



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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Homework Guide - April 2025

Attachments: Homework Guide - April 2025.pdf

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

Chair Bret Hautamaki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

- *Non-voting Commission members in attendance: Luke Liu,*
- *Non-voting Commission members absent: Liz Margolis, Ben Stupka, Nicholas Hutchinson, Lieutenant Mike Scherba,*
- *Present city staff, speakers, and/or guests: Ed Ader, Christopher Cespedes, Paul Matthews, John Tanner, Chris Wall*

Present: 11 - Bret Hautamaki, Megan Brovan, Peter Houk, Wonwoo Lee, Larry Keeler, Matt Carpenter, Erich Zechar, Kate Flewelling, Dharma Akmon, April Conway, and Rachel Jacobson

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

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

25-0821 Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes March 2025

Attachments: 13728_M_Transportation_Commission_25-03-19_Meeting_Minutes.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 and forwarded to City Council.

IV.) PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER (Bret Hautamaki)**25-0818** Email Correspondence - April 2025

Attachments: Remove inappropriate 2-way cycle track from Miller Project.pdf, Thank You re. Wallingford Curve.pdf, Crash Analysis Studio.pdf

Live Public Comments:

Kathy Griswold

- Raised concerns about blind spots on Miller Road, pedestrian hazards from fences and curbless sidewalks, and insufficient sidewalk width near Argus Farm.*
- Urged enforcement of right-of-way standards and state-level line-of-sight regulations.*

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V.) BUSINESS

V.A.) Transportation Commission Policy Agenda (Luke Liu) (20 Minutes)

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Transportation Commission Policy Agenda

Attachments: FY2026 Policy Agenda Recommendations.pdf*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Commissioners reviewed the draft FY2026 Policy Agenda, including recent emailed suggestions and edits.*
- *Concerns were raised about the clarity and focus of certain bullet points, with suggestions to remove vague or editorial language and emphasize actionable policy recommendations.*
- *Commissioners discussed restructuring the document by grouping items thematically (e.g., Vision Zero, revenue, equity), prioritizing key issues, and aligning items with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.*
- *Luke Liu announced his departure and recommended transitioning document stewardship to Cynthia Redinger or Nick.*

No vote was taken; commissioners agreed to revise and revisit the agenda at a future meeting.

VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

VI.A.) FY2026 Budget Discussion (Marti Praschan) (20 Minutes)

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *The Nixon Road Improvements project and the North Main Transportation Study were identified as key investments.*
- *Commissioners discussed sidewalk millage impacts, pedestrian safety investments, and tracking of multi-fund project contributions.*
- *Councilmember Akmon confirmed that transportation-related mental health millage funding remains stable, with some reallocation to unarmed response programs.*

VI.B.) Winter Maintenance Update (Paul Matthews) (30 Minutes)

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Contractor performance and plans to improve responsiveness.*
- *Criteria for city-maintained sidewalks and pedestrian islands.*
- *Missing locations on the city's sidewalk maintenance map.*
- *Coordination with other municipalities at city borders.*
- *Snow response performance metrics and A2 Fix It tracking.*
- *Rollout and enforcement of the new snow parking ban ordinance.*

VI.C.) Nixon Road Project Update (Chris Wall) (30 Minutes)

25-0843 Nixon Road Improvement Project: Public Meeting**Attachments:** Nixon Rd - Improvement Project.pdf*Commissioner questions and comments:*

- *Requested speed management tools to address potential cut-through traffic on Bluet Drive during construction.*
- *Asked whether dirt bus stops will be upgraded with concrete and amenities—staff confirmed yes.*
- *Inquired about speed reduction goals and follow-up data collection; staff confirmed posted speed will be 30 mph, with design speed at 35 mph and roundabouts intended to slow traffic.*
- *Emphasized the importance of tracking post-construction speeds to evaluate project impact.*
- *Confirmed continuous sidewalks along the corridor and supported raised crosswalks at key school access points.*
- *Noted concerns about limited sight lines at the mid-block crosswalk in Phase 3; staff explained adjustments were made to improve safety without tree removal.*

VII.) COMMUNICATIONS

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

25-0823 Transportation Project Updates - April 2025

Attachments: Transportation Project Updates - April 2025.pdf, March 2025 Monthly Offense and Pedestrian Report.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Asked if the State Street project includes a protected bike lane; staff confirmed it does.*
- *Inquired about funding for pedestrian push buttons and whether it's captured in the budget—staff said hardware is available, but funding is needed for curb ramp work.*
- *Suggested removing flashing yellow arrows at select intersections until full pedestrian safety upgrades can be made; staff will evaluate feasibility.*
- *Emphasized need to budget for full intersection upgrades, including push buttons and curb work.*
- *Noted appreciation for improved winter maintenance coordination and snow-related data tracking.*
- *Acknowledged serious crash on Plymouth Road and reiterated importance of timely safety audits and improvements.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

Wonwoo Lee (Planning Commission):

- *Comprehensive Plan updates are underway; Vision Zero remains unchanged, while land use and other sections are being revised.*
- *Open houses for public input: April 21 (Westgate), April 30 (Mallets Creek), and May 7 (Traverwood), all 3–7 PM.*
- *Planning Commission meetings now begin at 5:30 PM.*
- *Arbor South site plan (2845 State St.) postponed to June 17; includes bike lane improvements and AATA coordination.*

Councilmember Dharma Akmon (City Council):

- *Council passed a resolution to align all city operations with Vision Zero and 2030 VMT goals, inspired in part by the Transportation Commission's recommendations.*
- *Also continuing to work on Lawton School site coordination with Parks on right-of-way issues.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Chair Bret Hautamaki thanked Luke Liu for his exceptional service as Interim Transportation Manager, highlighting his leadership and dedication.*
- *Luke Liu expressed appreciation to the Commission and staff, noting he learned a lot in the role and looks forward to staying connected.*

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

We might expect:

- *Bike Lane Enforcement*
- *Tier 1 & Tier 2 Location Update*
- *Packard Street Project Update*
- *N. University Avenue Project Update*
- *Speed Management Program Update*
- *Quiet Zone Study Update*

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

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hautamaki at 9:22pm