



# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

**March 18, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

**54-B District Courtroom 2  
101 Linden Street  
East Lansing, MI 48823**

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT: BAUMANN, BOYSE, HAIDER, ROJEWSKI, STAPLETON  
ABSENT: BEARD, FASSBENDER

## STAFF PRESENT

Nicole McPherson (Engineering Administrator) and Andrew Bisaha (Design Engineer)

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: STAPLETON  
SECOND: ROJEWSKI  
Motion passed unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES (WITH CORRECTIONS)– FEBRUARY 4 & 25, 2019

MOTION: BOYSE  
SECOND: STAPLETON  
Motion passed unanimously.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Beard emailed regarding the restriping of Harrison Road between Grand River Avenue and Michigan Avenue and asked for staff comment.

## COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION

Council has approved an electric scooter ordinance, incorporating many (if not all) of the Transportation Commission suggestions. Language of the ordinance is similar to the version subsequently approved by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing is interested in doing a scooter joint outreach effort with the City of East Lansing. Michigan State University let a Request for Proposal (RFP) for scooter services.

## AUDIENCE COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Ralph Monsma, 1350 Red Leaf Lane, asked about the upcoming Park Place traffic impact study, which he thought would be on the Transportation Commission meeting agenda. McPherson responded that she recently met with the Park Place developer and their traffic consultant, who is working on the study. This study has not been completed yet. Draheim offered that other issues are outstanding for the project, aside from the traffic study.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **1. DISCUSSION OF THE RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING DRAFT ORDINANCE**

Council and staff discussed the RPP, on street parking restriction changes, overnight parking and daytime parking limits. Draheim indicated that the RPP issue has become a lower priority for city council. Stapleton reinforced his opinion that voting for transportation issues should include all residents, not only property owners. On street parking restrictions (i.e. one side, both sides, no parking) are being analyzed street by street.

Draheim welcomes the commission to discuss and offer suggestions regarding overnight parking. Draheim also shares that resident feelings regarding overnight parking are generally different depending on if the resident lives north or south of Saginaw Highway. Draheim explains that the two hour daytime parking limit is set to motivate people to secure a parking permit or use hourly parking when going to class or an MSU athletic event. Draheim will get pertinent PACE data and research parking guidelines in other college towns, and invited commission members to do the same.

### **2. FORMALLY DISCUSS AND FINALIZE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETING INVITEES**

Safe Routes to School application and meeting with neighboring commission member(s) are scheduled for April. Nonmotorized transportation plan review is May. CATA will be invited to the June meeting. September is scheduled to be traffic safety. ELPD will be invited to the October meeting. McPherson offered that Engineering could help determine the specific invitee(s) from outside agencies, who might be appropriate to invite for specialized topics. Baumann will finalize the schedule via email, invite feedback and distribute invitations.

### **3. DISCUSSION OF COLEMAN ROAD EXTENSION**

McPherson explained that options are proposed for bicyclists to use either bike lanes or pathways. Commission expressed concerns that the part of the project area located west of US-127, is highly industrialized and high truck traffic volumes could age the road prematurely. Stapleton mentioned the possibility of proposing removable bollards between the car lanes and the bicycle lanes. The project is scheduled for November 2019 completion.

### **4. STAFF UPDATE**

Staff offered updates on Lake Lansing Road signal optimization, the Coolidge Road signal improvements, south Harrison Road, Michigan Avenue sewer improvements and Harrison Road restriping.

### **5. COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS**

Boyse asked about the coordination of pedestrian crossing signals and the corresponding motor vehicle signals. Specifically, some of the pedestrian crossing signals will automatically give a "WALK" indication in every cycle while others will remain "DON'T WALK" until a button is pushed. McPherson indicated that Harrison Road intersections at Grand River Avenue and Michigan Avenue are under MDOT jurisdiction.

**6. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**

- a. Safe Routes to School application
- b. Meet with neighboring transportation commission representative(s)

**7. ADJOURN**

No vote was taken. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.