

RESOLUTION TO URGE SUPPORT FOR KEY HURON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ELEMENTS

Whereas, The DDA's Development Plan highlights identity, infrastructure, and transportation as overarching strategy areas, which include improving safety and economic vitality through pedestrian improvements;

Whereas, In July 2016 the DDA began work on Huron Street improvements and in November, 2017, finalized the project boundaries as Third Street to Division Street;

Whereas, Public input has called attention to concerns, including fast moving traffic and an uncomfortable and unprotected experience walking along and crossing the corridor;

Whereas, Transportation options have been studied to address these concerns, further informed by best practice solutions, crash and speed analysis, and discussions with City and MDOT staff;

Whereas, Recommended transportation elements have been formulated to include:

- Non-rush hour parking to provide a substantial buffer for pedestrians on Huron Street sidewalks.
- A permissive/protected left turn phasing for the westbound left turn at the Huron and Fifth Avenue intersection to reduce conflicts between left turning vehicles and pedestrians crossing the street.
- Restricted right turns on red along the corridor to prevent vehicles encroaching into the crosswalk before turning.
- A fully signalized intersection at Third and Chapin to provide clarity for pedestrians and motorists using the intersection, addressing concerns from vulnerable users at the YMCA and Lurie Terrace and implementing near term Treeline Trail elements.
- Overall signal timing adjustments to ensure adequate pedestrian walk time and visibility.

Whereas, Huron Street is owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), which has asked for a resolution of support from the Ann Arbor City Council in order to consider approving these changes;

Whereas, MDOT will need additional time to review these elements ahead of the development of the final Huron Street design, which is why this matter is being considered at this time;

Whereas, The DDA Capital Improvements Committee recommends that these transportation elements be supported;

Resolved, The DDA Board supports these recommendations and urges the City Transportation Commission and Ann Arbor City Council to convey strong local support for these changes to MDOT;

Resolved, The DDA staff will continue to meet with the community, city staff, and key stakeholders to assemble a streetscape design with these elements included;

A vote on the resolution showed:

AYES: Guenzel, Klopf, Lazarus, Letaw, Narayan, Splitt, Weiss

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Lowenstein, McKinnon, Mouat, Orr

The resolution was approved.

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