

**Birmingham City Commission Minutes**  
**July 24, 2023**  
**Municipal Building, 151 Martin**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
Vimeo Link: <https://vimeo.com/848354361>

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Therese Longe, Mayor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Bingham called the roll.

Present: Mayor Longe  
Mayor Pro Tem McLain  
Commissioner Baller  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Host  
Commissioner Schafer

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Ecker; City Clerk Bingham, City Engineer Coatta, Senior Planner Cowan, Police Chief Grewe, Police Lieutenant Kearney, City Attorney Kucharek, Human Resources Manager Woods

**III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On Saturday, July 29, 2023 the Police Department will hold its first Open House in conjunction with the Day on the Town event from 10 am to 2 pm. Many services that the department offers will be on display, including State and County law enforcement resources. There will also be a bike rodeo for children covering bike safety. Residents are encouraged to come out and meet their Birmingham Police officers.
- Visit Downtown Birmingham on Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Day On The Town, the biggest and most exciting retail event of the year! Find deeply discounted merchandise from over 60 premium retailers, food trucks, live broadcasts, chalk art displays, kids' activities and more in stores and throughout the streets and sidewalks of Downtown Birmingham. From 1 – 3 p.m., join Meaghan from *Mojo in the Morning* and Channel 95.5, as they broadcast live and hand out free ice cream from the Channel 95.5 Ice Cream Truck.
- Visit the Birmingham Farmers Market on Sunday, August 6, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., for the annual Corn Festival! Shop bountiful peak-season produce (including corn picked just hours before the market), farm-fresh eggs, artisan baked goods and more from over 50 vendors. Enjoy live music, fresh-roasted corn, kids' activities including a petting zoo, crafts and a tractor for photo ops!
- Join us at Booth Park on Friday, August 11, for an outdoor movie night featuring the community's choice of *Despicable Me*. Pre-show entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m.; movie at 7:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, movie night will be held the following evening (Saturday).
- Proclamation sending greetings from the City of Birmingham to the mayor and residents of Sarisske Dravce, Slovakia on the occasion of the visit of James W. Suhay, Jr. and family.

**Employee Recognition**

1. Rachel Matti

**IV. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Peter O'Keefe spoke regarding Melton Road.

David Bloom spoke regarding zoning. Staff briefly responded to Mr. Bloom’s comments.

David Lurie and George Dilgard spoke regarding the urban forest in Birmingham.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

**07-174-23 Consent Agenda**

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda:

Commr. Baller: Item G – Parking Ticket Fine Schedule  
MPT McLain: Item B – Warrant List - 7/13/2023

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Host:  
To approve the Consent Agenda excluding Items B and G.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, MPT McLain  
Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Baller  
Commissioner Schafer

Nays, None

- A. Resolution to approve the City Commission meeting minutes of July 10, 2023
- C. Resolution to approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated July 20, 2023, in the amount of \$1,310,972.13.
- D. Resolution to approve a special event permit as requested by the DAR Piety Hill Chapter to hold the Veterans Day 2023 Annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony on November 11, 2023 contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event, or event cancellation that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff, leading up to or at the time of the event.
- E. Resolution to approve the Settlement Agreement of July 7, 2023 between the City of Birmingham and BFFA Local 911 for a renewal of the collective bargaining agreement for a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, and to authorize staff to execute a collective bargaining agreement consistent with its terms and conditions. Further, to authorize the transfer of the appropriate funds by the Finance Department for these expenditures.
- F. Resolution to amend the fee schedule to increase the following fees for Greenwood Cemetery:

<b><u>Greenwood Cemetery (126-26)</u></b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Recommended Fee</b>
Grave space accommodating one full burial or three cremations	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00
Additional Rights of Burial for cremated remains, each	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
Grave space accommodating two cremated remains	\$2,600.00	\$4,000.00
Grave space accommodating one cremated remains	\$1,300.00	\$2,000.00
Administrative fee for transfer of grave ownership	\$200.00	\$400.00

And to make a motion adopting a resolution to release the 88 available graves suitable for burial in the flush rows in Section B, and to direct Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board to evaluate the fee schedule again for plot costs after 20% of these plots have been sold.

