

**City Of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board
Thursday, August 4, 2022**

151 Martin Street, City Commission Room 205, Birmingham, MI

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board held Thursday, August 4, 2022. Chair Doug White convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

A. Rollcall

Present: Chair Doug White; Board Members David Hocker, Anthony Long, Victoria Policicchio, Joe Zane; Student Representative Ben Rosenfield

Absent: Board Member Michael St. Germain, Tom Peard; Alternate Board Members Mark Doolittle Amanda Fishburn; Student Representative Isabela Betanzos

Administration:

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist
Ryan Kearney, Police Lieutenant
Scott Zielinski, Assistant City Engineer

F&V: Julie Kroll

B. Approval of MMTB Minutes of July 7, 2022

Motion by Mr. Long

Seconded by Mr. Zane to approve the MMTB Minutes of July 7, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: White, Hocker, Long, Zane, Policicchio

Nays: None

C. Introductions & Chair Comments

D. Review of the Agenda

E. New Business

1. Brown Street Review

Ms. Kroll presented the item.

Staff answered informational questions from the MMTB.

In reply to Board inquiry, SP Cowan said if the MMTB approved the proposed changes the Advisory Parking Committee would evaluate the appropriate types of parking and appropriate striping in

the project area.

Motion by Mr. Zane

Seconded by Mr. Long to recommend to City Commission that the City stripe eastbound Brown Street to delineate the existing parking lane with solid white line on eastbound Brown Street at Chester Street, to add a "Turning Vehicles Yield to Pedestrians" sign on the southbound Chester St. approach, and to add "Pedestrian Crossing Ahead" signs in advance of the Chester St. and Henrietta Street intersection.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: White, Hocker, Long, Zane, Policicchio

Nays: None

F. Unfinished Business

1. Brown & Peabody Intersection Design

SP Cowan and Ms. Kroll presented the item.

Staff answered informational questions from the MMTB.

Ms. Policicchio emphasized the need to update the entry gates at the parking decks in order to eliminate excess queueing at this intersection and in other areas of the City.

In reply to Board comment, ACE Zielinski confirmed that the City's Parking Manager is working on updating the entry gates.

There was general Board consensus that Option B was preferred.

There was initially Board consensus that the parallel parking proposed as part of Option B should not be installed due to the likelihood that attempts to get in and out of the spaces would increase congestion at the intersection.

It was then noted that those parallel parking spaces were reduced from three to two, meaning that the remaining two spaces were 1.5 times the size of usual parking spaces.

Mr. Long commented that he was more comfortable with the proposed parallel parking spaces given that information.

Messrs. Hocker and White still expressed concern about vehicles coming off Woodward and encountering vehicles trying to parallel park.

Ms. Policicchio also remained opposed to the parallel parking proposal.

Mr. Zane expressed appreciation of the delineation of the traffic flow into Jax Karwash.

Mr. Long proposed that a few more parking spaces be added to Peabody.

Mr. Zane noted that previous MMTB study found that adding parking spaces to Peabody could increase the excess queuing for the parking deck.

Mr. Long voiced support for the half-porkchop design.

Ms. Kroll summarized some potential options Staff would return with based on the Board's discussion.

2. Multi-Modal Transportation Plan Updates: Sidewalk Network and Regional Connectivity

SP Cowan presented the item.

Board comments were:

- Connecting to regional bicycle and scooter rental systems could be positive;
- Finding a way to connect Birmingham residents to the Troy Transit Center without requiring driving would be positive;
- It would be worth exploring scooter rentals as a broad level before getting into the details of potentially allowing them; and,
- Small-scale autonomous vehicles should be explored, especially in terms of loops between common destinations and parking decks.

SP Cowan summarized future information he would provide to the Board based on their discussion.

G. Meeting Open to the Public for Items not on the Agenda

Chair White thanked Staff and the consultants for their work on behalf of the Board.

H. Miscellaneous Communications

1. Oak Street Sidewalk, Lakeside Road to Greenwood Road

Mr. Hocker and Policicchio stated they were not in favor of the sidewalk.

I. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the Board adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

APPROVED