

# APPROVED

## **City Of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board Thursday, December 2, 2021**

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, December 2, 2021.

Acting Chair Peard convened the meeting at 6:22 p.m. The start of the meeting was delayed due to an initial lack of a quorum.

### **1. Rollcall**

**Present:** Acting Chair Tom Peard; Board Members David Hocker, David Lurie; Alternate Board Members Amanda Fishburn (present via Zoom and therefore not voting), Joe Zane; Student Representative Alex Walters

**Absent:** Board Member Doug White; Student Representatives Lauren Morris, Justin Schoener

### **Administration:**

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner (SP)  
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist (CT)  
Jim Surhigh, Consulting City Engineer (CCE)  
Scott Zielinski, Assistant City Engineer (ACE)

### **Fleis & Vandenbrink (F&V):**

Julie Kroll

**MKSK:** Brad Strader

### **2. Introductions**

### **3. Review Agenda**

### **4. Approval of MMTB Minutes of November 4, 2021**

**Motion by Mr. Zane**

**Seconded by Mr. Hocker to approve the MMTB Minutes of November 4, 2021 as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Zane, Lurie, Peard, Hocker

Nays: None

## **5. W. Maple Bench Installation Locations**

SP Cowan and ACE Zielinski reviewed the item.

SP Cowan clarified that:

- Slide two should have shown Warren Court along the sidewalk;
- The proposed location for the ninth bench should be changed to be near Chesterfield Fire Station/Fairfax Park, since the originally recommended location is not actually in Birmingham; and,
- The proposed location for the 12th bench should be moved a block over from the original proposal to the south side of W. Maple, just to the east of Pleasant, in order to be in front of the bus stop.

### **Motion by Mr. Lurie**

**Seconded by Mr. Zane to recommend approval by the City Commission for the proposed locations for 12 benches along W. Maple Road as indicated in the agenda attachments by MKSK, with discussed amendments to proposed location nine and proposed location 12.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Zane, Lurie, Peard

Nays: None

Mr. Lurie suggested that the City consider offering dedication plaques for the new benches as a fundraising opportunity.

SP Cowan said he would include that in the memo to the Commission.

## **6. Woodward Pedestrian Safety Update & Road Diet Resolution**

SP Cowan, Mr. Strader, and ACE Zielinski reviewed the item.

Mr. Lurie and Acting Chair Peard said it would be helpful to see models of how reducing Woodward from four to three lanes would potentially impact traffic.

Mr. Lurie opined that anything that could improve the aesthetics of Woodward would be a boon to the community.

Mr. Zane noted that the 2040 Plan, once adopted, would also be a factor in deciding how to improve Woodward.

After discussion, the Board recommended omitting 'to 35 miles per hour' from the second-to-last WHEREAS paragraph in the full text motion as included in the meeting's agenda packet.

Mr. Strader recommended that 'Study' be added after the first appearance of 'Road Diet' in the

recommended action.

The Board concurred.

**Motion by Mr. Hocker**

**Seconded by Mr. Lurie to recommend that the City Commission approve a formal resolution in support of a Road Diet Study as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation to support a Road Diet application for Woodward Avenue from Quarton Lake Road to 14 Mile;**

**And**

**To recommend that the City Commission approve a formal request for MDOT to study pedestrian safety enhancements as identified in the Expected items of Study section of this report**

**And**

**To omit 'to 35 miles per hour' from the second-to-last WHEREAS paragraph in the full text motion as included in the meeting's agenda packet.**

**Motion carried, 4-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Lurie, Peard, Zane

Nays: None

**7. Meeting Open to the Public for items not on the Agenda**

Student Representative Walters told the Board it would be his last meeting as a representative and thanked the Board members for allowing and encouraging his participation.

**8. Miscellaneous Communications**

**9. Adjournment**

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

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner