



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Transportation Commission

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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**

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**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 &amp; 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.*

**Received and Filed**

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.*

**Received and Filed****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.*

**Received and Filed**

## 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*