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Dear City Council,

In the interests of promoting effective communication between the Transportation Commission and City Council, I'm writing to remind you of recent Transportation Commission recommendations that are relevant to items on tomorrow's agenda.

1) Resolution to Endorse HB 4738 (State Crosswalk Law)

After being asked several times to review Ann Arbor's current crosswalk ordinance (which has repeatedly received unanimous approval by TC), as well as potential state crosswalk laws, at our January 2020 meeting Transportation Commission passed a [resolution that provides blanket recommendations](#) for all present and future proposed state crosswalk laws. HB 4738 **does not** meet those recommendations, which I have included in full below:

The Ann Arbor Transportation Commission supports the adoption of a statewide crosswalk bill, provided the bill meets the following conditions:

- *The bill does not supersede local ordinances that have more stringent stopping requirements for crosswalks;*
- *The bill requires motorists on both sides of the street to stop for pedestrians waiting at the crosswalk, and does not require pedestrians to have any part of their person or belongings in the roadway in order for vehicles to stop OR the bill includes the curb, curb ramp or curb line in its definition of the crosswalk;*
- *The bill does not abolish or nullify the use of pedestrian activated beacons at crosswalks;*
- *When a vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the bill requires that the driver of another vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake or pass the stopped vehicle.*
- *The bill does not increase penalties for pedestrians crossing without a crosswalk OR the bill reduces penalties for pedestrians crossing without a crosswalk.*

The Ann Arbor Transportation Commission does not support a state crosswalk bill that does not meet these conditions.

2) Resolution to Advance Healthy Streets in Downtown Ann Arbor to Promote Safe Social Distancing Outdoors

At the most recent Transportation Commission [meeting on June 17th, 2020](#), the Commission unanimously recommended that Council approve the Healthy Streets Pilot Requests included in this resolution as soon as possible and that no additional renderings be needed.

I hope you will keep these recommendations in mind when deciding how to vote on these resolutions tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Molly Kleinman
Chair, Ann Arbor Transportation Commission