



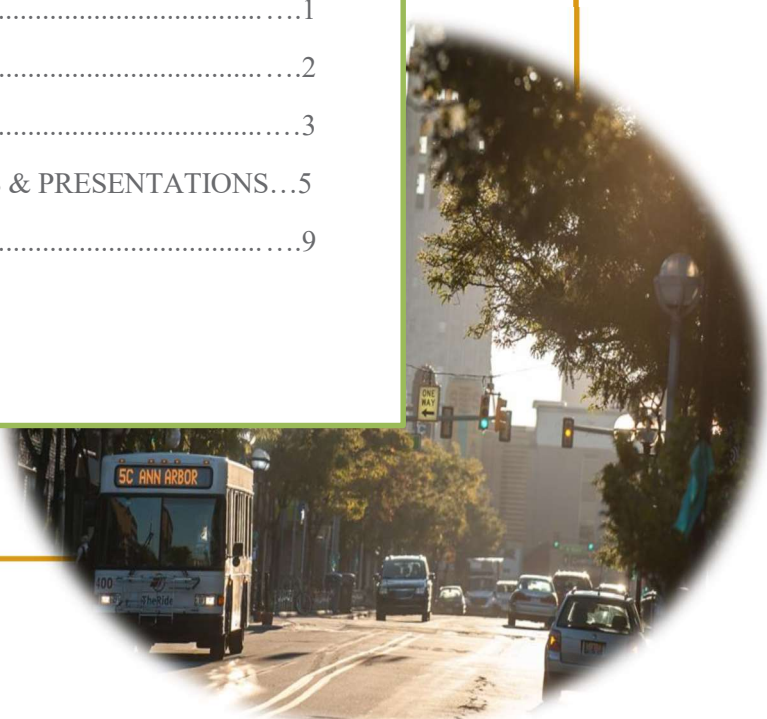
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City of Ann Arbor
Transportation Commission

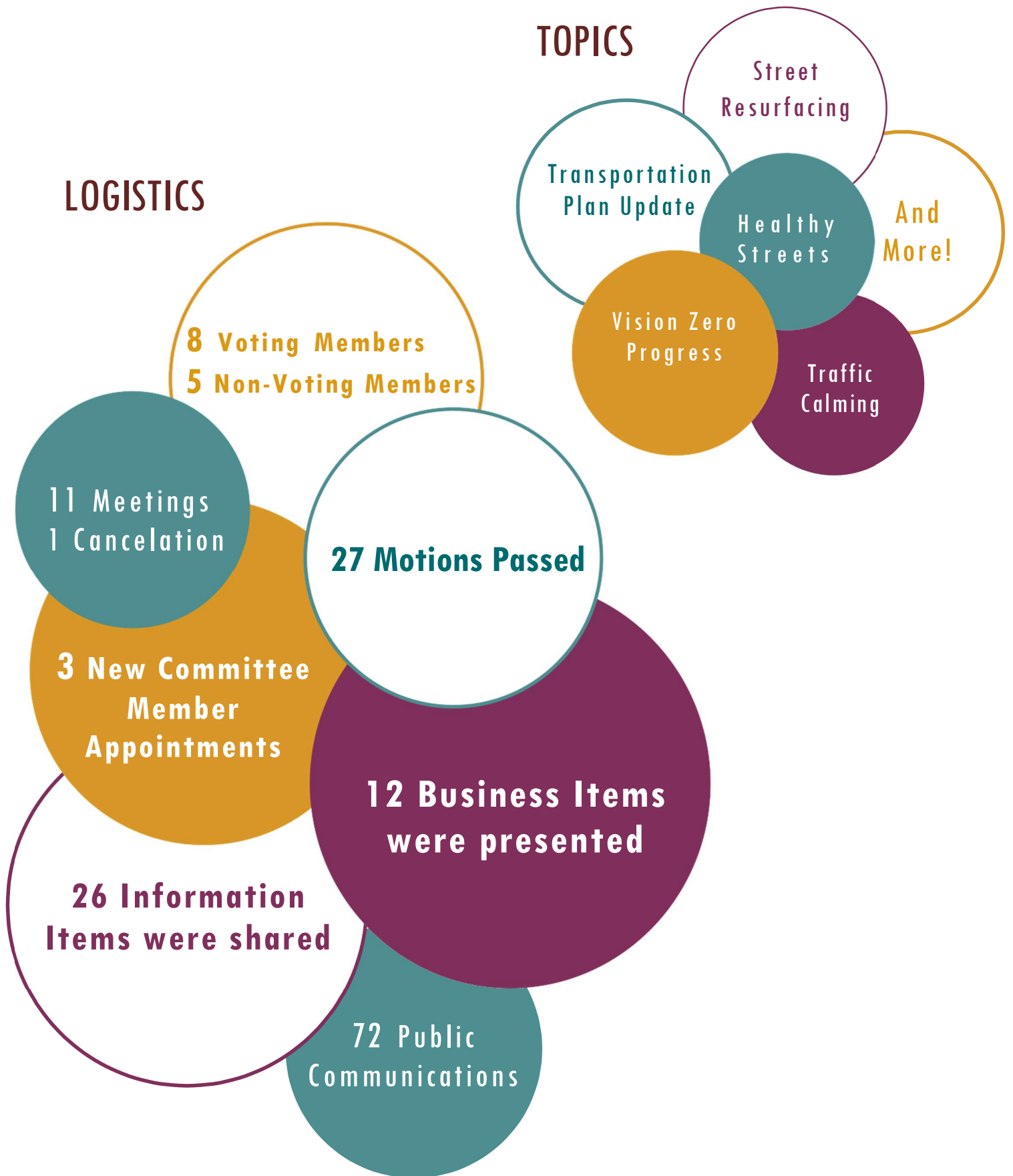
2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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AT A GLANCE



