

**Agenda**  
**Transportation Commission**  
**City Of Edina, Minnesota**  
**City Hall - Community Room**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

- I. Call To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval Of Meeting Agenda
- IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes
  - A. Draft Minutes: February 15, 2024
- V. Special Recognitions And Presentations
  - A. Welcome Commissioner Rosen
- VI. Community Comment

*During "Community Comment," the Board/Commission will invite residents to share relevant issues or concerns. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Chair may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Generally speaking, items that are elsewhere on tonight's agenda may not be addressed during Community Comment. Individuals should not expect the Chair or Board/Commission Members to respond to their comments tonight. Instead, the Board/Commission might refer the matter to staff for consideration at a future meeting.*

- VII. Reports/Recommendations
  - A. Traffic Safety Report of February 27, 2024
  - B. 2024 Work Plan Updates
- VIII. Chair And Member Comments
- IX. Staff Comments
- X. Adjournment

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**Date:** March 28, 2024

**Agenda Item #:** IV.A.

**To:** Transportation Commission

**Item Type:**

Minutes

**From:** Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

**Item Activity:**

**Subject:** Draft Minutes: February 15, 2024

Action

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 regular meeting.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

See attached draft minutes.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft Minutes: Feb. 15, 2024



Minutes  
City Of Edina, Minnesota  
Transportation Commission  
City Hall Community Room  
February 15, 2024

**I. Call To Order**

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Answering roll call: Commissioners Bildsten, Brown, McCarthy, Olson, Plumb-Smith, Rubenstein, Wright, Donnelly, Karoussos, Lewis

Absent: Commissioner Brown

Staff present: Transportation Planner Andrew Scipioni, Traffic Safety Coordinator Nick Bauler

**III. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rubenstein and seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to approve the January 18, 2024 meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**V. Special Recognition and Presentations**

**A. Special Recognition – Kirk Johnson**

Commissioners and staff thanked Commissioner Johnson for his six years of service on the Commission.

**B. 2023 Traffic Safety Summary Report**

Traffic Safety Coordinator Nick Bauler presented the 2023 Traffic Safety Summary Report for comments. Comments from Commissioners included:

- Is there a threshold for something to be considered an official traffic safety request?
- It must be difficult in certain situations to decide how to categorize a request.
- How does staff determine if a particular request has been asked before?
- Has staff ever looked at multiple years of geospatial data to evaluate potential trends?
- Intersection Control and Traffic Calming have no A items; is this due to the nature of the requests?

**C. 2023 PACS Fund Summary Report**

Liaison Scipioni presented the 2023 Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund Summary Report for comments. Comments from Commissioners included:

- When is the next submission deadline for Safe Routes to School grants?
- What is the threshold for sidewalk grinding?

**VI. Community Comment**

None.

**VII. Reports/Recommendations**

**A. Traffic Safety Report of January 30, 2024**

The Commission reviewed and commented on the Traffic Safety Report of January 30, 2024.

**B. Draft 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation**

The Commission reviewed and commented on a draft proclamation recognizing the Commission's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Bildsten to approve the draft proclamation. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**C. 2024 Work Plan Updates**

- **#1 Traffic Safety Infrastructure** – Staff will provide contacts for other cities, information on grant opportunities.
- **#2 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Review** – Staff will provide information on implementation progress.
- **#3 Parking** – No update.
- **#4 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation** – Commission approved draft proclamation.

**D. Annual Elections**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Bildsten and seconded by Commissioner Rubenstein to close the nomination period. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Lewis nominated Commissioner Brown as Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McCarthy. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Wright nominated Commissioner Lewis as Chair. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

**VIII. Chair and Member Comments** – Received.

**IX. Staff Comments** – Received.

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Rubenstein and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adjourn the February 15, 2024 regular meeting at 7:34 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.**

Approved Date:

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**Date:** March 28, 2024

**Agenda Item #:** V.A.

**To:** Transportation Commission

**Item Type:**

Other

**From:** Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

**Item Activity:**

**Subject:** Welcome Commissioner Rosen

Information

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

None.

### INTRODUCTION:

Adam Rosen was been appointed to serve on the Commission for a full term ending March 1, 2027.



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**Date:** March 28, 2024

**Agenda Item #:** VII.A.

**To:** Transportation Commission

**Item Type:**

Report and Recommendation

**From:** Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

**Item Activity:**

**Subject:** Traffic Safety Report of February 27, 2024

Discussion

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Review and comment on the Traffic Safety Report of February 27, 2024.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

See attached staff report.

