



*...to foster excellence in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of a sustainable and resilient multimodal transportation network...*

## City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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# AT A GLANCE

## LOGISTICS

**10** Voting Members  
**5** Non-Voting Members

**12** Meetings

**2** New Committee  
Member  
Appointments

**79** Staff & Commissioner  
Presentations & Updates

**96** Public  
Communications

**3** Active Committees  
**2** Committee Meetings

**3** New Commissioner  
Appointments

## TOPICS

Transportation  
Plan Update

Street  
Resurfacing

Healthy  
Streets

And  
More!

Capital  
Improvement  
Plan

Traffic  
Calming

# FOREWORD

## FROM THE CHAIR

In this my third and final year as Transportation Commission chair, we find ourselves adjusting to a new normal in which we are now dealing with waves of not just one pandemic but many, work and travel patterns appear permanently altered by increased remote work, and motor vehicles grow bigger and heavier every year. Here in Ann Arbor, the city has completed the first few projects rooted in our Moving Together Towards Vision Zero Comprehensive Transportation Plan, adopted in 2020, with the promise of more to come. Our 5-year trend for crashes that result in death or serious injury is heading downward, at a time when those numbers in Michigan and across the US are climbing sharply. My hope, as I pass the baton to our next chair, is that Ann Arbor continues to build on our successes and accelerates our work to build a transportation network that is safer, more equitable, and more sustainable than the one we have today.

The Transportation Commission has continued to work effectively with City Council and staff to help move Ann Arbor toward our transportation safety, inclusion, accessibility, and Vision Zero goals. The Commission plays an important part in Ann Arbor's planning and policy process, and Commissioners bring a wide range of expertise and experience to help the city address transportation challenges, decision making, and future planning. Details of our work are contained in this report, and a few highlights are below.

**No Turn on Red Downtown:** In August, Transportation Commission passed a resolution recommending that City Council ban right turns on red in the Downtown area, with some exceptions on transit routes. City Council approved their resolution (R-22-325) in October 2022, and city staff are currently working on its implementation.

**State Trunkline Transfer Study:** In January, Transportation Commission learned about a potential study about shifting control over MDOT trunkline routes to the city of Ann Arbor. Commissioners voiced our support of this study, and in December 2022 City Council funded the study (R-22-391), which is now underway.

**Vision Zero Implementation & Traffic Calming Committees:** Transportation Commission chartered two new committees this year, the Vision Zero Implementation committee, to help the city translate the goals articulated in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan into action, and the Traffic Calming Committee, to revisit the city's neighborhood-initiated traffic calming program, which is currently a victim of its own wild success. As TC's inaugural chair, the late Linda Diane Feldt put it, the real work of commissions happens in committees.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Transportation Commission chair these last three years. I look forward to continuing to serve as a commission member, and to work in partnership with City Council, staff, and my fellow commissioners to build a transportation system that works for all road users

-Molly Kleinman

## COMMISSION ROSTER

### VOTING MEMBERS

Molly Kleinman (Chair)  
Bret Hautamaki (Vice Chair)  
Julie Boland  
Megan Brovan  
Suzette Wanninkhof  
Areli Balderrama/Peter Houk  
Jim Summers  
Bryan Smith/Forest Yang (AAATA)  
Tim Hull/Larry Keeler (Commission on Disability Issues)  
Erica Briggs/Dharma Akmon (Councilmember)  
Wonwoo Lee (Planning Commission)

### NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Liz Margolis (AAPS)  
Lieutenant Mike Scherba (Chief of Police Designee)  
Raymond Hess (Transportation Manager)  
Nicholas Hutchinson (City Engineer)  
Ben Stupka (RTA)

### Attending Staff

Christopher Cespedes  
(Management Assistant)

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# MOTIONS & ACTIONS

## JANUARY 19, 2022

### **FY 2023 Policy Agenda**

A motion was made by Wanninkhof, seconded by Brovan, that the Transportation Commission FY23 Policy Agenda Input as presented be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/14/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: forwarded to City Council*

### **DDA People Friendly Streets**

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Hautamaki, that the resolution of support for the State Street Project as included in the packet be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/14/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

