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Homework and Study Guide

To effectively prepare for the March 2022 Transportation Commission meeting please review materials hyperlinked within the meeting agenda.

Additionally, please review materials included and referenced within this study guide. These materials have been compiled to provide background and information to guide Transportation Commission discussion.

Public Comment (at the time of packet distribution)

- Alternative to Sidewalk Closed
- bike lane closing on Packard
- Comments I attempted to make for your February meeting
- Leading Pedestrian Intervals too short
- Letter from a constituent
- New Ann Arbor online transportation map
- Recommendations to city council
- Reminder PTO Council General Mtg
- Scio Church Crosswalks
- South Main Street Pilot
- U-M Workforce Housing Resolution (x2)
- Yandex, Ann Arbor, CNN Business Inquiry

Bylaws Amendment

As discussed last month, staff realized the Transportation Commission's bylaws (available at: https://www.a2gov.org/transportationcommission) have not been updated to reflect past changes to the composition of the Commission

- October 2018

 (http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3705187&GUID=E386E897

 -FCA8-44DE-A208-A502EDA93FD4&Options=&Search=) changes were made to: remove the City Traffic Engineer and a representative of the City Systems Planning Unit and add the Transportation Manager; remove reference to the taxi-cab authority; and clarify language on reporting to City Council.
- November 2019
 (http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4222850&GUID=CB20E7D
 2-BBD0-41F2-A992-CC9221B0578B&Options=&Search=) a change was made to the AAATA member description

While this update to the bylaws to reflect these past actions is fairly perfunctory, this exercise affords the Transportation Commission the opportunity to review the bylaws in their totality and make other recommendations as they see fit – consistent with Article 11 which calls for an annual review of the bylaws by the Commission. To this end, Staff suggested an additional change to the staff support language identified in Article 12. Some additional minor changes were made since last month's draft to allow for alternates/designees as was requested by the Transportation Commission.

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Proposed action: Recommend approval of the proposed changes to the Transportation Commission Bylaws and forward to City Council for adoption.

Enforcement Transparency Resolution

Chair Kleinman has been working with the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission on a resolution related to enforcement.

Proposed action: Approve the Enforcement Transparency Resolution

Vision Zero Implementation Committee

The first meeting of the Vision Zero Implementation Committee was held on February 23, 2022. The intent of the Committee is to guide the development of the Vision Zero Implementation Strategy. Staff suggests that this Committee is best suited to be housed under Transportation Commission. This was suggested at the February 23rd committee meeting and no objections were raised. A draft project charter is included in the packet – suggested revisions and additions are welcome. Additional background materials are available on the project website: www.a2gov.org/visionzero. (As a reminder, the Transportation Commission selected its representatives on December 15, 2021 – namely Julie Boland and Bret Hautamaki)

Proposed action: Establish the Vision Zero Implementation Committee as a Committee of the Transportation Commission and approve the charter

Street Resurfacing and Related Projects

The 2022 Street Resurfacing Program and Related Projects will be presented. This annual presentation will highlight which areas of the City and roadways/paths are slated for rehabilitation or preservation work in the upcoming construction cycle.

AAATA Long Range Plan

TheRide is in the process to complete its Long-Range Plan: TheRide 2045. TheRide 2045 will provide a vision, a long-term system plan and shorter-term implementation steps for public transit in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area. The plan focuses on improving social equity by increasing access to jobs and housing, while also contributing to a cleaner environment and a vibrant economy.

Last fall, four plan scenarios were presented to the public and TheRide engaged about 1400 people through surveys, online public meetings, in-person public events, stakeholder meetings, direct emails, and social media. Based on their feedback and further technical analysis, draft recommendations have been developed and will be available for public review and feedback from March 14 to April 15. Details of TheRide 2045 including public engagement opportunities and other background information can be found on the project website: https://www.theride.org/about/projects/theride-2045

AAATA Millage

The millage (aka property tax) which helps support the AAATA and its transit operations is up for renewal next year. AAATA staff will give an overview on the proposed approach and timeline to put this millage on the ballot.

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City Council Transportation Issues

At the February Transportation Commission meeting, Councilmember Briggs encouraged the Commission to provide suggestions on transportation issues that could be brought before City Council for their consideration. The Transportation Commission is encouraged to review the Policy Agenda Recommendations approved by the Transportation Commission in January *and identify their top 3 issue areas* as this will help facilitate the discussion:

http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5382443&GUID=9E4DF78B-12BE-4039-ABA3-7FC86AEA1952&Options=&Search=. In particular, page 2 of the document highlights the "local agenda" which can help inform this discussion.

Communications

- Staff report and updates the monthly transportation progress report is included in the packet
- American Rescue Plan Act Update the final staff recommendation on ARPA fund prioritization was provided to City Council in March.
- Lower Town Study Final Report the Lower Town Study has been finished and is shared with the Transportation Commission.
- Ann Arbor Station a letter from the City to FRA on how to advance the Environmental Assessment document is provided is shared with the Transportation Commission.

Liaison Reports

Vision Zero Implementation Committee – Materials from the February 23rd meeting can be found on the project website: www.a2gov.org/visionzero.
 Commissioners can see the initial slate of 'quick build' recommendations in the presentation

(https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/Documents/A2%20Implementation_VZIC_Meeting%201%20Presentation_20220208.pdf) starting on slide 30.