



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission

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

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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[24-1564](#) Homework and Study Guide - August 2024

Attachments: Homework Guide 2024 August.pdf

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hautamaki at 7:00 PM

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

- *Non-voting Commission members in attendance: Lieutenant Mike Scherba, Luke Liu, Nicholas Hutchinson*
- *Non-voting Commission members absent: Liz Margolis, Ben Stupka*
- *Presenting staff, speakers, and guests: Nicholas Bayley, Christopher Cespedes, Paul Matthews*

Present: 6 - Bret Hautamaki, Megan Brovan, Peter Houk, Erica Briggs, Wonwoo Lee, and Larry Keeler

Absent: 3 - Praveena Ramaswami, Lisa Campbell, and Matt Carpenter

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

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

24-1565

Attachments: May 2024 - Meeting Minutes.pdf, Transportation Meeting Minutes - July 2024.pdf

A motion was made by Keeler seconded by Brovan, to recommend the approval of the agenda and the meeting minutes for this month's meeting, as well as the meetings held in May and July. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

IV.) PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER (Bret Hautamaki)**24-1566** Email Correspondence - August 2024

Attachments: FW_ My concerns about cyclists on sidewalks.pdf

Public Comment Summary

Speaker 1: Kathy Griswold

- *Recent pedestrian death and urged a review of contributing factors under Vision Zero.*
- *Graduate study of pedestrian safety, focusing on the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code.*

Speaker 2: Jeff Kracker

- *Concerned about increased bike and scooter traffic in the Old Fourth Ward.*
- *Noted lack of enforcement for scooter and bike operators*
- *Low public awareness of city ordinances.*
- *Suggested holding public forums, publishing right-of-way guidelines, improving enforcement, educating students, and using the Safe Streets consultant to improve safety.*

V.) BUSINESS

V.A.) Bylaws Review (Luke Liu) (15 Minutes)

24-1567 Bylaws Of The City Of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission

Attachments: Bylaws of Transportation Commission 2023.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *There were no comments or questions regarding this item.*

A motion to retain the bylaws in their original form was made by Kellar and seconded by Brovan. Following a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The decision to keep the bylaws unchanged was approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

V.B.) Pauline Parking Removal (Nicholas Bayley) (25 Minutes)

24-1568 Pauline Watermain & Resurfacing Project

Attachments: 2024.08.12 Pauline Pavt Mrkg Plans.pdf, Pauline Map.pdf, 2024.08 Pauline On-Street Parking Removal Resolution.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Concerns raised about the bike lane being in the "door zone"; suggestions made for placing it on the other side of parked cars.*
- *Public engagement favored the current design, which aligns with past projects on Pauline.*
- *Concerns regarding snow removal and garbage cart placement.*
- *Commissioners stressed the importance of safety decisions being made by traffic engineers, not based on public surveys.*
- *Mixed opinions: some supported the design, while others opposed bike lanes in the door zone due to safety risks.*
- *The project timeline would remain on track despite the possibility for a potential redesign.*

A motion was made by Briggs, seconded by Lee, to recommend the approval of the Pauline parking removal. The Chair called for a vote, and on a unanimous voice vote, the motion was carried. The recommendation for the removal of parking on Pauline was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

VI.A.) Winter Maintenance '23-24 Review (Paul Matthews)(45 Minutes)

24-1569 Winter Maintenance '23-24 Review

Attachments: Winter Maintenance Program Changes_2024.06.03.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Clarification on what is an ITB? (Invitation to Bid).*
- *Discussion on the \$500,000 budget for contracting road clearing services.*
- *Inquiry about using contractors for ramp clearing and associated costs.*
- *Concern over sidewalk ramps being blocked by snow from plows, impacting accessibility.*
- *Emphasis on the need for better ramp clearing and "curb to curb" snow removal.*
- *Suggestions for improving ramp clearing, especially for vulnerable users.*
- *Discussion about the role of salt in snow removal and concerns about increasing salt use.*
- *Proposal for testing snow emergency ordinances in specific areas or wards.*
- *Consideration of opening parking structures during snow emergencies.*
- *Questions about enforcing the 48-hour parking limit during snowstorms.*

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VII.) COMMUNICATIONS

VII.A.) Staff Report and Updates (Luke Liu) (5 Minutes)

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Attachments: Transportation Project Updates 2024 - August .pdf, July 2024 Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Report.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Discussed two recent bicycle crashes: one at Maple/Jackson and another at Washtenaw/Huron Parkway.*
- *Raised concerns about visibility issues due to signage at the Maple crash site and signal malfunctions at Huron Parkway.*
- *Emphasized the need for a formal crash response protocol to address safety issues at dangerous intersections.*
- *Urged city transportation experts to lead efforts in fixing these problems.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Commissioner Briggs: Mentioned City Council's votes on the trunk line study and streetlight conversion projects. Introduced "Ask Anne," the City's new AI tool for resident questions.*
- *Commissioner Lee: Discussed concerns about connectivity and safety for a proposed affordable housing project on State Street.*
- *Commissioner Houk: Highlighted the benefits of encouraging local businesses in residential areas to reduce car trips.*
- *Lieutenant Mike Scherba: Announced a new traffic safety plan and monthly meetings to review serious crashes and improve safety.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *There were no comments or questions regarding this item.*

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

We might expect:

- *Annual Crash Report*
- *Safe Streets for All Update*
- *Downtown Area Circulation Study Update*
- *Any unresolved/carry-over items from this month?*
- *Update on the curb side management proposed within the DDA, rethinking how we allocate curve space.*

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

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hautamaki at 9:01 PM