



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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[24-1807](#) Homework and Study Guide - October 2024

Attachments: 2024.10.Homework Guide.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,*
- *Non-voting Commission members absent: Liz Margolis, Ben Stupka Nicholas Hutchinson*
- *Present city staff, speakers, and/or guests: Christopher Cespedes, Trevor Brydon, Amber Miller, Katherine DeKrey, Bridget Bienkowski, Lori Pawlik, Christopher Wall, Mark McCulloch.*

Present: 7 - Bret Hautamaki, Megan Brovan, Peter Houk, Lisa Campbell, Wonwoo Lee, Larry Keeler, and Matt Carpenter

Absent: 2 - Praveena Ramaswami, and Erica Briggs

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

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

[24-1808](#) Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes September 2024

Attachments: SEP 2024 - Meeting Minutes (Transportation Commission).pdf

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Campbell 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 by the Commission.

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

[24-1809](#) Email Correspondence - October 2024

Attachments: Nixon road changes planned - urgent.pdf, please solve the S. Main bike lane parking problem.pdf, Stop Lights in CCTC.pdf, Need for blinker light for a pedestrian crosswalk in Ann Arbor.pdf, Michigan Daily Inquiry.pdf, The Crash Analysis Studio.pdf

The floor was opened for live public comments; however, none were made.

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V.) BUSINESS

For the month of October the Commission does not have any business items scheduled.

VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

VI.A.) State Street (S. University - William) Resurfacing Project (Chris Wall & Mark McCulloch) (35 Minutes)

24-1810 State Street Improvement Project

Attachments: State Street Transportation Commission Slides 10-16-24 v3.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Bike lane will elevate to curb and crosswalk level, then return to street grade; exact elevation point TBD.*
- *Bus stop at State and William will be removed; consolidation near Angel Hall.*
- *University to manage drop-offs/pickups in alternative areas to avoid congestion.*
- *Curb drop-offs allowed with traffic enforcement.*
- *Proposed red paint for bus lanes; bus-only signal may activate only with a bus present.*
- *Bus signal legally acceptable in Michigan but rare.*
- *Measures to prevent cars misusing skip lane under consideration.*
- *Exploring railings or raised curbs to separate pedestrians and cyclists.*
- *Potential relocation of bus stop at South U and State to reduce congestion.*
- *Support for red paint, safe bus stop orientation, and bus detection from The Ride.*
- *Northbound bus stop shared by AAATA and U of M buses; southbound stop exclusive to AAATA.*
- *Q jump signal timing under review to optimize bus clearance.*
- *State Street design considers high pedestrian volume and unique traffic needs.*

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VI.B.) Downtown Area Circulation Study (Trevor Brydon) (50 Minutes)

24-1846 Downtown Area Circulation Study

Attachments: A2DAC_2024-1016 Transportation Commission Update v2.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Plan updates to focus on accessible network, transit priority, and possible city control of trunk lines.*
- *Strong support for city taking control from MDOT.*
- *Favor for longer, consistent pedestrian-only periods.*
- *Importance of framing transit options positively to the public.*
- *Value of data from past projects to guide future planning.*
- *Interest in converting signals to four-way stops to reduce aggressive driving.*
- *Encouragement for community feedback at upcoming session.*

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VII.) COMMUNICATIONS

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

24-1811 Transportation Project Updates - OCT 2024

Attachments: Transportation Project Updates - OCT 2024.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Quick resolution of Packard and Hill issue acknowledged.*
- *Jackson Road crosswalks still awaiting MDOT construction permit approval.*
- *Safety concern raised about cyclists on sidewalks.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *There were no comments or questions made.*

VII.C.) Commission Member Communications (Bret Hautamaki) (2 Minutes)*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Concerns about AAPS prioritizing car infrastructure over walking/biking in new school designs.*
- *Lawton School plans allocate space to drive lanes, moving play areas to parkland.*
- *Designs conflict with Vision Zero and carbon neutrality goals.*
- *Plans to collaborate with the community and propose solutions before November meeting.*
- *Support for aligning school transportation with city values.*

VIII.) NEXT AGENDA ITEMS (Bret Hautamaki) (2 Minutes)*We might expect:*

- *Arbor South Area Plan*
- *Multilane Street Reconfiguration*
- *Safe Streets for All Update*
- *Methodology for tiered locations*
- *Next year's capital projects*
- *Bike improvements, strategy #6, #7, bicycle signal install and operations*
- *Transit strategy #10, #11*
- *Traffic calming*
- *DDA parking and curbside use study*
- *Planning, parks, land use master plan*
- *Trunkline transfer*
- *US-23 project*

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

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hautamaki at 9:00 PM