

City Of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board
Thursday, June 1, 2023

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, June 1, 2023. Chair White convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

A. Rollcall

Present: Chair Doug White, Vice-Chair Tom Peard; Board Member David Hocker;
Alternate Board Members Gordon Davies, Patrick Hillberg

Absent: Board Members Mark Doolittle, Anthony Long, Victoria Policicchio, Joe Zane;
Student Representatives Sophie Hanawalt, Angie Sharma

Staff: Senior Planner Cowan; City Engineer Coatta, City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn,
Police Captain Kearney

F&V: Julie Kroll

MKSK: Brad Strader

B. Introductions & Chair Comments

Mr. Hocker provided the Board's introductory comments.

C. Review of the Agenda

D. Approval of MMTB Minutes of May 4, 2023

In reply to Board comment, Staff said they would review the May 4, 2023 meeting recording, make any appropriate amendments to the minutes, and return the minutes for future approval.

Motion by Mr. Hocker

Seconded by VC Peard to defer approval of the MMTB Minutes of May 4, 2023 until the next MMTB meeting.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Peard, White, Davies, Hillberg

Nays: None

E. New Business

1. Adams Road Signal Timing

Ahmad Jawad, Signal System Engineer for Oakland County, gave a presentation and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board comments were as follows:

- Trying to cross Chesterfield on Quarton by bicycle after 2 p.m. has become more difficult due to a time of day change. There are no pedestrian crosswalks east of Adams Road and no pedestrian crosswalks on Quarton Road. Mr. Jawad's presentation did not represent a public policy document. The Signal Systems Department with Oakland County does not presently track pedestrian or bicycle traffic, which means Oakland County is only optimizing for vehicular traffic; and,
- Optimizing traffic along Adams may be undesirable because it may encourage more vehicles to take Adams instead of Woodward.

2. MMTB Field Trip Review

SP Cowan presented the item.

Board comments were as follows:

- Vehicle drivers did not seem to recognize sharrows;
- Bike lanes are effective just with a painted, dedicated lane and do not need additional equipment; and,
- The trip was valuable and SP Cowan did a good job planning the trip.

3. 2024 Road Improvement Plan Review

SP Cowan and Mr. Strader presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board comments were as follows:

- It would be appropriate to encourage the users of Pierce Alley to be mindful of the various kinds of traffic they may encounter within the Alley; and,
- It might be better not to encourage pedestrians to use these alleys as they are not useful pedestrian shortcuts and not geared towards pedestrians.

F. Unfinished Business

1. S. Eton Road Design Concepts, 14 Mile to Yosemite

SP Cowan and Mr. Strader presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board comments were as follows:

- Signage should be added to promote parking in the angled parking spaces;
- Bumpouts are appropriate for slowing traffic;
- It would make sense to make changes both north and south of Lincoln in order to create a corridor;
- It might be appropriate to have a narrower bicycle area south of Lincoln and a wider bicycle area north of Lincoln unless the bicycle area south of Lincoln led into a similar space in Royal Oak;
- Children sometimes ride northbound on S. Eton; and,
- Enhanced connectivity is valuable and a priority of the MMTB.

Motion by Mr. Hocker

Seconded by VC Peard to recommend to the City Commission that S. Eton north of Lincoln be designed as indicated in Alternative Two with the following amenities including:

- 1. That the public parking spaces in front of Bullyard Lumber be properly marked; and,**
- 2. That 30 foot setbacks from intersections and pedestrian crosswalks be in place.**

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Hocker, Peard, White, Davies, Hillberg

Nays: None

Motion by Mr. Hillberg

Seconded by Mr. Davies to recommend to the City Commission that S. Eton south of Lincoln Ave be designed as indicated in Alternative One so that Alternative One gracefully merges into Alternative Two in the north of Lincoln plan.

Motion carried, 4-1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Peard, White, Davies, Hillberg

Nays: Hocker

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

Malcolm Hendy spoke regarding Northlawn.

Mr. Hocker asked for an update on the Cranbrook non-motorized shared youth path at a future meeting.

H. Miscellaneous Communications

I. Next Meeting

J. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner Director

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist