



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes

### Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, January 15, 2025

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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**25-0087** Homework and Study Guide - January 2025

**Attachments:** Homework Guide - JAN 2025.pdf

**Received and Filed**

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, Cyrus Naheedy*

**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

**25-0088** Meeting Minutes - DEC 2024

**Attachments:** Meeting Minutes - DEC 2024.pdf

**A motion was made by Lee seconded by Brovan 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 and forwarded to The City Council.**

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

**25-0089** Transportation Commission: Email Correspondence

**Attachments:** Dec 20 reopening -- Liberty Road.pdf, Michigan Daily Request.pdf, problematic lane reconfiguration RFP.pdf, 12-10 Crash on Packard.pdf, Brockman sidewalks.pdf

*No live commenters spoke during the public comment session. Written correspondence was received and acknowledged by the Commission.*

**V.) BUSINESS****V.A.) Chair and Vice Chair Elections (Luke Liu)(10 Minutes)****25-0300** Transportation Commission Chair and Vice Chair Appointments - Memo

**Attachments:** Chair and Vice Chair Appointments - Memo.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Megan Brovan announced she would not seek re-election, encouraging other commissioners to step forward.*
- *Chai Hautamaki reminded the Commission that the chair and vice chair roles have a three-year consecutive term limit. Since this would be his third year, he will not be eligible to serve as chair next year.*

**A motion was made by Akmon and seconded by Zechar to elect Bret Hautamaki as Chair and Kate Flewelling as Vice Chair of the Transportation Commission. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried- said the motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.**

**V.B.) 2024 Annual Report (Christopher Cespedes)(15 Minutes)****25-0090** 2024 Annual Report

**Attachments:** 2024 Annual Report.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *No comments were provided.*

**A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Akmon, to approve the 2024 Transportation Commission Annual Report. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, and the annual report was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.**

**VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION****VI.A.) Staff report on coordination with Ann Arbor Public Schools (Cyrus Naheedy) (30 Minutes)**

**25-0302**

Staff Report: Ann Arbor Public Schools & City Transportation Coordination

**Attachments:** Transportation Commission - Coordination with AAPS - Jan 2025.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *School Traffic Calming: City exploring ways to improve safety and reduce congestion near schools.*
- *Busing Policy: Commissioners urged a more strategic approach beyond minor radius adjustments to encourage bus use.*
- *Parental Engagement: Schools should collaborate with parents to address barriers to busing.*
- *Drop-Off Infrastructure: Concerns raised about expanding pickup lanes, which may increase car dependency.*
- *Safe Routes to School (SRTS): Need for standardized walking route maps across all schools.*
- *Equity in Safety Improvements: Schools should receive equal attention regardless of parental advocacy.*
- *City-Led Mapping: Staff developing proactive school travel maps to identify safety priorities.*
- *Long-Term Planning: Discussion on how zoning changes could support more walkable school communities.*

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**VI.B.) FY2026 Policy Agenda (Luke Liu) (30 Minutes)**

**25-0091** FY2026 Policy Agenda

**Attachments:** Transportation Commission FY26 - Policy Agenda.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Bike Lane Enforcement: Support for tools to address vehicles blocking bike lanes.*
- *Traffic Cameras: Interest in using automated cameras for warning letters without violating state law.*
- *Transit Funding: Proposal to expand revenue sources beyond property tax.*
- *Project Impact Metrics: Shift from vehicular speed to multimodal assessments, urging MDOT adoption.*
- *Driver's Licenses: Continued support for undocumented immigrant access, noting prior City Council resolution.*
- *School Transportation: Discussion on reallocating state funds to prioritize busing over drive lane expansion.*
- *Next Steps: Commissioners to review local policy section and provide feedback before February vote*

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**VII.) COMMUNICATIONS****VII.A.) Staff Report and Updates (Luke Liu) (15 Minutes)****25-0093** Transportation Project Updates - JAN 2025

**Attachments:** Transportation Project Updates - JAN 2025.pdf,  
December 2024 Monthly Offense and Pedestrian  
Report.pdf

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *5th Avenue Bike Lanes: The contraflow lane is not currently designed as protected, with pavement markings and possible posts but no concrete separation. Protection is being considered within the Downtown Circulation Study framework.*
- *MDOT Jurisdictional Transfer Letter: The date the letter was sent will be added for reference.*
- *Streetlight LED Conversion: Progress is unclear, but parts may have been ordered. An update will be provided next month.*

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

*City Planning Commission Updates on Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and Land Use Planning:*

- *Sunset Sidewalk Connectivity: The project near Newport and Sunset has been postponed and bundled into a larger comprehensive transportation plan for the area. Some commissioners are advocating to separate it from the CIP.*
- *East Maiden Lane Bridge Widening: Concerns were raised about the exclusion of a pedestrian underpass in the project, as many view the site as a dangerous intersection.*
- *CIP Project Scope: The plan includes 510 projects, prioritized using a structured evaluation process.*
- *Land Use and Density Planning: The Planning Commission is considering zoning changes to allow for increased density, particularly near schools, while balancing concerns about introducing multi-story buildings in traditionally single-family neighborhoods.*

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

*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *No comments were provided.*

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

*We might expect:*

- *Multilane Street Reconfiguration*
- *Safe Streets for All Update*
- *Next year's capital projects*
- *Arbor South*
- *Traffic calming*
- *DDA parking and curbside use study*

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

*The meeting was adjourned at: 9:14 pm.*