Bike Lane Maintenance

Whereas, Ann Arbor's Moving Together Toward Vision Zero Comprehensive Transportation Plan names protected bike lanes as a key tool for creating All Ages and Abilities Bike Routes on major streets;

Whereas, Ann Arbor's Moving Together Toward Vision Zero Comprehensive Transportation Plan calls for installing 5 miles of new or upgraded low stress bike routes each year;

Whereas, Ann Arbor currently has only 1.8 miles of protected bike lane, all of which are in the downtown, and all of which are two-way facilities large enough for a standard-sized snow plow and street sweeper;

Whereas, the Vision Zero Implementation Committee has identified 5 major streets as top priority corridors in need of low stress, all ages and abilities bicycle facilities;

Whereas, the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of equipment appropriate to sweep and plow single-direction protected bike lanes is currently a major barrier to the installation of protected bike lanes throughout Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission requests that City Council direct the City Administrator to work with appropriate staff to determine departmental responsibility for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of snow plows, street sweepers, and other equipment necessary for the year-round operation of single-direction protected bike lanes;

RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission requests that in the upcoming budget cycle, City Council allocate sufficient funds for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of snow plows, street sweepers, and other equipment necessary for the year-round operation of single-direction protected bike lanes.