

**City Of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board
Thursday, December 1, 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, December 1, 2022. Vice-Chair Peard convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

A. Rollcall

Present: Vice-Chair Tom Peard; Board Members Mark Doolittle, David Hocker, Victoria Policicchio, Joe Zane; Alternate Board Member Patrick Hillberg; Student Representative Ben Rosenfield

Absent: Chair Doug White; Board Member Anthony Long; Alternate Board Member Gordon Davies; Student Representative Isabela Betanzos

Staff: City Planner Blizinski; City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn, Lieutenant Kierney, Parks and Recreation Manager Laird, Assistant City Engineer Zielinski

F&V: Julie Kroll

MKSK: Brad Strader

B. Introductions & Chair Comments

C. Review of the Agenda

Staff asked that Item H1, the Booth/Linden Trail Improvements Plan, be moved from Miscellaneous Communications to New Business.

Motion by Mr. Zane

Seconded by Ms. Policicchio to move the Booth/Linden Trail Improvements Plan from Miscellaneous Communications to New Business.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Policicchio, Doolittle, Zane, Hillberg, Peard

Nays: None

D. Approval of MMTB Minutes of November 3, 2022

Motion by Mr. Hocker

Seconded by VC Peard to approve the MMTB Minutes of November 3, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Policicchio, Doolittle, Zane, Hillberg, Peard

Nays: None

E. New Business

1. 34350 Woodward Ave – Fred Lavery Porsche Review

CP Blizinski, ACE Zielinski, and Ms. Kroll presented the item. Fred Lavery, applicant, and John Corak, traffic engineer for the applicant, spoke on behalf of the application.

Staff and members of the applicant team answered brief informational questions from the Board.

Mr. Zane said option C2 was a reasonable compromise between options C1 and C3, noting that it would provide road access to the dealership and nearby businesses while also reducing cut-through traffic to Woodward. He noted that there were other ways of accessing Elm as necessary.

VC Peard and Ms. Polichicchio concurred with Mr. Zane.

Mr. Lavery contended that option C1 would be most beneficial for him and for development in the Triangle District overall.

Ms. Polichicchio said that option C1 seemed somewhat more dangerous than option C2 since it would slow traffic less than option C2.

Motion by Mr. Zane

Seconded by VC Peard to recommend to the Planning Board that the applicant incorporate option C2 into their Final Site Plan and SLUP application, with the understanding that until option C2 is fully implemented the crosswalk should be allowed to be moved 40 feet to the north.

It was summarized that the Board was supportive of option C2, while the Board also acknowledged that option C2 may not be able to be fully implemented as part of this project due to the time constraints on the applicant.

The Board agreed that moving the crosswalk further away from the intersection would be an acceptable interim step. The Board agreed that the long term goal for this intersection should be option C2.

Mr. Hillberg noted that the Board did not know whether implementation of option C2 would take a significant amount of time.

Staff confirmed that it was not known whether implementation of C2 would take a significant amount of time. Staff added that it was not yet known whether moving

the crosswalk north was an acceptable interim step from the City's perspective since the City's traffic engineer had not evaluated that as an option.

Public Comment

Mr. Lavery noted that option C2 would require visitors to his parking structure to go drive around the block in order to access the entrance. He said that would inconvenience his visitors.

Motion carried, 6-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Policicchio, Peard, Doolittle, Zane, Hillberg

Nays: None

2. S. Eton, Palmer – Sight Distance Evaluation

Lt. Kearney and ACE Zielinski presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

The Board recommended that Staff request that Griffin Claw cut its grass as one mechanism of reducing sight distance concerns in the area.

3. Southfield, Southlawn – Pedestrian Crossing Evaluation

Lt. Kearney and Ms. Kroll presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

Ms. Policicchio voiced support for the proposal, stating that the pedestrian crossing was presently insufficiently marked.

Motion by Mr. Zane

Seconded by Ms. Policicchio to adopt the signage as recommended per the Fleis and Vandenbrink study at the intersection of Southlawn and Southfield.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Policicchio, Doolittle, Zane, Hillberg, Peard

Nays: None

4. Booth/Linden Trail Improvements Plan

PRM Laird and Tiffany Smith of MSCA Group presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

The Board expressed appreciation of the proposed changes and thanked PRM Laird and Ms. Smith.

Two Board members recommended shades that would provide more shades than slats would allow.

Mr. Hocker noted that the improvements might increase both pedestrian and cyclist traffic on the trail. He noted that if conflicts arise from the increased traffic that could be addressed at a later date.

F. Unfinished Business

1. S. Eton, Villa to 14 Mile

Mr. Strader and ACE Zielinski presented the item.

Mr. Zane stated preliminary support for option B, while acknowledging that the discussion would be ongoing.

VC Peard expressed concern that flowerboxes on Yosemite would likely be damaged quickly.

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

H. Miscellaneous Communications

1. Fairway Sidewalk Request

I. Next Meeting – Rescheduling recommended from January 5, 2023 to January 12, 2023

Motion by Ms. Policicchio

Seconded by Mr. Hocker to reschedule the MMTB January 5, 2023 meeting to January 12, 2023.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Policicchio, Doolittle, Zane, Hillberg, Peard

Nays: None

J. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

APPROVED