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**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM MULTI-MODAL  
TRANSPORTATION BOARD THURSDAY,  
November 7, 2019  
City Commission Room  
151 Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board held Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Chairwoman Johanna Slanga convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

## **1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairwoman Johanna Slanga; Vice-Chairwoman Lara Edwards; Board Members Amy Folberg, Daniel Rontal, Doug White; Student Representatives Chris Capone, Bennett Pompei (arrived 6:03 p.m.)

**Absent:** Board Members Katie Schafer, Joe Zane

**Administration:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director  
Scott Grewe, Police Commander  
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer  
Austin Fletcher, Assistant City Engineer  
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist

## **Fleis and Vandenbrink:**

Justin Rose

**MKSK:** Ben Palevsky

## **2. Introductions**

Ben Palevsky from MKSK introduced himself to the Board and to City Staff.

## **3. Review Agenda**

## **4. Approval of MMTB Minutes of September 5, 2019**

**Motion by Mr. White**

**Seconded by Ms. Edwards to approve the MMTB Minutes of September 5, 2019 as submitted.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: White, Edwards, Folberg, Slanga, Rontal

Nays: None

**5. S. Eton – Maple Road to Villa**

City Engineer O'Meara presented the item. Justin Rose from F&V reviewed additional information.

After discussion the Board concurred it would be best to try and highlight the continued bicycle path through enhanced signage and possibly street painting. They requested that F&V and Staff work together to return with a proposal for those changes.

**6. Bicycle Infrastructure Priorities**

Planning Director Ecker presented the item. It was clarified that Bates Street is part of the neighborhood connector route, not Pierce Street.

Dr. Rontal said he has been reluctant to allow his children to ride bicycles by themselves on busier streets without sharrows, and said the sharrows would increase the safety of the City's bicycle infrastructure. He also said it would be beneficial to increase the bicycle safety around the City's schools in order to encourage children to ride their bicycles to and from the City's elementary and middle schools.

Planning Director Ecker said Dr. Rontal's point was valuable. She noted that there are grant programs that aid municipalities in making walking and cycling routes to and from schools safer for children. She said staff could further look into possible grant options from those programs.

**Motion by Dr. Rontal**

**Seconded by Ms. Folberg to use the provided chart as a guide for the implementation of bicycle infrastructure, to prioritize the legs of the neighborhood connector route leading to and from the City's elementary and middle schools, and to request any needed funding during the 2020-2021 budget cycle for the multi-modal recommendations highlighted in tan on the provided chart.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: White, Edwards, Folberg, Slanga, Rontal

Nays: None

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

Police Commander Grewe told the Board that:

- Signage would be put up at Old Woodward and Willits to notify vehicular traffic to the lane modifications and signal timing changes at the intersection; and,
- The MMTB will host a discussion regarding potential ADA upgrades around the City as part of a future agenda item. He said the Police Department would be reaching out to the broader community for feedback and suggestions.

**8. Miscellaneous Communications**

**9. Next Meeting – December 5, 2019**

**10. Adjournment**

No further business being evident, the board members adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Jana Ecker, Planning Director

Paul O'Meara, City Engineer

APPROVED