



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, December 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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[24-2120](#) Homework and Study Guide - DEC 2024

Attachments: Homework Guide - DEC 2024.pdf

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

- *Non-voting Commission members in attendance: Lieutenant Mike Scherba, Luke Liu,*
- *Non-voting Commission members absent: Liz Margolis, Ben Stupka, Nicholas Hutchinson*
- *Present city staff, speakers, and/or guests: Christopher Cespedes, Suzann Flowers, Debby Bezzina*

Present: 9 - Bret Hautamaki, Megan Brovan, Peter Houk, Wonwoo Lee, Larry Keeler, Matt Carpenter, Erich Zechar, Kate Flewelling, and Dharma Akmon

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

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

24-2113

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes November 2024

Attachments: Meeting Minutes - Nov 2024.pdf

A motion was made by Lee seconded by Keeler to recommend the approval of the agenda and last month's meeting minutes. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.

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

Speaker 1: (Adam Jaskiewicz)

- *Concerns about the Safe Streets for All presentation's plans for bike lanes on South Main Street.*
- *Questioned the logic of northbound-only bike lanes north of Stadium Boulevard and noted overlap in sections mentioned.*

Speaker 2 (Lauren B. Durant):

- *Shared a personal account of being hit by a car while biking on Packard Street, resulting in injuries and a totaled bike.*
- *Advocated for protected bike lanes and narrower vehicle lanes on Packard to improve safety.*
- *Criticized the slow pace of progress on making streets safer for vulnerable road users.*

Speaker 3 (Molly Kleinman):

- *Highlighted multiple recent crashes involving vulnerable road users on Packard Street, particularly south of Stadium Boulevard.*
- *Criticized the lack of quick safety improvements despite Packard's significance as a major bike and bus route serving diverse and lower-income neighborhoods.*
- *Urged the commission to advocate for safety improvements on Packard.*

No email correspondence was received by the Commission in December.

V.) BUSINESS

V.A.) 2025 Work Plan (Luke Liu)(10 Minutes)

24-2114 Transportation Commission - 2025 Work Plan

Attachments: 2025 Transportation Commission - Work Plan.pdf, 2025 Transportation Commission Work Plan - Memo.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Dedicated Bus Lanes: Suggestion from "The Ride" to discuss dedicated bus lanes, tentatively planned for the second half of the year.*
- *Spin Contract Review: Proposal to evaluate Spin's progress in spring before renewing the one-year contract.*
- *Lane Reconfigurations: Plan to discuss progress on multi-lane street reconfigurations, with flexibility to move the topic earlier if needed.*
- *AAPS Collaboration: Emphasis on gathering community input on Ann Arbor Public Schools' transportation projects before finalizing designs, aiming for earlier discussions with staff member in January or February.*
- *Community Feedback: Plan to explore alternative methods for sharing community input with AAPS if direct engagement is not possible.*

A motion was made by Akmon, seconded by Zechar, to approve the 2025 Transportation Commission Work Plan as amended. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, and the said motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

V.B.) 2025 Meeting Schedule (Christopher Cespedes)(5 Minutes)

24-2115 Transportation Commission 2025 Meeting Schedule

Attachments: 2025 Meeting Schedule DRAFT.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Proposal to move the December meeting to December 10 to avoid year-end conflicts.*
- *Challenges identified with finding an alternative date due to existing schedules for other boards and commissions.*
- *Suggestion to hold at least one in-person meeting annually.*
- *Preference for Zoom due to convenience, especially for childcare.*

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 2/3/2025

VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

VI.A.) Safe Street for All Project Update (Suzann Flowers) (15 Minutes)

24-2116

Safe Street for All Project Updates

Attachments: SS4A Update December TC 2024.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Installations expected by summer 2026 due to procurement and seasonal construction limits.*
- *Concerns about misuse of bike lanes for short-term parking.*
- *Minimal risk of funding loss despite federal administration changes.*
- *First \$1M obligated; remainder pending.*
- *Community input ongoing to manage expectations and discuss designs.*
- *Planned for spring.*

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VI.B.) University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Update (Trevor Brydon) (30 Minutes)

24-2117

University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Update

Attachments: A2 Connected Environment - Dec 2024 Project Overview.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *No comments were provided.*

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VI.C.) 2024 Annual Report Draft (Christopher Cespedes)(10 Minutes)

24-2150 2024 Annual Report - Draft**Attachments:** 2024 Annual Report - DRAFT.pdf*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Suggestion to include items passed by City Council in the report to reflect accomplishments.*
- *Feedback to rename the "Pauline Parking Removal Project" to better represent its scope and purpose.*
- *Discussion on whether to include a second note in the annual report, as in past years, but no volunteers stepped forward. Decision to skip the second note this year.*
- *Annual group photo taken during the meeting for inclusion in the report.*
- *Final report expected in January for review and approval.*

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VII.A.) Staff Report and Updates (Luke Liu) (15 Minutes)

24-2119 Transportation Project Updates - DEC 2024**Attachments:** Transportation Project Updates 2024 - DEC.pdf,
November 2024 Monthly Offense and Pedestrian
Report.pdf*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Two serious pedestrian crashes in November and one in December at Packard and Fernwood. Lighting and walk signal compliance were factors.*
- *Patrols began in December, averaging four hours daily.*
- *Frustration expressed over ongoing crashes; calls for immediate safety improvements like signage and quick-build measures.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *No comments were provided.*

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

Commissioner Zechar's Comments:

- *Highlighted the human impact of crashes, referencing a friend's injury on Packard.*
- *Shared personal close-call experiences to emphasize safety needs.*
- *Urged immediate infrastructure improvements on Packard, calling the 2026 timeline unacceptable.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Proposed a resolution urging AAPS to align school designs with climate, VMT reduction, and Vision Zero goals.*

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

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:10 pm.