Comments received by the Commission will be included in the staff report provided to City Council at their April 16 regular meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Traffic Safety Report of February 27, 2024

# STAFF REPORT



**Date:** March 28, 2024

**To:** Transportation Commission

**From:** Nick Bauler, Traffic Safety Coordinator

**Subject:** Traffic Safety Report of February 27, 2024

## Information / Background:

The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) review of traffic safety matters occurred on February 27. The Traffic Safety Coordinator, City Engineer, Streets Public Service Worker, Transportation Planner, Police Sergeant, Public Works Director and Transportation Planner were in attendance for this meeting. The Assistant City Planner was not able to attend but was informed of the recommendations.

On each of the items, persons involved have been contacted and the staff recommendation has been discussed with them. They were informed that if they disagree with the recommendation or have additional facts to present, they can submit correspondence to the Transportation Commission and/or to City Council prior to the April 16 regular meeting.

Section B: Items on which the Traffic Safety Committee recommends no action

BI. Request for U-turn restrictions for westbound Hazelton Road at France Avenue.

<b>Description</b>	Two requests for the restriction citing limited space forces vehicles making U-turns to stop, reverse, then continue east onto Hazelton.
<b>ADT</b>	2,600 eastbound vehicles approach France. 16 vehicles counted making a U-turn.
<b>85% Speed</b>	N/A
<b>Crashes</b>	Five crashes in past five years, none involving U-turns.
<b>Sight Lines</b>	Adequate
<b>Previous Requests</b>	Request to change lane designations for westbound Hazelton. Hennepin County studied and found new designations would not improve level of service- no action warranted (June 2018).
<b>Unique Circumstances</b>	France Ave is maintained by Hennepin County.



*Hazelton Road at France Avenue*

**Staff recommends no action citing volume of U-turns and crash history.**



**B2. Request for all-way stop controls at W 70<sup>th</sup> Street and Rabun Drive.**

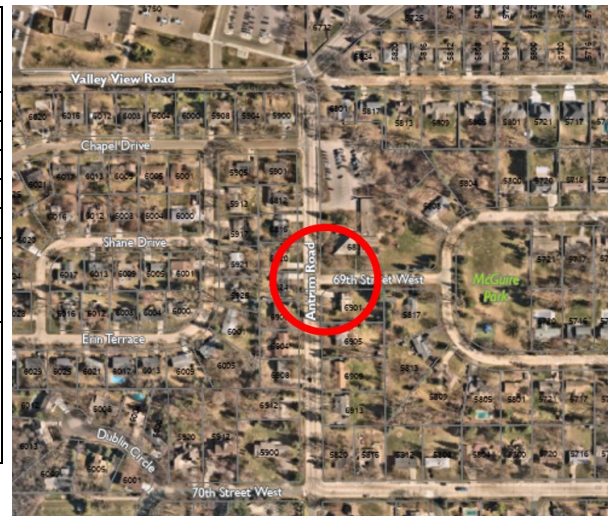
<b>Description</b>	Resident concerned with lack of gaps exiting Rabun, requesting added stop controls.
<b>AADT</b>	16,100 (W 70 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>85% Speed</b>	N/A
<b>Crashes</b>	None reported at intersection in past ten years.
<b>Sight Lines</b>	Adequate
<b>Previous Request</b>	Request for added "Do Not Block Intersection" signs for eastbound traffic on W 70 <sup>th</sup> . No action warranted with signs already in place (August 2018).
<b>Unique Circumstances</b>	Rabun is only southern access from Brookview Heights onto W 70 <sup>th</sup> . Rabun is 200' west of HWY 100/ southbound Normandale Rd (signal controlled by MnDOT).

*W 70<sup>th</sup> Street at Rabun Drive*

**Staff recommends no action as stop controls along W 70<sup>th</sup> St would significantly impact the level of service at the two adjacent intersections.**

**B3. Request for all-way stop controls at Antrim Road and W 69<sup>th</sup> Street.**

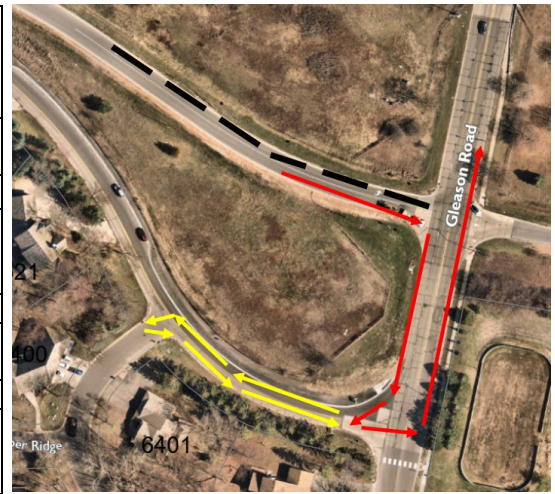
<b>Description</b>	Requestor is concerned with vehicle speeds on Antrim and is request stop controls at W 69 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>ADT</b>	4,093 (2023)
<b>85% Speed</b>	37.5 mph (2021)
<b>Crashes</b>	None at intersection in past ten years.
<b>Sight Lines</b>	Adequate
<b>Previous Request</b>	Speed complaints along Antrim.
<b>On/Off - Street Facilities</b>	Standard Bike lanes. Sidewalk on east side. A future proposed shared-use path.
<b>Discussion</b>	2021 petition received from residents requested DSDs. Staff response illustrated street reconstruction provides opportunity to slow vehicles through street narrowing, etc.

