



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, May 21, 2025

7:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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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: Lieutenant Mike Scherba, Cynthia Redinger*
- *Non-voting Commission members absent: Liz Margolis, Ben Stupka, Nicholas Hutchinson*
- *Present city staff, speakers, and/or guests: Christopher Cespedes, Suzann Flowers, Michelle Bennett*

Present: 10 - Bret Hautamaki, Megan Brovan, Peter Houk, Larry Keeler, Matt Carpenter, Erich Zechar, Kate Flewelling, Dharma Akmon, April Conway, and Rachel Jacobson

Absent: 1 - Wonwoo Lee

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

III.A.) Approval of Agenda

III.B.) Approval of Minutes

25-1021

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes April 2025

Attachments: Transportation_Commission_May_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

A motion was made by Akmon, 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 City Council.

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

25-1020 Email Correspondence - May 2025

Attachments: 7th St. Improvements.pdf, Chapter 4 comp plan feedback- a few thoughts on parking.pdf, City-caused dangerous pedestrian situation at Plymouth and Nixon.pdf, comment - corner of Birch Hollow Drive and Stone School Road.pdf, Crosswalk Comparison.pdf, Let's keep improving our crosswalks!.pdf

No live public comments were made.

Received and Filed

V.) BUSINESS

V.A.) Transportation Commission Policy Agenda (Bret Hautamaki / Cynthia Redinger) (30 Minutes)

25-0822

Transportation Commission Policy Agenda

Attachments: FY2026 Policy Agenda Recommendations.pdf

- *The Commission has been reviewing a draft of its FY2026 Policy Agenda but hadn't yet reached full agreement on the final version.*
- *To help move things forward, Chair Hautamaki suggested forming a small subcommittee to finalize the recommendations.*
- *The goal is to make the policy agenda easier to understand, more focused, and more helpful for City Council.*
- *The subcommittee will meet briefly—likely once or twice—and bring a final version back to the full Commission for review and approval later this year.*
- *Volunteers for the subcommittee are Rachel Jacobson, Kate Flewelling, Erich Zechar, and April Conway.*

A motion was made by Jacobson, seconded by Akmon, to create a short-term subcommittee to finalize the Transportation Commission's FY2026 policy agenda recommendations. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commission

VI.) INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

VI.A.) Tier 1 & Tier 2 Location Updates (Suzann Flowers) (30 Minutes)

25-1022

Tier 1 & Tier 2 Location Updates

Attachments: TC May 2025 Tier Corridors Presentation.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Commissioners asked about engagement strategies, especially in areas with previous traffic calming requests.*
- *Questions were raised about evaluation criteria, and whether equity, safety data, and geographic balance were considered in prioritization.*
- *Commissioners expressed interest in exploring temporary design treatments to accelerate improvements in some areas.*
- *There was general support for the transparency of the new corridor framework and its connection to the TMP's long-term vision.*

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VI.B.) DRAFT Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Michelle Bennett) (30 Minutes)

25-1023

DRAFT Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Attachments: Transportation Edits_Comp Plan TC 5.21.2025.pdf

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Alignment between the plan and citywide goals for housing, climate, and transportation was noted.*
- *Questions focused on how anti-displacement strategies would influence zoning and development.*
- *Interest was expressed in how the plan coordinates with TMP corridors and future transportation projects.*
- *Comments addressed the need to balance multimodal goals with ongoing demand for car access.*
- *Accessibility and inclusiveness of the public engagement process were highlighted.*

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VII.) COMMUNICATIONS

VII.A.) Staff Report and Updates (Cynthia Redinger) (15 Minutes)

25-1024

Transportation Project Updates-May 2025

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

Commissioner Questions and Comments:

- *Raised urgent concerns about flashing yellow arrows (FYAs), asking why some remain active despite safety risks; particularly after a recent pedestrian injury.*
- *Requested immediate action or a clear explanation of what's needed to disable FYAs where possible, including whether funding, authority, or Council action is required.*
- *Asked staff to explore updates on city-controlled FYA intersections that currently lack pedestrian push buttons.*
- *Cited an incident at Nixon and Plymouth where signal timing created dangerous crossing conditions; sought clarification on how such issues occur and how they'll be prevented in the future.*
- *Requested that crash reports involving fatalities or serious injuries be shared with the commission to improve awareness and support Vision Zero goals.*
- *Encouraged formal reporting from monthly staff; AAPD review meetings to help track patterns and outcomes tied to transportation-related crashes.*

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

Commissioner questions and comments:

- *Councilmember Akmon shared that City Council approved a \$500,000 budget amendment to support quick-build safety projects on major streets with high crash rates.*
- *The amendment aligns with ongoing efforts around Tier 1 and Tier 2 corridor improvements.*
- *Council also accepted a \$200,000 grant to support an upcoming infrastructure project on Fourth Avenue, which includes sewer work and reconstruction of key transportation facilities.*
- *The full project is estimated at \$8 million and is expected to begin next year.*

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

No commissioner member communications were made.

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

Upcoming agenda items include:

- *Enforcement of bike lane regulations*
- *Update on the Packard Street project*
- *Update on the North University Avenue project*
- *Progress report on the Speed Management Program (draft to be reviewed by subcommittee)*
- *Presentation on the Quiet Zone study conducted by the University of Michigan*

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

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hautamaki at 9:16pm