

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

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
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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 20th Anniversary Proclamation

The Commission reviewed and commented on a draft proclamation recognizing the Commission's 20th 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 20th 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.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ATTENDANCE															
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	# of Mtgs	Attendance %
Meetings		1	1											2	
SEAT	NAME														
1	Wright, Grant	1	1											2	100%
2	Rubenstein, Tricia	1	1											2	100%
3	Bildsten, Roger	1	1											2	100%
4	Lewis, Andy	1	1											2	100%
5	Johnson, Kirk	1												1	50%
6	Brown, Chris	1	1											2	100%
7	Olson, Bethany	1	1											2	100%
8	McCarthy, Bruce	1	1											2	100%
9	Plumb-Smith, Jill	1	1											2	100%
10	Donnelly, Sam (s)	1	1											2	100%
11	Karoussos, Evangelia (s)	1	1											2	100%



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To: Transportation Commission

Item Type:

Other

From: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Activity:

Subject: Welcome Commissioner Rosen

Information

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

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.

Description	Two requests for the restriction citing limited space forces vehicles making U-turns to stop, reverse, then continue east onto Hazelton.
ADT	2,600 eastbound vehicles approach France. 16 vehicles counted making a U-turn.
85% Speed	N/A
Crashes	Five crashes in past five years, none involving U-turns.
Sight Lines	Adequate
Previous Requests	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).
Unique Circumstances	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 70th Street and Rabun Drive.

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

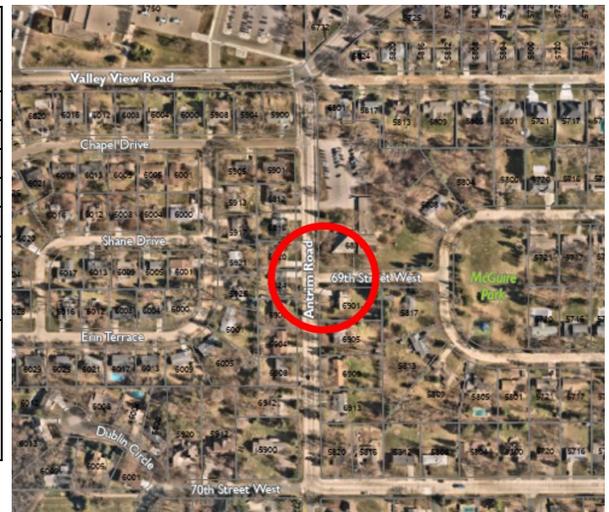


W 70th Street at Rabun Drive

Staff recommends no action as stop controls along W 70th 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 69th Street.

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



W 69th 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.

Description	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.
AADT	Gleason – 8,100 (2014) McCauley – 1,400 (2023)
85% Speed	35.7 MPH (McCauley 2023)
Crashes	Six crashes at HWY 62 exit and Gleason (none involving U-turns). None at McCauley and Gleason and Timber.
Sight Lines	Adequate
Previous Requests	Speed concerns along McCauley. Parking issues on Timber.
Previous Work	McCauley has new shared-use path in 2022
Unique Circumstances	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 66th 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 58th 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 66th 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

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

Initiative Type: Project	Target Completion Date: Q4	Lead(s): Grant Wright, Bethany Olson
Initiative Title: Traffic Safety Infrastructure Research and Recommendations		
Initiative Description: 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.		
Deliverable: 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.		
Council Charge: <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		
Budget Required: No funds available.		
Staff Support Required: ~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.		
Jan: No update		
Feb: Staff will provide contacts for other cities, information on grant opportunities.		

2

Initiative Type: Project	Target Completion Date: Q4	Lead(s): Roger Bildsten, Bethany Olson, Tricia Rubenstein
Initiative Title: Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Review		
Initiative Description: 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.		
Deliverable: Report to Council		
Council Charge: <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		
Budget Required: No funds available.		
Staff Support Required: ~3 hours per month from Staff Liaison.		
Jan: No update.		
Feb: Staff will provide information on implementation progress.		

3

Initiative Type: Project	Target Completion Date: Q4	Lead(s): Jill Plumb-Smith, Kirk Johnson
Initiative Title: Parking (Planning Commission Lead)		
Initiative Description: 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.		
Deliverable: ETC will review and comment on the final report and recommendation from Planning Commission.		
Council Charge: <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		
Budget Required: No budget available.		
Staff Support Required: ~1 hour per month from Staff Liaison. Community Development staff will be primary contacts.		
Jan: No update from Planning. Jan. 9 meeting was cancelled.		
Feb: No update.		

4

Initiative Type: Event	Target Completion Date: Q1	Lead(s): Andy Lewis, Grant Wright
Initiative Title: Edina Transportation Commission 20 th Anniversary Recognition & Celebration		
Initiative Description: The Commission will work with staff to create a proclamation recognizing the Commission’s 20 th anniversary and celebrating their contributions and achievements since 2004.		
Deliverable: Proclamation for adoption by City Council.		
Council Charge: <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		
Budget Required: No budget available.		
Staff Support Required: ~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.		
Jan: Commission reviewed draft proclamation.		
Feb: Commission approved draft proclamation.		

Parking Lot

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