- H. Resolution to set a public hearing date of August 28, 2023 to consider the Special Land Use Permit, Final Site Plan and Design Review application for 245 S. Eton – Big Rock Italian Chophouse.
- I. Resolution to approve the Birmingham City Commission 2024 Meeting Schedule as submitted:

MONTH	DAY	MEETING	LOCATION
January	8	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	20 (Sat 8:30 am)	Long Range Planning	Municipal Building
	22	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
February	5	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	12	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
March	4	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	18	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
April	8	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	15	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	27 (Sat 8:30 am)	Budget Hearing	Municipal Building
May	6	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	20	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
June	3	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	10	Joint Commission/Planning Bd.	DPS
	24	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
July	8	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	22	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
August	12	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	26	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
September	9	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	23	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
October	7	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	21	Joint Commission/Planning Bd.	DPS
	28	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
November	18	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	25	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
December	9	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
	16	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building

- J. Resolution to approve a revised three year agreement ending July 1, 2026 with the Birmingham School District for the provision of a full-time School Resource Officer, with all the salary and benefits for this officer to be paid by the Birmingham School District. In addition, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the revised agreement on behalf of the City.

**07-175-23 Parking Ticket Fine Schedule (Item G)**

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- The parking ticket fine schedule had not been reviewed in some time. The different recommendations regarding fines were worthy of Commission discussion;
- It seemed that the board tasked with reviewing this item was being undercut by another board. This could create a precedent where boards would comment on items within the purview of other boards;
- It would be helpful to know why Staff did not follow the APC’s fine recommendations;
- The City should consider why people might prefer street parking to deck parking. It might have to do with people’s comfort levels with deck parking. If the fines are increased, the parking meters should have signage advising parkers of the changes. The City should avoid a person’s experience with the City potentially being a negative one due to parking;
- Other factors influence parking behavior, including factors outside of the City’s influence. All three recommendations agreed that the first number of expired meter tickets for an individual should be raised to \$20. The remaining question was when the increase should occur, and how much the increase should be;
- Many factors go into determining parking pricing and enforcement considerations;
- It might be appropriate to go with the recommended, lower fines first to see if they result in parking behavior changes;
- The APC noted that the majority of the violations may be done by merchants, and not by visitors to the City, meaning that the merchants may be taking liberties. A \$20 fine would be commensurate with other local municipalities’ fines; and,
- It would be appropriate to make a change to the fines, since they have not been changed in some time, while avoiding a drastic change since it would likely not be well-received.

PC Grewe and CM Ecker provided background information regarding the item.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Host, seconded by Commissioner Schafer:  
To amend the City’s Fee Schedule as follows:

Parking Offenses & Fines (If paid before 10 days / If paid after 10 days)

Expired meter: First six offenses in calendar year	\$20/\$30
Expired meter: Seven offenses or more in calendar year	\$60/\$70
Handicap zone:	\$175/\$200

And to come back in a year to review the effectiveness of the policy and any change in patterns as discussed.

Commissioner Baller said he would vote no because he appreciated the APC’s recommendation.

MPT McLain said she would vote no because there were other variables that should be considered.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer

Nays, MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

**07-176-23 Warrant List - July 13, 2023 (Item B)**

MPT McLain noted for the public that a payment was made to the 48th District Court as part of this warrant list.

**MOTION:** Motion by MPT McLain, seconded by Commissioner Host:  
To approve the warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, dated July 13, 2023, in the amount of \$2,256,394.69.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**07-177-23 Proposed Ballot Question Regarding Marihuana Ordinance**

CA Kucharek, CM Ecker, and the Mayor presented the item. Staff answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- This process would allow the entire voting constituency of Birmingham to advise the Commission on the process;
- The ballot in November 2023 would not have any State or National offices, and would be likely to attract only the most consistent voters;
- It would be necessary to publicize the rationale behind the ballot question as widely as possible; and,
- The Park Bond and Senior Millage offer a template for providing information to the public regarding this question.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Haig:

To direct the City Clerk to submit the ballot wording for the proposed Ordinance Amending the Prohibition of Marihuana Sales to the County Clerk in order for the question to appear on the November 7, 2023 consolidated election:

**Ordinance Amending Prohibition of Marihuana Sales**

Shall the Birmingham City Code ordinance, Chapter 26 – Businesses, Article XII, which currently prohibits the sale of marihuana in the City of Birmingham, be amended to authorize and allow one (1) medical marihuana facility and one (1) marihuana recreational establishment to operate in the City of Birmingham?

