

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2020**  
**Held Virtually Via Zoom and Telephone Access**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board held Thursday, December 3, 2020.

Chairwoman Johanna Slanga convened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairwoman Johanna Slanga (located in Bloomfield, MI); Board Members Andrew Haig (located in Birmingham, MI), David Hocker (located in Birmingham, MI), David Lurie (located in Birmingham, MI), Tom Peard (located in Birmingham, MI), Katie Schafer (arrived 6:07 p.m., absent for roll call so no location reported), Doug White (located in Birmingham, MI)

**Absent:** Alternate Board Member Joe Zane

**Administration:** Jana Ecker, Planning Director ("PD")  
Eric Brunk, IT Manager  
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist  
Scott Grewe, Police Operations Commander  
Jim Surhigh, Consulting City Engineer

**Fleis & Vandenbrink (F&V):**  
Julie Kroll

**MKSK:** Ben Palevsky  
Brad Strader

**2. Introductions**

PD Ecker facilitated introductions between the new members of the Board, Messrs. Hocker and Lurie, the rest of the Board, present City staff and present City consultants.

**3. Review Agenda**

**4. Approval of MMTB Minutes of November 5, 2020**

Ms. Kroll noted Mr. Rose was not present at the November 2020 meeting and recommended his name be removed from those minutes.

**Motion by Mr. White**

**Seconded by Mr. Peard to approve the MMTB Minutes of November 5, 2020 as corrected.**

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: White, Peard, Schafer, Slanga, Haig

Nays: None

Abstain: Hocker, Lurie

**5. Update on ADA Parking**

Ops. Cmdr. Grewe provided an overview of the item.

In reply to Board inquiries, he confirmed:

- The City has solicited and received feedback on these updates from individuals likely to benefit from the changes. He confirmed the feedback has been positive from said users.
- The updates to Maple were compliant with MDOT's ADA guidelines.
- ADA updates stemming from the consent decree will be implemented throughout the central business district. MDOT's ADA guidelines will also be adhered to as part of improvements to residential roads.

Chairwoman Slanga thanked Ops. Cmdr. Grewe for the presentation.

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

In reply to Mr. Haig, PD Ecker noted that feedback regarding the recommendations in the first draft of the 2040 Master Plan was solicited from all relevant City boards. She explained that the master planning team would be using that feedback to guide its composition of the second draft of the master plan.

In regards to Mr. Haig's questions about the Regional Transit Authority's Mobility-Oriented Development Study, PD Ecker said the goal of the study was to get communities to consider implementing some of the recommendations made regarding Woodward. She noted that the recommendations align with some of the City's own goals for multi-modal updates.

Mr. Strader explained that he worked on the study and that representatives from the involved municipalities attended many of the study meetings and provided feedback regarding what kinds of mobility updates would be most appropriate and beneficial. He confirmed that the overall goal was to provide a general vision of desired mobility updates and to have the communities working together towards implementing these improvements. The RTA will be seeking some federal funds to begin implementing some of the improvements along Woodward.

Mr. Haig expressed some concern that the RTA seemed to be advocating for changes in areas that were not adjacent to Woodward. He said he thought it somewhat circumvented the usual order of advocacy and review in the City that these recommendations did not come from Birmingham residents, and that some of the recommendations aligned with the City's plans and some did not.

**7. Miscellaneous Communications**

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**8. Next Meeting – January 7, 2021**

**9. Adjournment**

No further business being evident, the board members adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Jana Ecker, Planning Director

APPROVED