### **Longman/Fairview Traffic Calming Petition**

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Hautamaki, that the Longman/Fairview Traffic Calming Petition as spelled out in the draft resolution be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/14/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: approved by City Council*

### **Transportation Commission 2021 Annual Report**

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Calendar Year 2021 Annual Report be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/14/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: forwarded to City Council*

### **Transportation Commission FY2023 Policy Agenda Input**

A motion was made by Wanninkhof, seconded by Brovan, that the Transportation Commission FY23 Policy Agenda Input be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: forwarded to City Council*

## FEBRUARY 16

### **Northside Ave Traffic Calming Resolution and Final Plan**

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Hautamaki, that the resolution of support for the State Street Project as included in the packet be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 3/14/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: approved by City Council*

## MARCH 16

### **Transportation Commission Bylaws Amendment**

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Lee that the changes to the Transportation Commission bylaws be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: approved by City Council*

### **Enforcement Transparency**

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Brovan, that the Traffic Stop Transparency Resolution be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: forwarded to City Council*

## April 20

**No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.**

## MAY 18

### **Proposed Amendments to Ann Arbor City Code Chapter 55 Unified Development**

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Brovan, that the Transportation Commission recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the Ann Arbor City Code Chapter 55 Unified Development Code related to parking requirements. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 abstention.

*Outcome: approved by the City Planning Commission and City Council*

### **S. Division cycle track and parking removal**

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Boland, that the Transportation Commission recommend the removal of on-street parking on portions of Division Street to accommodate a cycle track. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: approved by City Council*

## JUNE 15

### **State and Hill Street Project Update**

The Commission amended the agenda to hear the presentation on the State and Hill Street Project before the Capital Improvement Plan. The vote was unanimous.

## JULY 20

**No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.**

## AUGUST 17

### **No Turn on Red Downtown**

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Wanninkhof, that the approval of the proposed resolution to restrict turn on red in the downtown area be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council, and due by 9/21/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: approved by City Council*

### **Traffic Calming Committee Charter**

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Brovan, that the recommended approval of the proposed Traffic Calming Committee Charter be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council, due by 9/21/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: Committee created*

### **Safe Streets for All Grant Application**

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Lee, that the recommended approval of submitting the Safe Streets for All Grant application was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council, and due by 9/21/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: approved by City Council and submitted.*

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Boland, to postpone this item to next month to allow time for staff to review and provide recommendations. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## SEPTEMBER 21

### **Ordinance and Bylaws Amendment**

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Keeler, that the recommended changes to both the Transportation Commission's enabling ordinance and bylaws to remove "an owner or operator of a transportation business operating in Ann Arbor" and replace this seat with a "member of the public" be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council, due by 11/10/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: pending review by City Council.*

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Boland, to recommend approval of the Capital Improvement Plan position statement as revised and related processes as included in the packet, be approved by the Commission, and forwarded to the City Council and due by 11/10/2022. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: suggested changes were made to the CIP and approved by the Planning Commission*

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## SEPTEMBER 21 continued

### **Seventh and Greenview Project**

A motion was made by Brovan, to remove parking on both sides in favor of an all ages and abilities protected bike lane. The motion failed for lack of second.

### **Seventh and Greenview Project**

A motion was made by Wanninkhof, seconded by Houk, to remove parking on one side in the project area in favor of an all ages and abilities protected bike lane. The motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 11/10/2022. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: City Council delayed the project*

## OCTOBER 19

### **Transportation Commission Resolution Regarding Bicycle Facility Maintenance**

A motion was made by Boland, seconded by Brovan, that the recommended changes as included in the packet for the Bicycle Facility Maintenance Resolution be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council, due by 12/19/2022. On an unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: forwarded to City Council*

### **Seventh and Greenview Project**

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Hautamaki to incorporate additional speed management and/or traffic calming in the design of the Seventh/Greenview project and that the City gather speed data. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: City Council incorporated this language and directed staff to re-engage on the project*

## NOVEMBER 16

### **Increase ALT Fund Percentage**

A motion was made by Hautamaki, seconded by Brovan, to recommend the approval of the resolution as included in the packet to increase the set-aside for the ALT Fund from 5% to 20%. The motion was approved as a unanimous voice vote and should be returned by 12/19/2022.