YES or NO.

Commissioner Host said this topic should be decided by Birmingham voters.

ROLL CALL VOTE:   Ayes,   Commissioner Host  
                                  Mayor Longe  
                                  Commissioner Haig  
                                  Commissioner Boutros  
                                  Commissioner Schafer  
                                  MPT McLain  
                                  Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-178-23 Public Hearing - to amend Chapter 126 (Zoning), Article 2, Section 2.27, Article 4, Section 4.46 Table A, Article 5, Section 5.09, and Article 9, Section 9.02 for the B1 Neighborhood Business District**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

SP Cowan presented the item.

Stephon Bagne, attorney, spoke on behalf of the request.

Public Comment

Carol Cholmakjian and Lisa Melota spoke in support of the request.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 9:02 p.m.

Staff answered informational questions from the Commission.

It was determined that Commissioner Boutros did not have a conflict of interest because while his business is zoned B1, it would not be affected by the potential change under consideration.

Commissioner discussion was as follows:

- This proposed change would help facilitate the creation of neighborhood commercial destinations as recommended in the 2040 Plan;
- It seemed unusual to consider health club/studio uses on a case-by-case basis;
- Other uses in the City are reviewed on a case-by-case basis;
- The B1 zone purpose would aim to provide a balance between businesses and neighborhoods;
- This change aims to be more flexible and clear about uses in the B1 zone, and to address a longstanding vacancy in a B1 location;
- The Commission regulates Special Land Use Permits and it is appropriate that it would take on this additional responsibility to regulate businesses; and,
- This beneficial, proposed change was raised by a petitioner. Other petitioners should be encouraged to do the same.

**MOTION:**                   Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by MPT McLain:  
To move the suggested resolution.

Commissioner Schafer thanked the petitioner and spoke in favor of businesses that bring benefit to the abutting neighborhoods.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**07-179-23 S. Eton Resurfacing Design**

SP Cowan presented the item. Staff answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioner comments were as follows:

- Rumble strips and colored concrete would be more appropriate for the bike lanes in order to deter drivers from crossing over. Paint would be insufficient for the task;
- The intersection at Maple needs to be improved for both vehicles and pedestrians. The more that vehicles move towards Maple the more they encroach on the pedestrian crossing area;
- A flashing Stop sign and paint may be appropriate at the Maple intersection, or a No Standing/No Stopping sign with hash marks;
- A lot of thought went into the recommended changes;
- This plan would result in traffic calming along S. Eton; and,
- There would have to be targeted, and initially educational, enforcement to prevent vehicles from stopping and standing in the bike lanes.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Host:  
To approve the reconfiguration of S. Eton Street from Lincoln to Yosemite with Alternative 2 as recommended by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board and indicated in the attached plan view.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**07-180-23 S. Eton Resurfacing Design (Part II)**

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Schafer:  
To approve the reconfiguration of S. Eton Street from 14 Mile to Lincoln Ave with Alternative 1 as recommended by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board and indicated in the attached plan view, with the condition that the City of Birmingham receive a TAP Grant to assist in funding the recommended enhancements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**07-181-23 S. Eton Resurfacing Design (Part III)**

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Haig:  
To approve the reconfiguration of S. Eton Street from Maple to Villa as recommended by the City staff and indicated in the attached plan view, with the condition that the City of Birmingham receive a TAP Grant to assist in funding the recommended enhancements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**07-182-23 S. Eton Resurfacing Design (Part IV)**

