

**City Of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board**  
**Thursday, July 8, 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, July 8, 2021.

Chair Johanna Slanga convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

**1. Rollcall**

**Present:** Chair Johanna Slanga; Board Members Andrew Haig, David Hocker, David Lurie, Tom Peard, Katie Schafer, Doug White; Alternate Board Member Joe Zane; Student Representatives Lauren Morris, Alex Walters

**Absent:** Student Representative Justin Schoener

**Administration:** Jim Surhigh, Consulting City Engineer ("CCE")  
Brooks Cowan, City Planner ("CP")  
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist  
Scott Grewe, Police Operations Commander

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

Julie Kroll

**MKSK:** Brad Strader, Haley Wolfe

**2. Introductions**

**3. Review Agenda**

**4. Approval of MMTB Minutes of June 3, 2021**

Mr. Haig noted that during the June 3, 2021 meeting he had asked for a map of Phase III of the S. Old Woodward project showing how many parking spaces MKSK proposed removing and where the spaces would be removed from. He asked that his request be added to the minutes.

**Motion by Dr. Schafer**

**Seconded by Mr. Lurie to approve the MMTB Minutes of June 3, 2021 as amended.**

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Lurie, Haig, Peard, Hocker, White, Schafer

Nays: None

Abstain: Slanga

## **5. Phase III – S. Old Woodward (Brown to Landon)**

CP Cowan introduced the item.

Mr. Strader, Ms. Wolfe, and Ms. Kroll presented the item.

Mr. Haig asked if a crosswalk south of Frank had been considered instead of a crosswalk south of Hazel.

Ms. Wolfe said that the crosswalk south of Hazel is used so frequently that MKSK did not consider removing it. Mr. Strader added that there was a driveway too close to the intersection to add a crosswalk south of Frank.

Mr. Strader also stated that they could look into moving the bike rack closer to one of the proposed crosswalks.

The Board agreed with the consultants' endorsement of Option A for the Hazel/Frank intersection.

Ms. Kroll stated that the traffic and pedestrian impacts of the potential RH development were factored into the modelling and development of the Phase III proposals.

The Board agreed with the consultants' endorsement of Option A for the Haynes/George intersection.

In reply to Chair Slanga, Ms. Wolfe said MKSK could look into ways of discouraging cars from using the moped parking near Maple and Old Woodward.

The Board discussed the bus stop proposals and had some concerns with both proposals. It was decided that they would revisit the bus stop proposals once the consultants received feedback from SMART.

There was Board consensus that installing infrastructure for potential future electric vehicle charging would be appropriate.

Ms. Kroll stated that the modelling for the Phase III proposals could be updated to include alleys and parking lot driveways if some of the merchants agree to move their parking lot driveways off of Old Woodward.

## **6. Neighborhood Connector Bicycle Map**

CP Cowan presented the item. He explained that on-street parking was included in the map in order to let cyclists know where they should be more cautious about potential car door-cyclist interactions.

The Board recommended posting the Map under the Parks and Recreation dropdown on the City website, under "Bike Map". CP Cowan said he would work with the City to get it posted, and that he would send the Board members an email once it was live.

There was discussion about different ways to publicize the map, including sharing with Birmingham hoteliers, sending it out in the City newsletter, and posting it to social media. It was agreed that feedback on the map should also be solicited through those channels, as well as on the Engage Birmingham platform.

CP Cowan said he would double check as to whether there are bicycle racks at Hawthorne, Griffinclaw, and the Ice Arena near the bicycle amenity bays. He said that if there are he would add them to the map.

It was noted that physical signs along the bicycle loop had been considered in the past, and decided against in order to avoid the creation of excess visual noise. It was also noted that the topic could be revisited if there was interest among the Board members.

The Board thanked CP Cowan for his work on the item.

### **7. S. Eton Corridor Study – Scope of Work**

CP Cowan introduced the item.

Ms. Kroll presented the item. In reply to Board feedback, she said the study would collect traffic counts between 7 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 6 p.m.; collect crash data; collect speed data; and, collect qualitative feedback via the Explore Birmingham platform.

CCE Surhigh stated he would work with Ms. Kroll to collect qualitative feedback via the Explore Birmingham site.

Ms. Kroll said the criteria for keeping or eliminating the bike path along S. Eton would likely be usage and crash data.

The Board asked the City to seek feedback from residents via the City's social media channels.

CCE Surhigh said the City could also send out geographically-targeted postcards inviting nearby residents to provide feedback.

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

None.

### **9. Miscellaneous Communications**

### **10. Next Meeting – August 5, 2021**

### **11. Adjournment**

No further business being evident, the board members adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Jana Ecker, Planning Director