*Outcome: forwarded to City Council (may be discussed as part of budget deliberations in 2023).*

### **CY2023 Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Boland, to recommend approval of the 2023 meeting schedule which sets Transportation Commission meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.

*Outcome: meeting schedule created*

## DECEMBER 15

**No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.**

# FEATURED AGENDA ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

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## JANUARY 19

### **DDA People Friendly Streets**

(File ID: 22-0120)

### **FY 2023 Policy Agenda Input**

(File ID: 22-0121)

### **Longman/Fairview Traffic Calming Petition**

(File ID: 22-0122)

### **Transportation Project Updates 2022-01**

(File ID: 22-0123)

### **Pedestrian Safety Improvements Around Schools**

(File ID: 22-0124)

### **South Main Street Reconfiguration Pilot Extension**

(File ID: 22-0125)

### **Analysis of Trunkline Transfer from MDOT to Ann Arbor**

(File ID: 22-0126)

### **Pedestrian-Involved Crashes in Michigan: 2016-2020**

(File ID: 22-0127)

### **Bicycle-Involved Crashes in Michigan: 2016-2021**

(File ID: 22-0128)

## FEBRUARY 16

### **Resolution to Begin Discussions with University of Michigan (U-M) for 2,000 Units of Workforce Housing on U-M's North Campus and Agreement on Additional Student and Employee Residential Units Commensurable with U-M's Growth**

(File ID: 22-0095)

### **Northside Ave Traffic Calming Resolution and Final Plan**

(File ID: 22-0336)

### **Bylaw Amendment**

(File ID: 22-0319)

### **Transportation Project Updates FINAL**

(File ID: 22-0321)

### **Transportation Mapping and Data Dashboards**

(File ID: 22-0320)

## MARCH 16

### **Bylaw Amendment**

(File ID: 22-0530)

### **Transportation Commission Traffic Stop Transparency Resolution**

(File ID: 22-0538)

### **Charter Vision Zero Implementation Committee**

(File ID: 22-0532)

### **2022 Street Resurfacing Projects**

(File ID: 22-0533)

### **TheRide 2045 Round 3 Public Engagement Presentation**

(File ID: 22-0542)

### **AAATA Millage Proposal March 2022**

(File ID: 22-0543)

### **Transportation Project Updates for March 2022**

(File ID: 22-0534)

### **American Rescue Plan Act Update**

(File ID: 22-0535)

### **Lower Town Study Final Report**

(File ID: 22-0536)

### **Ann Arbor Station**

(File ID: 22-0537)

## APRIL 20

### **Transportation Commission FY2023 Policy Agenda Recommendations**

(File ID: 22-0717)

### **Transportation Commission Budget Presentation**

(File ID: 22-0718)

### **Transportation Project Updates April 2022**

(File ID: 22-0652)

### **Vision Zero Implementation Plan**

(File ID: 22-0653)

## MAY 18

### **Transportation Commission Bylaws Amendment Memo and Resolution**

(File ID: 22-0921)

### **Proposed Amendments to Ann Arbor City Code Chapter 55 Unified Development Code (Parking Requirements)**

(File ID: 22-0925)

### **S. Division cycle track and parking removal**

(File ID: 22-0926)

### **S. Main Reconfiguration Update**

(File ID: 22-0927)

### **Transportation Project Updates for May 2022**

(File ID: 22-0923)

## JUNE 15

### **Sustainable Energy Utility**

(File ID: 22-1077)

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

(File ID: 22-1078)

### **Transportation Project Updates for May 2022**

(File ID: 22-0923)

### **State and Hill Street Project Update**

(File ID: 22-1079)

### **Vision Zero Implementation Meeting**

(File ID: 22-1080)

### **Transportation Project Updates for June 2022**

(File ID: 22-1083)

## JULY 20

### **DDA Curb Management Study**

Jada Hahlbrock

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

Kayla Coleman

### **Vision Zero Implementation Committee**

(File ID: 22-1231)

### **Traffic Calming Committee**

Molly Kleinman

## AUGUST 17

### **No Turn on Red Downtown**

(File ID: 22-1407)

### **Traffic Calming Committee Charter**

(File ID: 22-1408)

### **Safe Streets for All Grant Application**

(File ID: 22-1409)

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

(File ID: 22-1422)

### **Ordinance and Bylaws Amendment**

(File ID: 22-1410)

## SEPTEMBER 21

### **Vision Zero Implementation**

(File ID: 22-1589)

### **Seventh and Greenview Project**

(File ID: 22-1588)

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

(File ID: 22-1587)

### **Ordinance and Bylaws Amendment**

(File ID: 22-1598)

## OCTOBER 19

### **Transportation Commission Resolution Regarding Bicycle Facility Maintenance**

(File ID: 22-1762)

### **Transportation Commission Seventh and Greenview Additional Recommendations**

(File ID: 22-1804)

### **Federal Funding Overview**

(File ID: 22-0923)

### **State and Hill Project**

(File ID: 22-1774)

### **State and Hill Presentation**

(File ID: 22-1768)

## NOVEMBER 16

### **Increase ALT Fund Percentage**

(File ID: 22-1892)

### **CY2023 Meeting Schedule**

(File ID: 22-1893)

### **Transit Propulsion Study Overview**

(File ID: 22-1894)

### **Crash Report Dashboard**

(File ID: 22-1895)

### **Vision Zero Implementation Committee**

(File ID: 22-1896)

## DECEMBER 15

### **Transportation Commission 2023 Work Plan**

(File ID: 22-2021)

### **Vision Zero Implementation Committee**

(File ID: 22-0032)

# ATTACHMENTS

## ATTACHMENT A

### Transportation Commission Ordinance

1:207. - Transportation Commission.

(1) The Transportation Commission is established to foster excellence in the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of a sustainable and resilient multimodal transportation network for the City of Ann Arbor. The Transportation Commission will serve as an advisory body to the City Council and the City Administrator on transportation policy with a focus on accessibility, mobility, equity, and safety for all citizens.

(2) The Transportation Commission shall consist of 11 voting members. Appointments should be of individuals who, insofar as is possible, have an interest in the various forms and modes of transportation needs of the community. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council unless otherwise stated.

(a) To support a holistic evaluation of the community's concerns, the voting members of the Transportation Commission shall be as follows:

1. Seven members of the public.
2. One member of the Planning Commission, appointed by the Planning Commission.
3. One member of the Commission on Disability Issues, appointed by the Commission on Disability Issues.
4. One individual appointed by the board of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.
5. One member of the City Council.

(b) The City Administrator, the Transportation Manager, and the Chief of Police shall be nonvoting members of the Transportation Commission. The City Administrator shall designate staffing to support the Transportation Commission.

(c) The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan, the University of Michigan, and the Ann Arbor Public Schools may each appoint one nonvoting member to the Transportation Commission.

(d) Unless otherwise stated in this subsection, voting members of the Transportation Commission shall be appointed to three-year terms, which shall be staggered so that approximately one third of the terms expire each year. Initial terms may be for less than three years so that the terms are staggered. The City Council member shall be appointed for a one-year term in the same manner as for City Council committee appointments. Members appointed by other City boards or commissions shall continue to serve until they are no longer members of the appointing board or commission or until the appointing board or commission appoints a different member. The member appointed by the board of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority shall continue to serve until the board appoints a different member.

(3) The Transportation Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) Advise the City Council and City Administrator on:

1. Transportation grants.
2. Streets and highways.
3. The use of, restrictions on, and upkeep of public rights-of-way.
4. Bus and rail service.
5. Pedestrian and bikeway programs and

projects.

6. Safety-related programs and projects.

7. Regulation of vehicles for hire, including taxicabs, transportation network and ride-sharing entities, pedicabs, and other transportation vehicles; and all related matters including permits, annual permits, franchise permits, transportation franchise requests, renewals, rate adjustments, and hours of operation.

(b) Provide comments to the Planning Commission, City Council, Downtown Development Authority, and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority on transportation policy, and the impact of proposed projects to the same.