Introduction

FROM THE CHAIR

The City of Ann Arbor continues on a path towards the re-prioritization of the needs and desires of all users of our transportation infrastructure, with support and guidance from the Transportation Commission. Cycles and pendulum swings often define the behavior of complex systems, and I am pleased to be part of the effort to push the pendulum back towards the side of serving vulnerable road users after decades of focus on car-based infrastructure, too often at the expense of pedestrians and bicyclists.

To that end, the Transportation Commission's work in 2024 continued to further the objectives and plans described in our Moving Together Towards Vision Zero transportation plan, but not without setbacks. Too many serious and impactful crashes continue to mar our transportation network. Grants are often slow to materialize and are at the whims of political bodies. Financial resources are, of course, limited. And the Ann Arbor city government and staff are just one among many local institutions and stakeholders with their own goals.

Though we live in a two-steps-forward-one-step-back world, we should celebrate the steps forward that have been achieved – numerous neighborhood traffic calming approvals and implementations; new sidewalks where there were none; major new bike facilities outside of the downtown core; plans for our first transit-only lane on State Street; new levels of coordination between AAPD and transportation engineers to examine and act on serious crashes; initial efforts to consolidate city control over all our roads instead of the state; work on deciding where it's feasible to reduce vehicle lanes in an effort to increase safety and comfort for all other road users. This is all in addition to the city's regular work of addressing lighting concerns, adding safe crosswalks, and the never-ending battle to maintain existing infrastructure.

The results of the DDA's Downtown Circulation Study illustrate the benefits of the changes and improvements made over recent years both to transportation users as well as local businesses and stakeholders. We will continue to focus our efforts on advocating for and implementing many more projects that prioritize the safety and comfort of all in our shared pursuit of Vision Zero.

As always, many thanks are deserved by members of the Transportation Commission (present and past), city staff, partner agencies, grant-providers, City Council, and the many members of the public who advocate for and help implement positive change to our transportation network. A special thanks is deserved by Raymond Hess, former Transportation Manager, now with AAATA, for his many years of effective service to the Ann Arbor, and for his interim replacement, Luke Liu, who has performed in the role superbly.

All of these people are what allow the Commission to operate and effectively implement plans and recommendations. Without them the planning and execution to improve our City would simply not be possible. I look forward to another effective year of cooperation and showing progress towards our Vision Zero goals through Commission recommendations, resolutions, and subcommittee work. Thanks again to the members of this Commission, Staff, Council, public commentors, city partners, and all those working towards making Ann Arbor a safer and more pleasurable place to both live and travel through.

COMMISSION ROSTER

VOTING MEMBERS

Bret Hautamaki

(Chair)

Megan Brovan

(Vice Chair)

Peter Houk

Kate Flewelling

Erich Zechar

Matt Carpentar

(AAATA)

Larry Keeler

(Commission on Disability Issues)

Wonwoo Lee

(Planning Commission)

FORMER VOTING MEMBERS

Julie Boland – FEB

Lisa Campbell - OCT

Praveena Ramaswami - OCT

Erica Briggs (Councilmember) - NOV

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Lieutenant Mike Scherba

(Chief of Police Designee)

Luke Liu

(Interim Transportation Manager)

Nicholas Hutchinson

(City Engineer)

Ben Stupka

(RTA) - Inactive

Liz Margolis

(AAPS) - Inactive

Attending Staff

Christopher Cespedes

(Management Assistant)

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MOTIONS & ACTIONS

*** Exclusive of meeting agenda & minutes

January 17

Chair and Vice Chair Elections

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Kleinman, to elect Hautamaki as the Chair and Brovan as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Commission. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved by the Commission.

