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Subject: FW: Comments I attempted to make for your February meeting

From: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@a2gov.org>

Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:10 AM

To: 'Ken Clark' <XXXXXXXXXX>

Cc: Hess, Raymond <XXXXXXXXXX>

Subject: RE: Comments I attempted to make for your February meeting

Ken,

Thank you for contacting the City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission. Your comment concerning your attempt to make the February meeting will be provided as a communication item on the March 16 Transportation Commission Agenda.

Transportation staff are also copied here so that they are also aware of your comment.

Respectfully

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Thank you.

From: Ken Clark <XXXXXXXXXX>

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:17 PM

To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@a2gov.org>

Cc: Briggs, Erica <XXXXXXXXXX>

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The city website *and* the mailing that went out had invalid zoom meeting numbers. Your chair said the meeting number so fast I physically couldn't type the numbers fast enough on my phone. Your bylaws say you're supposed to solicit public comment, but publishing a false number and then reading the correct one too fast for anyone to respond are hardly allowing for public comment. You should start your next meeting by apologizing to the public.

What I was prepared to cover, half of which is now irrelevant, since you won't see these comments until March, if anyone bothers to read them at all:

1) Surprisingly censored email to the Transportation Commission

- Not all email gets sent to the Commission
- The persons filtering the email have discretion to send it to any other parties they think reasonable, though the email wasn't addressed to them.
- No communication gets to you in a timely enough way to be relevant to your current meeting, just a previous one. That's in part because all email goes into a bin to be added to the end of next month's packet. Even if I send you a comment tonight, you won't get it until your packet next month.
- For example, my comment in your packet tonight refers to things you discussed last month, because I didn't have a way to send you something early enough. That comment in your packet was sent right after your last meeting. It's getting to you tonight, in perfect timing to be only marginally relevant and ignorable.
- It would be great to have a way to contact you before your meeting about things on your current agenda besides just public comment at your meeting.

2) There's a typo in the bylaw changes in your packet. The section referring to AAATA's representation says they can appoint "mone or more" alternates. That's on page 2 of your draft.

3) There's a map available on the city's engineering/traffic webpages that would be a useful addition to the resources page at the end of your packet. The map shows all of the city's traffic signals, indicating whether they're on SCOOT, are being moved to SCOOT, are on the TACTICS system, or are stand-alone. It would be useful to also have some indication of how sensors work at the various intersections, as almost all of the in-pavement dectectors don't detect bikes, and some of the radar/video detectors seem to go into a fail mode when they detect a bike and immediately switch to yellow then red.

4) It would also be useful to have an indication of how those systems are programmed. For example, Fifth is on TACTICS, and the road has a 25mph speed limit (not posted, that I know of). However, I've found that if I'm biking there, I get three red lights between Catherine and William. But if I'm driving, I can get all green lights if I maintain 30mph or faster. It's programmed to encourage speeding and discourage transit and cyclists (there's a NACTO recommendation to avoid that, BTW). This was the problem Transportation Secretary Buttigieg is famous for fixing in Southbend, but it's a common problem here.

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