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AGENDA

May 20, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
54-B District Courtroom 2
101 Linden Street
East Lansing, MI 48823

1. ROLL CALL
2. ELECTION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION VICE CHAIRPERSON
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2019
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION
7. AUDIENCE COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

BUSINESS AGENDA

8. **NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN REVIEW**
The Greenway Collaborative, Inc. (2011, May 11). *City of East Lansing Non-motorized Transportation Plan*. Retrieved from <https://cityofeastlansing.com/DocumentCenter/View/1617/Non-Motorized-Transportation-Plan-PDF?bidId=>
9. **DISCUSSION OF BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY REAPPLICATION**
10. **STAFF UPDATE**
11. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS**
12. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**
DISCUSSION WITH CATA REPRESENTATIVE(S)
13. **ADJOURN**



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MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

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ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present:

Thomas Baumann, John Boyse, Troy Fassbender, Syed Waqar Haider

Commissioners absent:

Kevin Beard, Julie Rojewski, Steven Stapleton

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2019:

Minor corrections. Minutes with corrections approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Baumann stated that Kevin Beard, Vice Chair of the Transportation Commission, will be resigning from the commission following this meeting. The commission will look to nominate a new Vice Chair at next month's meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION:

None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS:

Josh Cooper, CEO of Skoop, Inc., a digital advertising company. Mr. Cooper previously met with Planning Department staff to discuss mobility improvements and was directed to attend the Transportation Commission to discuss mobility initiatives.

BUSINESS AGENDA

DISCUSSION WITH NEIGHBORING TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Baumann introduced Tim Potter with the Meridian Township Transportation Commission. Mr. Potter spoke on the desire for the two area Transportation Commission groups to collaborate on future discussion items and transportation improvements. Mr. Potter also spoke on the expansion of the Grand River trail extension project and funding status for the multiple phases of proposed construction.

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Recent discussions with Meridian Township Commission have focused on sidewalk gap closures along Saginaw Street and improved crosswalks around the MSU campus and city limits of East Lansing.

No further action was taken.

DISCUSSION ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Baumann spoke briefly on the application process for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant application. There is ongoing collaboration efforts involving MSU, SRTS personnel and the City of East Lansing. East Lansing is the Act 51 agency and will be responsible to complete the grant application and submit to the State of Michigan. Application items and related attachments are being evaluated and assigned among the members participating, in an effort to submit the application by the June 25, 2019 deadline.

Roach added that engineering staff will be assisting with plan and profile view drawings to include with the application, in addition to the engineering estimate, application, resolution and GIS mapping. Additional meetings are scheduled in the coming weeks to discuss progress.

Baumann stated a project resolution will be drafted and brought before City Council next month for support and approval of this application and project funding. The resolution will be included as an attachment in the application submittal.

Baumann forwarded a motion of approval for the Safe Routes to School program application and drafting of a resolution, and requests that East Lansing City Council support this effort and project to improve street infrastructure and improve pedestrian safety near local schools.

Boyse seconded.

Vote 4-0, motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

Roach provided updates of ongoing road improvement projects. Local projects, including water main improvements on Evergreen, Durand and Cornell are in the final design phase. In addition, HMA surface milling projects along East Lansing Drive, Hitching Post, Ramblewood and M.A.C. are in the process of final design. Projects will be bid before July 1, 2019. Current major street projects are going through the MDOT advertising and bidding process. S. Harrison will start in early May, signal work on Coolidge and Lake Lansing will be in July.

COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS

Boyse commented on concerns of sidewalk ramps and ponding water in locations along Harrison. The intersection with Michigan Ave. in particular has raised curb and holds storm water.

Roach stated these were installed per the standard construction details by MDOT during their most recent improvement project. Concerns can be shared with the MDOT TSC.

Boyse commented on downtown temporary traffic control. He indicated standards should be changed, in an effort to avoid using angle iron to support signs. Concrete base barriers was a suggested option.

Roach stated engineering staff has been checking development areas and the traffic control on a weekly basis since the last meeting, to alleviate any hazards. Those efforts will continue to maintain safe passage along local sidewalks.

ITEMS FOR THE MAY 20, 2019 MEETING:

- Election of Vice Chair to serve the Transportation Commission.
- Review of the City's non-motorized transportation plan.
- Discussion topics for upcoming collaboration meetings with CATA and MDOT.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

THOMAS BAUMANN, CHAIR

ANDREW BISAHA, SECRETARY