2023 Annual Report Approval

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Brovan, to approve the Annual Report and forward it to City Council. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.

FY2025 Policy Agenda

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Lee, to approve the FY2025 Policy Agenda and forward it to the City Council. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.

February 15

Amendment to Agenda: Trunkline Transfers

An additional motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Houk, to amend the agenda and recommend to the city council the approval of Taking over the Trunkline transfers. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council.

Approval of Bird Road Traffic Calming Petition

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Briggs, to recommend the approval of the Bird Rd Traffic Calming petition. The Chair declared the motions carried with seven votes in favor of the recommendation and two votes against it; the commission approved the motion and forwarded it to The City Council.

Approval of Arella Boulevard Traffic Calming Petition

A motion was made by Houk seconded by Lee, to recommend the approval of the Arella Blvd Traffic Calming petition. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council.

February 15 (Continued)

Approval of Henry Street Traffic Calming Petition

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Brovan, to recommend the approval of the Henry St. Traffic Calming petition. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council.

Recommendation to Initiate Trunkline Transfer Process

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Houk, to recommend that the City Council initiate the trunk line transfer process with all of the current MDOT-controlled roads. The Chair declared the motion carried with six votes in favor of the recommendation and two abstaining votes. The commission approved the motion and forwarded it to The City Council.

Postponement of 2024 Street Resurfacing Presentation

A motion was made by Kleinman, seconded by Houk, to postpone the 2024 Street Resurfacing presentation to next month's meeting scheduled on 3/20/2024. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission.

March 20

Recommendation for Parking Removal on Page Avenue

A motion was made by Brovan, seconded by Lee, to recommend the removal of parking on one side of Page between Esch and Harpst. On a unanimous voice vote, The Chair declared the motion carried, said the motion was approved by the Commission, and forwarded it to the City Council.

April 17

No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS

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May 15

Approval of Spin's Operational Agreement Renewal

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Lee to recommend approval of the renewal of Spin's Operational Agreement, which would allow them to continue operating their e-bike and e-scooters in Ann Arbor. The motion passes on a majority vote with eight votes in favor of the motion and one vote against it. The chair declared the motion carried; said the motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.

June 6

Cancelled Due to Lack of Quorum

July 17

Informational session due to lack of quorum, no motion or actions were taken.

August 21

Retention of Original Bylaws Approved

A motion to retain the bylaws in their original form was made by Kellar and seconded by Brovan. Following a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The decision to keep the bylaws unchanged was approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

Recommendation for Parking Removal on Pauline Blvd

A motion was made by Briggs, seconded by Lee, to recommend the approval of parking removal on the north side of Pauline Blvd between 7th and Main Street for the 2025 Pauline Blvd Reconfiguration Project. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. The motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

September 18

No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.

October 16

No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.

November 20

No motions or actions were taken at this meeting.

December 18

Approval of the 2025 Transportation Commission Work Plan

A motion was made by Akmon, seconded by Zechar, to approve the 2025 Transportation Commission Work Plan as amended. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, and the said motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.

Approval of the 2025 Transportation Commission Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Zechar, seconded by Keeler, to approve the 2025 Transportation Commission meeting schedule as presented. On a unanimous voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried, said motion was approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.

FEATURED AGENDA ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

*** Note: The File ID can be typed into the "Legislation" tab in Legistar to access files.

January 17

File ID: 24-0044

Homework and Study Guide - January 2024

File ID: 24-0045.

December 2023 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 24-0050

Transportation Commission Public Comments - JAN 2024

File ID: 24-0046

Transportation Commission 2023 Annual Report

File ID: 24-0047

Transportation Commission FY2025 Policy Agenda

File ID: 24-0048

2024 Work Plan

File ID: 24-0049

Staff Report and Updates - JAN

February 21

File ID: 24-0242

Homework and Study Guide - February 2024

File ID: 24-0243

Transportation Commission January 2024 Meeting Minutes

File ID: 24-0244

Public Comments

File ID: 24-0245

Bird Rd Traffic Calming

File ID: 24-0246

Arella Blvd Traffic Calming

February 21 (Continued)

