



Minutes  
City Of Edina, Minnesota  
Transportation Commission  
Community Conference Room  
December 19, 2019

**I. Call To Order**

Chair Richman called the meeting to order

**II. Roll Call**

Answering roll call were Commissioners Ahler, Johnson, Kane, McCarthy, Olson, Plumb-Smith, Richman, Ruthruff, Scherer, Venell

Late: Commissioner Erickson

**III. Approval Of Meeting Agenda**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Ahler to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Plumb-Smith approving the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**V. Community Comment**

Dennis Kudzy of 6212 Mildred Ave asked the Commission to carefully consider the Traffic Safety Report item regarding the corner of Mildred Ave and Valley View Rd. He said the corner was reconstructed and narrowed recently, making it more difficult to maneuver and causing accidents during bad weather. He said he did not want added signage as he did not believe that would be effective. He requested that the City consider reconstructing the corner to be more like the corner at Valley View Rd and Normandale Rd or that this area be a top priority for salting. He also noted that the adjacent telephone pole was relocated closer to the curb following the reconstruction project. He also requested enforcement of speed limits during peak hours.

**VI. Reports/Recommendations**

**A. Traffic Safety Report of December 3, 2019**

- Item A1 discussion

**A motion was made by Commissioner Richman and seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to recommend installing horizontal alignment signs with advisory speed placards and to recommend further study by the Traffic Safety Committee. All voted aye, motion carried.**

- Item B2 discussion

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scherer and seconded by Commissioner Olson to recommend extending the centerline striping to the east until the roadway narrows to 24'. All voted aye, motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Kane and seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the Traffic Safety Report with changes. All voted aye, motion carried.**

Commissioner Erickson arrived at 6:26.

### **B. Draft Equity Criteria for Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund Projects**

Planner Scipioni presented the draft equity criteria for PACS projects. Commissioners made the following comments/recommendations:

- Consider prioritizing all facilities within busing limits of the schools rather than just those recommended in the Active Routes to School Plan.
- Different criteria to prioritize pedestrian and bicycle facilities separately.
- Utilize income data rather than or in addition to race.
- Weight projects with cost sharing opportunities by percentage of the cost share.
- Consider percentage of adjacent residents that sign a petition.
- Include race/equity lens when selecting reconstruction areas.
- Add park distance to the Neighborhood characteristics.
- Community should be weighted the same as Neighborhood.
- Don't alienate rich/less dense areas.
- Connections to other facilities should be weighted higher.
- Consider factors that account for ADT and/or roadway classifications.

### **C. Dockless Bicycle- and Scooter-Sharing Pilot Program Update**

Planner Scipioni presented an update on the bike and scooter sharing program. Commissioners made the following comments/recommendations:

- Most motor vehicle operators prefer scooters on sidewalks and pedestrians prefer scooters on roadways.
- A heat map of scooter usage could help the City prioritize infrastructure improvements.
- In future, the City should consider a regional approach rather than an exclusive agreement.
- What statistics exist on how many single-occupancy vehicle trips are eliminated by scooters?

### **D. West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Pedestrian Safety Assessment Engagement Report**

Planner Scipioni provided an update the W 72<sup>nd</sup> Pedestrian Safety Assessment. Commissioners made the following comments/recommendations:

- Consider bigger Better Together yard signs that can be read by motorists.
- Consider installing multi-use paths on the south side of W 72<sup>nd</sup> St.

### **E. 2019 Work Plan Updates**

- #1 TDM draft updated with input from developers, committee would like to schedule a joint work session with City Council to present and discuss
- #4 Task Force to schedule a meeting in early 2020
- #5 Staff presented, will be back with updates in January/February
- #6 Community health provided recommendation to Council

#### **F. 2020 Work Plan Review**

- #3 Is promoting TDM considered a part of this initiative?
- #6 Chair as lead commissioner
- #7 Chair as lead commissioner

#### **VII. Chair and Member Comments**

Commissioner Olson watched the W 58<sup>th</sup> St public hearing where Council advised staff to get more feedback on different design options. He would like to draft an advisory communication in support of the design previously approved by Council in July.

Commissioner McCarthy shared a link to an article about on-demand transit services.

Commissioner Johnson said a resident in the Highlands area asked how they can request a shuttle bus between the new light rail station, Grandview and Opus, He also offered information on the City's Bicycle-Friendly Community designation for the education initiative.

Commissioner Ahler suggested that the Commission consider reevaluating the Living Streets Plan. She also asked how equity criteria can be utilized to encourage less single-occupancy vehicle trips and more bike/scooter trips.

Commissioner Kane thanked Planner Scipioni for presenting the draft equity criteria for the PACS Fund and for his willingness to create a historical map of projects funded by the PACS Fund.

#### **VIII. Staff Comments**

- Council approved a Resolution of Support for the E Line BRT project on Tuesday.
- MnDOT presented an update on the I-494 project to Council Tuesday; staff will share the presentation with the Commission.
- 2020 Reconstruction Project updates
  - Melody Lake A/Grandview A has been postponed to 2021 after receiving a resident petition.
  - Council directed staff to evaluate alternative project scopes for Prospect Knolls A to reduce estimated assessments.
  - Council directed staff to collect additional resident feedback on 4 options for pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of the W 58<sup>th</sup> St project; staff will report back to Council in late January.
- Engineering staff and the school district are working on a grant application through MnDOT for Safe Routes to School engineering studies.
- Planner Scipioni reminded commissioners of upcoming term expirations.

#### **IX. Schedule of Meeting and Events as of December 13, 2019**

For information purposes only, no discussion.

**X.** Adjournment at 8:48 p.m.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Olson to adjourn the December 19, 2019 meeting. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.**

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ATTENDANCE														
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	# of Mtgs	Attendance %
Meetings/Work Sessions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	
<b>NAME</b>														
Ahler, Mindy	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	75%
Johnson, Kirk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	100%
Kane, Bocar		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	92%
McCarthy, Bruce	1		1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	9	75%
Olson, Larry	1	1		1	1		1		1	1	1	1	9	75%
Plumb-Smith, Jill					1	1	1		1	1	1	1	7	88%
Richman, Lori	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11	92%
Ruthruff, Erik	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	100%
Scherer, Matthew	1	1			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	9	75%
<i>Veluvali, Shankar</i>	1			<i>RESIGNED</i>									1	<i>N/A</i>
Emmanual Ayelomi (s)			1										1	8%
Yeukai Zimbwa (s)													0	0%
Tayden Erickson (s)										1	1	1	3	75%
Simon Venell									1		1	1	3	75%