacing presentation to next month's meeting scheduled on 3/20/2024. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission.

VI.C.) All Ages and Abilities Bike Network and Miller Ave (Raymond Hess) (30 Minutes)

24-0269 All Ages and Abilities Bike Network and Miller Ave

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Accommodating boarding for transit patrons in wheelchairs with proposed bike lanes.*
- *Suggestion for postcard notification for public engagement.*

- *Concerns about non-motorized traffic direction opposing motorized traffic and potential safety issues.*
- *Opposition to the plan citing a previous crash involving a cyclist.*
- *Proposal for alternative solutions if buffer bike lanes on both sides are not feasible.*
- *Highlighting safety concerns regarding the proposed cycle track placement and its impact on traffic flow.*
- *Inquiry into considering project implications for seniors and wheelchair users by city staff.*

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VII.) COMMUNICATIONS

VII.A.) Staff Report and Updates (Raymond Hess) (5 Minutes)

24-0250 Transportation Project Updates 2024-FEB

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *No comments*

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VII.B.) Liaison Reports (Bret Hautamaki) (5 Minutes)

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *The Ride – US 23 study and travel demand management*

VII.C.) Commission Member Communications (Bret Hautamaki) (2 Minutes)

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Molly Kleinman - closing remarks after 5 ½ years of service.*

VIII.) NEXT AGENDA ITEMS (Bret Hautamaki) (2 Minutes)

We might expect:

- *Parking removal on Page Ave*
- *Signalized intersections and pedestrian crossings*
- *Traffic Calming updates.*
- *Safe Street For All Update / Quick Build 2.0 – Protected Bikeways*
- *2024 Street Resurfacing and Related Projects*

IX.) ADJOURNMENT (Bret Hautamaki) (1 Minute)

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:35 p.m.