File ID: 24-0247

Henry St Traffic Calming

File ID: 24-0248

Transportation Commission Trunkline Transfer Study

File ID: 24-0249

2024 Street Resurfacing and Related Projects

File ID: 24-0269

All Ages and Abilities Bike Network and Miller Ave

File ID: 24-0250

Staff Report and Updates – FEB

March 20

File ID: 24-0388

Homework and Study Guide - March 2024

File ID: 24-0389

February 2024 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 24-0390

Public Communications - Emails

File ID: 24-0426

Page Ave. Parking Removal

File ID: 24-0396

2024 Street Resurfacing and Related Projects

File ID: 24-0427

Signalized Intersections and Non-motorized users

File ID: 24-0391

Traffic Calming/Speed Management Update

File ID: 24-0392

Transportation Project Updates - March 2024

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April 17

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Homework and Study Guide - April 2024

File ID: 24-0691

Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes -
March 2024

File ID: 24-0692

Public Communications - Email Correspondence

File ID: 24-0693

FY 2025 Budget Discussion

File ID: 24-0903

Get Downtown - The Ride Program Updates

File ID: 24-0694

Transportation Project Updates - APRIL 2024

May 15

File ID: 24-0919

Homework and Study Guide - May 2024

File ID: 24-0910

Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes -
April 2024

File ID: 24-0909

Transportation Commission - Public
Correspondence

File ID: 24-0917

Transportation Commission Spin Operational
Agreement

File ID: 24-1073

Regional Transportation Authority Update

File ID: 24-0920

Quick Build Survey Review

File ID: 24-0914

Transportation Project Updates - May 2024

June 6

Cancelled Due to Lack of Quorum

July 17

File ID: 24-1382

Homework and Study Guide - July 2024

File ID: 24-1084

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes May
2024

File ID: 24-1085

Transportation Commission - Public
Correspondence

File ID: 24-1086

Bylaws of Transportation Commission

File ID: 24-1546

Smart Intersections and Ann Arbor Connected
Environment 2.0 (AACE)

File ID: 24-1087

Potential Winter Maintenance Program Changes

File ID: 24-1381

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Overview

File ID: 24-1088

Transportation Project Updates - July 2024

August 21

File ID: 24-1564

Homework and Study Guide - August 2024

File ID: 24-1565

Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes - May
& July 2024

File ID: 24-1566

Email Correspondence - August 2024

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August 21 (Continued)

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Bylaws Of The City Of Ann Arbor
Transportation Commission

File ID: 24-1568

Transportation Commission Resolution
Regarding Pauline Watermain &
Resurfacing Project

File ID: 24-1569

Winter Maintenance '23-24 Review

File ID: 24-1570

Transportation Project Updates - August 2024

September 18

File ID: 24-1685

Homework and Study Guide - September 2024

File ID: 24-1688

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes
August 2024

File ID: 24-1691

Email Correspondence

File ID: 24-1689

Transportation Project Updates - SEP 2024

File ID: 24-1690

Vision Zero Plan - Progress Report

October 16

File ID: 24-1807

Homework and Study Guide - October 2024

File ID: 24-1808

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes
September 2024

October 16 (Continued)

File ID: 24-1809

Email Correspondence - October 2024

File ID: 24-1810

State Street Improvement Project

File ID: 24-1846

Downtown Area Circulation Study

File ID: 24-1811

Transportation Project Updates - OCT 2024

November 20

File ID: 24-1959

Homework and Study Guide - November 2024

File ID: 24-1960

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes
October 2024

File ID: 24-1961

Email Correspondence

File ID: 24-1983

Vision Zero-Tiered Methodology Update

File ID: 24-1962

Downtown Area Circulation Study

File ID: 24-1963

Transportation Project Updates - NOV 2024

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December 18

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Homework and Study Guide - DEC 2024

File ID: 24-2113

Transportation Commission - Meeting Minutes
November 2024

File ID: 24-2114

2025 Work Plan

File ID: 24-2115

2025 Meeting Schedule

File ID: 24-2116

Safe Street for All Project Update

File ID: 24-2117

University of Michigan Transportation Research
Institute Update

File ID: 24-2150

2024 Annual Report - Draft

File ID: 24-2119

Transportation Project Updates – DEC 2024

Ann Arbor Mobility Values



Safety



Mobility



Accessibility



Sustainability



Connectivity

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.

(Ord. No. 16-26, § 1, 11-21-16; Ord. No. 18-23, § 1, 9-17-18)

THANKS FOR READING!

Over the past year, the Transportation Commission welcomed new members, provided valuable recommendations on local and state legislation, and participated in numerous projects that impact residents across the city. These initiatives included road resurfacing, traffic calming measures, crosswalk improvements, and other efforts aimed at enhancing Ann Arbor's transportation infrastructure. Thank you for your continued interest and engagement with the Transportation Commission. We look forward to building on this momentum and fostering even greater community involvement in 2025.