*W 69<sup>th</sup> Street at Antrim Rd*

**Staff recommends no action as stop signs are not a tool used to lower vehicle speeds. Staff continues to recommend neighborhood to petition for a street reconstruction project with traffic calming improvements.**

**B4. Concerns of U-turns during rush hour at McCauley Trail and Timber Ridge.**

<b>Description</b>	Residents within Timber Rdg are concerned with eastbound vehicles on HWY 62 exiting onto Gleason Rd south and making U-turns along McCauley Tr at Gleason and Timber.
<b>AADT</b>	Gleason – 8,100 (2014) McCauley – 1,400 (2023)
<b>85% Speed</b>	35.7 MPH (McCauley 2023)
<b>Crashes</b>	Six crashes at HWY 62 exit and Gleason (none involving U-turns). None at McCauley and Gleason and Timber.
<b>Sight Lines</b>	Adequate
<b>Previous Requests</b>	Speed concerns along McCauley. Parking issues on Timber.
<b>Previous Work</b>	McCauley has new shared-use path in 2022
<b>Unique Circumstances</b>	Between 4 PM and 6 PM 18 U-turns took place at Gleason and McCauley and 11 at McCauley and Timber.



*McCauley Tr at Timber Rdg and Gleason Rd*

**Staff recommends no action. Staff is working with Hennepin County and MnDOT staff for capital improvement projects along Gleason Rd.**

**Section D: Other traffic safety items handled**

D1. A request was submitted to improve safety for children playing along Aspen Rd. As concerns include drivers not obeying stop controls at Tamarac Ave, EPD was notified of the issue for enforcement.

D2. A request for stop signs on W 66<sup>th</sup> St to help slow vehicle speeds. Edina does not install stop controls to control speeds. EPD was notified of the concern for speed enforcement.

D3. Complaints were submitted about safety when crossing Eden Ave at the crosswalk east of Vernon Ave. The requestor was informed of a flashing advanced warning sign proposed to be installed in 2024.

D4. A resident was concerned with vehicle speeds and parking designations not adjacent to the sidewalk on Gleason Rd. Staff is not planning on shifting designations from the west to east side of Gleason due to sign replacements and current lane markings. The resident was advised to submit a petition to Council.

D5. An online complaint was made regarding an Edina Police driving habits along Cahill Rd. The complaint was sent to EPD supervisors for review.

D6. A resident reported potholes on Highway 100. A MnDOT pothole repair form was filled out on the resident's behalf.

D7. Speed enforcement was requested on Xerxes Ave and W 58<sup>th</sup> St. EPD was informed of the request.

D8. A request to improve stopping habits at Gleason Rd and Schey Dr due to drivers failing to stop at the all-way 3-leg stop. Advanced warning signs are present where necessary and no further signage is warranted. EPD was notified of this concern for enforcement.

D9. Complaints were made about poor sight lines when exiting Highway 62 westbound onto Tracy Ave. Following inspection, sight lines appear adequate and the Fire Department was informed what vegetation trimming could improve sight lines further.

D10. A complaint was made about a speed limit sign blocked by a utility pole on Vernon Ave between Olinger Blvd and Blake Rd. Hennepin County sign shop was notified and is reviewing placement of the sign.

D11. A request was made for a flashing yellow arrow (FYA) traveling east on W 66<sup>th</sup> St turning north onto Drew Ave (CSAH 53). Hennepin County advised an FYA is planned to be installed in 2024.

D12. A resident complained of drivers not yielding for pedestrians in the crosswalk over Brookside Ave at Rutledge Ave. The crosswalk treatments are appropriate for Brookside and the Police Department was notified of driver behavior.



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**To:** Transportation Commission

**Item Type:**

Other

**From:** Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

**Item Activity:**

**Subject:** 2024 Work Plan Updates

Information

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

None.

### INTRODUCTION:

Commissioners will provide updates on the status of 2024 Work Plan initiatives (unless an item is elsewhere on the current agenda). See attached work plan.

