



Minutes
City of Edina, Minnesota
Transportation Commission
Community Room
November 17, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

I. Call To Order

Chair LaForce called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Answering roll call were members Bass, Brown, Iyer, Koester, LaForce, Loeffelholz, Miranda, Olk and Olson. Absent at roll call was member Janovy. Member Boettge arrived after roll call.

III. Approval Of Meeting Agenda

Motion was made by member Olson and seconded by member Brown approving the meeting agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by member Bass and seconded by member Olson approving the edited Oct. 21, 2016, minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

V. Community Comments

None.

VI. Reports/Recommendations

A. Advisory Communication: Birchcrest A Valley View Road Sidewalk Extension

Member Iyer asked for feedback on the advisory communication to Council. Including Cornelia Drive sidewalk as an example was suggested – this sidewalk was retrofitted years after the street reconstruction project, cost was approximately 140% higher, and an inferior product.

B. Discuss Goals of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

Members Miranda and Olson worked on 'Review of 2008 Plan & Suggestions for 2018 Plan' work plan item. For clarification, planner Nolan said the plans will be combined; the budget to develop the plans is \$75,000.

In their presentation, Member Miranda said some things to consider are incorporating existing city and agency plans; impact of emerging trends; transportation options and types/distance of destinations. Since there wasn't a pedestrian plan, they looked at accomplishments from the 2008 Comprehensive Plan that were pedestrian-related, and identified 2018 goals. For the Bike Plan, they identified 2008 accomplishments, things still to be done and identified 2018 goals. He said the consultant they select to help them develop the plan should be experienced, have local and regional knowledge, aware of global trends, and understands transportation vs recreation. He said the next steps include staff issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP), adding diverse members to the steering committee which already include Kirk Logan Johnson from the now defunct BikeEdina Task Force.

Planner Nolan said the completion timeline for the Comp Plan is February 2018. He suggested spring 2017 to select a consultant because they can start collecting data then due to weather issues. He said the committee will have to be a working group if they wish to include other members of the community and suggested they begin the process of selecting members now.

C. Recommended 2017-2018 Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund Projects

Planner Nolan said the list shows projects and funding sources. He said the list changes frequently, for example, if the Council approves the Valley View Road sidewalk, it would be added to the list. He said account balance from the previous year or high/low bids also have an impact. He said the connection between the Oaklawn Avenue sidewalk and the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail is no longer being planned for construction because three of the four owners wanted substantial compensation.

Members suggested adding the following sidewalks to the list: W. 66th Street from Normandale Road to Ridgeview Drive; W. 66th Street from Normandale Road to West Shore Drive on the south side; W. 58th Street from France Avenue to Xerxes Avenue. Equitable distribution of the funds was suggested because it appears that most of the 2018 funding are concentrated in certain areas. It was noted that this was the case because most of the 2018 sidewalks are tied to street reconstruction projects. Member Bass suggested spending the balance of 2018 funds equitably and she handed out criteria that they could consider. Member Olson said eliminating the Oaklawn Avenue connection (see above) is disappointing because it is the most equitable on the list.

D. Additional Updates on 2016 Work Plan Initiatives

Chair LaForce said the Council accepted their recommendation for passenger rail and directed staff to do an RFP for a study. Planner Nolan said this was added to staff's work plan and that the ETC would play a key role.

Circling back to the work plan item he volunteered for, Review Quality of Life Surveys, Chair LaForce said he was thinking about posting a question to Nextdoor to get feedback from residents where they see gaps in the transportation system. Using some of the multimodal survey questions and adding more if needed was suggested; Edina To Go app was suggested but this would require an app change; member Brown said a neighborhood irritant for him and others is the lack of funding for chip seal to maintain their roads for which they have been substantially assessed.

E. Traffic Safety Report of Nov. 2, 2016

A.I. Planner Nolan said temporary stop signs were installed by MnDOT (their approval is needed because it affects traffic on the bridge, which they own).

Motion made by member Olson and seconded by member Bass to forward the Nov. 2, 2016, TSC report to the City Council. All voted aye. Motion passed.

VII. Correspondence And Petitions

None.

VIII. Chair and Member Comments

Member Brown said he's noticed a lot more cars parking on the street after Oct. 31.

Member Olson suggested a project for student member Koester to report on parking at the high school – difficulty, process, cost, etc.

Chair LaForce said the City is currently taking applications for board and commission members and he noted that the terms are coming to an end next year for all the female members of the ETC. He suggested being more active in finding members who bring different skills and values. He said the Council picks the members but the ETC could encourage people to apply.

IX. Staff Comments for October 2016

- Council reviewed and approved Work Plans recently; the Bike and Pedestrian Plan is a separate item; the Planning Commission also has Implementing Living Streets through Traffic Impact Analyses on their work plan, same as the ETC.
- 2016 projects are completed; residents on Xerxes Avenue like the new sidewalk.
- 2017 projects, Chown Park D and Countryside G were recently approved by Council; others are coming up for approval.
- Highway 169 is scheduled to be closed Jan. 1, 2017, and reopen in October.
- The France Avenue bridge over Highway 62 is scheduled for redecking by MnDOT in 2019 (same as they did on Xerxes and Penn). They plan to remove the median, add double turn lanes on north bound France, widen the ramp going west bound, narrow driving lanes, and add sidewalks on both sides.

X. Calendar of Events

A. Schedule of Meeting and Events as of November 17, 2016

XI. Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ATTENDANCE																	
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	SM	WS	# of Mtgs	Attendance %
Meetings/Work Sessions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	12	
NAME	TERM													(Date)	6/21		
Bass, Katherine	3/1/2017	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1			1	10	83%
Boettge, Emily	3/1/2017		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1			1	10	83%
Brown, Andy	3/1/2019			1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1			1	9	92%
Iyer, Surya	3/1/2018	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1				10	83%
LaForce, Tom	3/1/2018	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	12	100%
Loeffelholz, Ralf	3/1/2018	1	1	1	1			1	1	1		1			1	9	75%
Janovy, Jennifer	3/1/2017	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1	11	92%
Miranda, Lou	3/1/2019			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	10	100%
Olson, Larry	3/1/2017	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1			1	11	92%
Koester, David (student)	9/1/2017									1		1				2	67%
Olk, Megan (student)	9/1/2017									1		1				2	67%
Ding, Emily (student)	9/1/2016			1	1											2	17%
Ruehl, Lindsey (student)	9/1/2016	1		1		1									1	4	33%