(c) Recommend to the City Council and the City Administrator priorities and budget allocations related to transportation.

(d) Provide recommendations on the City's transportation master plans including the City Transportation Plan and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

(e) Report annually to the City Council and the City Administrator regarding the activities of the Transportation Commission, which shall reflect the effectiveness of the city's transportation strategy process and make recommendations for any changes thereto.

(f) Make proposals and recommendations to achieve and maintain a holistic and inclusive transportation ecosystem that meets the mobility needs of all people, including the mobility-impaired.

(g) Form special purpose task forces and subcommittees to carry out the business of the commission.

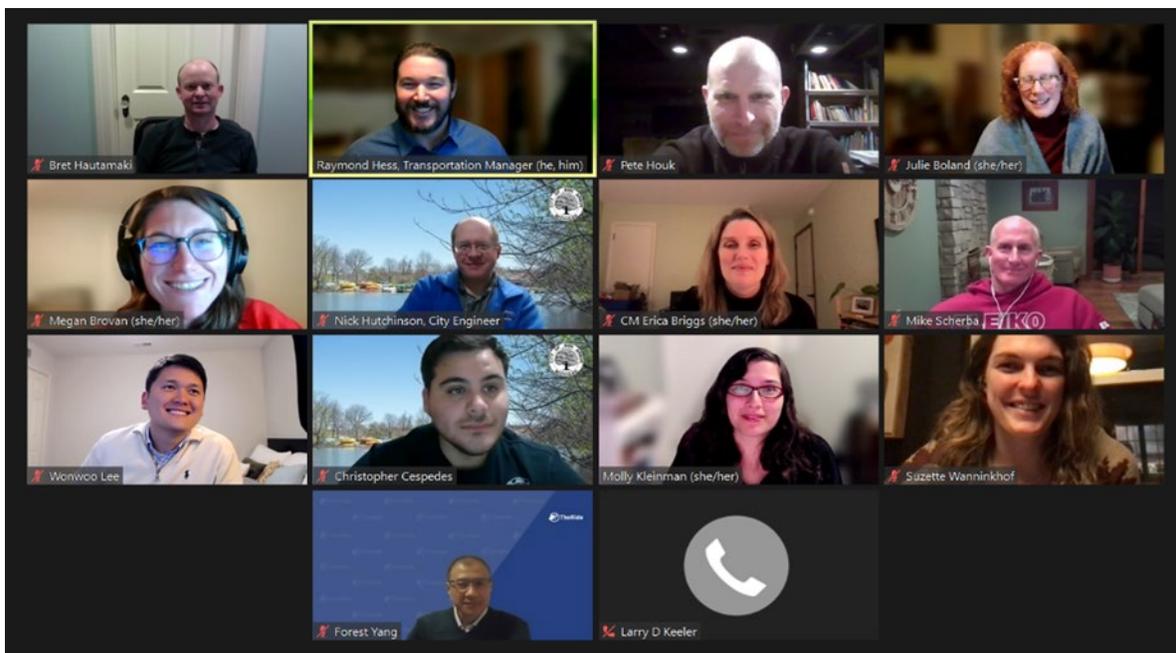
(h) Perform other duties as directed by City Council.

# THANKS FOR READING!

Over the past year, the Commission greeted new members, made recommendations on both local and state laws, and engaged with numerous projects affecting residents across the city, including road resurfacing, traffic calming, crosswalks, and many other projects aimed towards the improvement of city transportation. Thank you for taking an active interest in the Transportation Commission and we hope to see the continuation of community engagement into the coming 2023 year.

“Throughout my first year on the Transportation Commission, I have been continually impressed by the depth and breadth of experience of the City’s staff. Equal to their expertise is their desire to listen to the public, to give useful context, and to quickly adapt to feedback. From discussions of how to better integrate data and initiate system-wide improvements to learning about options for electrifying public transportation, the staff brings an impressive level of professionalism and positivity to each month’s meeting. I’m honored to have joined such a devoted group of volunteers and professionals with the goal of making transportation around the city safer and more equitable for everyone, and I look forward to seeing what 2023 holds.”

-Megan Brovan



- Commission Group Photo

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