### ATTACHMENTS:

2024 Work Plan Progress Report



## Transportation Commission 2024 Work Plan

1

<b>Initiative Type:</b> Project	<b>Target Completion Date:</b> Q4	<b>Lead(s):</b> Grant Wright, Bethany Olson
<b>Initiative Title:</b> Traffic Safety Infrastructure Research and Recommendations		
<b>Initiative Description:</b> Residents have been vocal with the Transportation Commission about how dangerously fast drivers drive on Edina’s residential streets – even after speed limits were lowered to 25 mph. This, paired with a lack of focus on traffic enforcement capacity due to understaffing of patrol officers and a slower-than-desired implementation of traffic calming measures they suggest to the Commission, leaves some residents feeling frustrated with the City’s perceived inaction. To improve safety for all users of Edina’s transportation network, this initiative will support an educational campaign (such as “Drive 25”) and recommend improved processes to implement traffic calming improvements more quickly.		
<b>Deliverable:</b> Complete case study research of cities that leverage quick build solutions to implement traffic calming changes to roadways. Recommend improvements at priority locations (e.g., schools, parks, bus stops, places of worship, etc.) and identify grant programs for city staff consideration to pursue for project implementation of best practices.		
<b>Council Charge:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1: Study & Report <input type="checkbox"/> 2: Review & Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3: Review & Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> 4: Review & Decide		
<b>Budget Required:</b> No funds available.		
<b>Staff Support Required:</b> ~2 hours per month from Staff Liaison. Police and Public Works would likely be asked to provide their perspective on various traffic calming techniques and infrastructure.		
<b>Jan:</b> No update		
<b>Feb:</b> Staff will provide contacts for other cities, information on grant opportunities.		

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<b>Initiative Type:</b> Project	<b>Target Completion Date:</b> Q4	<b>Lead(s):</b> Roger Bildsten, Bethany Olson, Tricia Rubenstein
<b>Initiative Title:</b> Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Review		
<b>Initiative Description:</b> The Commission will assess progress to-date on implementation of the plan; prioritize implementation of recommendations within the plan that have not been yet implemented; identify appropriate updates, revisions, deletions or additions to the plan; and develop a community communication strategy related to the plan.		
<b>Deliverable:</b> Report to Council		
<b>Council Charge:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1: Study & Report <input type="checkbox"/> 2: Review & Comment <input type="checkbox"/> 3: Review & Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> 4: Review & Decide		
<b>Budget Required:</b> No funds available.		
<b>Staff Support Required:</b> ~3 hours per month from Staff Liaison.		
<b>Jan:</b> No update.		
<b>Feb:</b> Staff will provide information on implementation progress.		

3

<b>Initiative Type:</b> Project	<b>Target Completion Date:</b> Q4	<b>Lead(s):</b> Jill Plumb-Smith, Kirk Johnson
<b>Initiative Title:</b> Parking (Planning Commission Lead)		
<b>Initiative Description:</b> Consideration of the future of parking in Edina to identify parking initiatives to pursue in the next 10-15 years, in what order and what commissions/resources should be assigned to each. The Planning Commission will be the lead.		
<b>Deliverable:</b> ETC will review and comment on the final report and recommendation from Planning Commission.		
<b>Council Charge:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1: Study & Report <input type="checkbox"/> 2: Review & Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3: Review & Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> 4: Review & Decide		
<b>Budget Required:</b> No budget available.		
<b>Staff Support Required:</b> ~1 hour per month from Staff Liaison. Community Development staff will be primary contacts.		
<b>Jan:</b> No update from Planning. Jan. 9 meeting was cancelled.		
<b>Feb:</b> No update.		

4

<b>Initiative Type:</b> Event	<b>Target Completion Date:</b> Q1	<b>Lead(s):</b> Andy Lewis, Grant Wright
<b>Initiative Title:</b> Edina Transportation Commission 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition & Celebration		
<b>Initiative Description:</b> The Commission will work with staff to create a proclamation recognizing the Commission's 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and celebrating their contributions and achievements since 2004.		
<b>Deliverable:</b> Proclamation for adoption by City Council.		
<b>Council Charge:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1: Study & Report <input type="checkbox"/> 2: Review & Comment <input type="checkbox"/> 3: Review & Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4: Review & Decide		
<b>Budget Required:</b> No budget available.		
<b>Staff Support Required:</b> ~5 hours from Staff Liaison. Administration would be involved in reviewing the proclamation, Communications may be involved in producing and distributing articles or social media posts on the City's various media channels.		
<b>Jan:</b> Commission reviewed draft proclamation.		
<b>Feb:</b> Commission approved draft proclamation.		

#### Parking Lot

Organized trash collection, transit service advocacy and expansion, boulevard tree planting