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Haig:  
To authorize City staff to complete a TAP Grant application in support of the proposed S. Eton resurfacing with additional multi-modal amenities with the funding match amount up to 50 percent as approved in the F.Y. 2023-2024 budget, with Senior Planner Brooks Cowan and Engineering Director Melissa Coatta to act as the representatives on behalf of the City of Birmingham's project development, with the City of Birmingham committing to owning and operating the proposed multi-modal facilities in perpetuity, and for the City of Birmingham to be responsible for all engineering, permits, administration, potential cost overruns, and any non participating items.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

CM Ecker and the Mayor commended the MMTB, City consultants, and the Planning Staff for being proactive on this item.

**07-183-23 YMCA Lease for 400 E. Lincoln Street, Birmingham**

CM Ecker presented the item and answered informational questions from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Motion by MPT McLain, seconded by Commissioner Haig:  
To approve a three (3) year Lease Agreement in the amount of \$1 per year allowing the YMCA to continue to provide their services at 400 E. Lincoln Street after the City closes on the purchase of the property, and further to direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement with the YMCA.

Commissioner Haig asked if he could donate his evening's pay towards the YMCA lease.

The Mayor advised the Commissioner that it would be a private arrangement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**07-184-23 Michigan Department of Transportation Contract Agreement No. 22-5560**

CE Coatta presented the item.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Boutros, seconded by Commissioner Host: To approve Contract No. 22-5560, Control Section M 63051, Job Number 214051CON, between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Birmingham in the amount of \$109,900.00, to charge this expenditure to account number 202.0-316.000-971.0000, and to authorize the Mayor to digitally sign the contract; AND make a motion adopting a resolution to approve the appropriation and amendment to the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget as follows, as stated.

Commissioner Haig said he was looking forward to seeing a mast arm that costs the same as two police vehicles.

Commissioner Boutros thanked Staff for their work on the item.

The Mayor thanked CM Ecker for her persistence in working with MDOT on this item. The Mayor expressed delight in being able to vote in support of this proposal.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**07-185-23 H-Pile Earth Retention System (TERS)  
Obstruction Permit Agreement for Right-of-way Occupancy by H Pile**

CA Kucharek presented the item and answered informational questions from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Baller, seconded by Commissioner Host: To approve the Obstruction Permit Agreement for Right-of-Way Occupancy By H-Pile with Woodward Development, LLC and to accept \$5,000.00 in consideration of allowing a 3-inch encroachment of an H-Pile into the City right-of-way at Daines Street. In addition, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

The Mayor said she was impressed that the three-inch encroachment was found and impressed with the as built review process.

A representative from Woodward Development, LLC stated that the three inch encroachment was self-admitted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes, Commissioner Host  
Mayor Longe  
Commissioner Haig  
Commissioner Boutros  
Commissioner Schafer  
MPT McLain  
Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**Commission Items for Future Discussion**

**07-186-23 Speed Humps**

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Host, seconded by Commissioner Haig:



To put speed remediation efforts on the agenda.

Commissioner Baller said he would support a workshop on speed and cut through mitigation strategies.

In reply to Commissioner Haig, the Mayor said the Commissioner should feel free to share any information he would like included as part of the discussion.

Commissioner Baller supported the item be a workshop instead of an agenda item.

VOICE VOTE:           Ayes, Commissioner Host  
                                  Mayor Longe  
                                  Commissioner Haig  
                                  Commissioner Boutros  
                                  Commissioner Schafer  
                                  MPT McLain

Nays, Commissioner Baller

The Mayor said Staff could recommend the topic be handled as a workshop item.

**Commission Discussion On Items From A Prior Meeting**

**VIII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

**07-187-23 Regarding Trucks on Melton & Additional Letter - Diane Roach Smith**

**MOTION:**               Motion by Mayor Longe, seconded by Commissioner Host:  
To include that entire body of correspondence in the minutes for this evening as she has requested.

