

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3RD, 2022
151 MARTIN ST., CITY COMMISSION ROOM 205, BIRMINGHAM MI*
*******7:30 pm*******

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- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of **December 2nd, 2021**
- C. Introductions & Chairpersons Comments
- D. Review of the Agenda
- E. Appointments
 - 1. Board Chairperson**
 - 2. Board Vice-Chairperson**
- F. Unfinished Business
- G. New Business
 - 1. Multi-Modal Transportation Board summary of duties and best practices**
- H. Meeting Open to the Public for items not on the Agenda
- I. Miscellaneous Communications
- J. Next Meeting – **March 3rd, 2022**
- K. Adjournment

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**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
NOTICE OF IN PERSON MEETING**

NOTICE DATE: January 28, 2022
MEETING DATE/TIME: February 3rd, 2022 at 6:00pm
MEETING PLACE: City Hall, 151 Martin Street, Birmingham, MI Room 205

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the regularly scheduled Multi-Modal Transportation Board meeting for the City of Birmingham will be conducted in person, with an option to participate online via zoom as well.

Multi-Modal Transportation Board Meeting Invitation

Topic: MMTB Meeting

Time: February 3rd, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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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



MEMORANDUM

(Planning Division)

DATE: January 28, 2022

TO: Multi-Modal Transportation Board

FROM: Brooks Cowan, City Planner
Scott Zielinski, Assistant City Engineer
Commander Scott Grewe, Police Department

SUBJECT: Multi-Modal Transportation Board Duties

Birmingham's Multi-Modal Transportation Board (MMTB) is a non-administrative board serving solely in an advisory capacity. In that capacity the board may make recommendations to the city commission but may not assume any legislative or administrative authority of the city commission or any department or board established by the city commission except as specifically provided in this chapter. The multi-modal transportation board is not authorized to expend city funds.

In regards to purpose and duties, the Multi-Modal Transportation Board shall assist in maintaining the safe and efficient movement of motorized and non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians on the streets and walkways of the city and to advise the City Commission on the implementation of the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, including reviewing project phasing and budgeting. In furtherance of its purpose, the board shall endeavor to provide the following:

1. Advice on the implementation of the city's multi-modal transportation plan to the city commission.
2. Review of the multi-modal transportation plan to assure that it remains current with citywide multi-modal transportation movements and regional transportation plans and initiatives.
3. An objective and technical multi-modal evaluation of plans for all road reconstruction and road resurfacing projects, sidewalk and pedestrian crossing projects, intersection or bridge projects, bicycle and transit facility improvement projects.
4. An objective and technical evaluation of transportation issues brought to the attention of or identified by the board.
5. An objective and technical evaluation of the transportation plan submitted for proposed development or redevelopment, as referred to the board by the planning board.
6. An objective and technical multi-modal evaluation of site plans submitted for proposed development or redevelopment, as referred to the board by the planning board.

7. An objective and technical multi-modal evaluation of any ordinance amendments related to transportation issues, as referred to the board by the planning board or city commission.
8. The application of accepted transportation engineering practices, multi-modal transportation planning and complete streets practices and national standards, including those published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, in solving and preventing transportation problems.
9. Objective and technical recommendations regarding transportation engineering safety issues to the city commission.
10. A forum for the voluntary coordination of groups interested in transportation issues.
11. A forum to review and decide appeals of administrative decisions made by the police department on transportation-related regulatory requests under article VII of this chapter.

In November of 2013, the City of Birmingham approved the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (MMTP). This document serves as a guiding document for the Multi-Modal Transportation Board on items related to road reconstruction and road resurfacing projects, sidewalk and pedestrian crossing projects, intersection or bridge projects, and bicycle and transit facility improvement projects. When the City anticipates an upcoming project listed above, The Multi-Modal Transportation Board will review the scope of the project, consider its relation to the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, then make a recommendation to City Commission.

The Multi-Modal Transportation Board is also charged with reviewing accepted transportation engineering practices, complete streets practices, and national standards in solving and preventing transportation problems. City staff along with City consultants have and will continue to provide the Multi-Modal Transportation Board with best practices and current trends throughout the region and nation, and will provide any updates from regional and state transportation organizations related to Birmingham.

As an overview of innovative and best practices in multi-modal transportation, the City's consultants have put together a summary of items related to MMTB and topics that the MMTB typically considers during project and policy reviews. The full presentation will be provided during the Board meeting on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022.



MEMORANDUM

(Planning Division)

DATE: January 28, 2022

TO: Multi-Modal Transportation Board

FROM: Brooks Cowan, City Planner
Scott Zielinski, Assistant City Engineer
Commander Scott Grewe, Police Department

SUBJECT: Communications

1. On Monday January 24th, 2022, The City Commission approved the MMTB's recommendation of Woodward safety items for MDOT to study and the Resolution in Support of a Road Diet for Woodward Avenue. Now that the resolution has been approved, City staff and consultants are compiling necessary information to submit the formal road diet application to MDOT.
2. City staff recommends field trips to walk, bike, and ride around Birmingham's infrastructure as well as neighboring regions. The board may wish to discuss field trips for the spring, summer, and/or fall that could serve as good learning opportunities when the weather is nice.