VOICE VOTE:           Ayes, Commissioner Host  
                                  Mayor Longe  
                                  Commissioner Haig  
                                  Commissioner Boutros  
                                  Commissioner Schafer  
                                  MPT McLain  
                                  Commissioner Baller

Nays, None

**X. REPORTS**

A. Commissioner Reports

MPT McLain reported back from MML’s Live with the League.

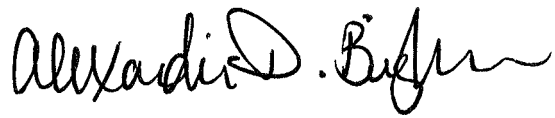
- B. Commissioner Comments
- C. Advisory Boards, Committees, Commissions’ Reports and Agendas
- D. Legislation
- E. City Staff
  - 1. City Manager’s Report

CM Ecker presented the report.

INFORMATION ONLY

**XI. ADJOURN**

Mayor Longe adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

Handwritten signature of Alexandria Bingham in cursive script.

Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk

Handwritten signature of Laura Eichenhorn in cursive script.

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

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## Large single and double tandem trucks using Melton

1 message

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'Diane Smith' via City Commission <city-commission@bhamgov.org>

Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 8:16 AM

Reply-To: Diane Smith <dianesmith5912@yahoo.com>

To: "jecker@bhamgov.org" <jecker@bhamgov.org>, "city-commission@bhamgov.org" <city-commission@bhamgov.org>

Dear City Manager,

I would like to bring to your attention an on going issue with commercial development TRUCKS driving on Melton.

Please see the attached photos. These are trucks that are loaded with dirt and or gravel.

The white double tandem came a couple times.

The red truck made at least 6 tips this past Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>. They are all trucks associated with the building of the new restaurant Lincoln Yard.

I am requesting that a sign be posted at Melton and 14 mile that states; NO THRU TRUCKS.

Our street is already a heavily traveled route for cut throughs. Many pedestrian's walk in the area with dogs and children going to Kenning park and the Swim Club.

Melton is not a street Huge Commercial Trucks should be using. It is unsafe, and the wear is very bad for our roads and infrastructure. The wear and tear results are a burden on the residents and that should never be a cost residents should have to bear.

Commercial developers need to be aware that they cannot drive on our residential roads.

I would like this letter be a part of public record and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Diane Roach Smith

1494 E Melton

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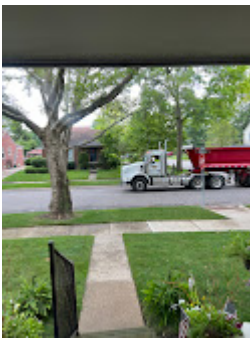
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## Fwd: Commercial Vehicles On Melton

3 messages

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**Jana Ecker** <jecker@bhamgov.org>

To: City Commission <city-commission@bhamgov.org>, DepartmentHeads <departmentheads@bhamgov.org>

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Scott Grewe <Sgrewe@bhamgov.org>  
**Date:** July 18, 2023 at 8:22:05 AM EDT  
**To:** Diane Smith <dianesmith5912@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** Jana Ecker <jecker@bhamgov.org>  
**Subject:** Commercial Vehicles On Melton

Ms. Smith,

Thank you for contacting the city to address the issue of commercial motor vehicles on your street. S. Eton from Lincoln to 14 Mile is a posted no thru truck area. Commercial vehicles are supposed to head north on S. Eton to Maple providing access to the commercial area of S. Eton while avoiding the residential streets. We will be discussing the issue with the contractor for the work site to gain compliance from the different drivers that are accessing this project. Additionally, we will have officers provide extra enforcement in this area to address those who are not aware of the proper route or continue to use this alternative. Also, I wanted to make you aware of our online reporting system where you can notify of the city of your concerns called govalert. I have copied a link below to the city's website regarding this program

[https://www.bhamgov.org/residents/citizen\\_request.php](https://www.bhamgov.org/residents/citizen_request.php)

If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards,  
Chief Grewe

**From:** Diane Smith <dianesmith5912@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** July 17, 2023 at 8:16:56 AM EDT  
**To:** jecker@bhamgov.org, city-commission@bhamgov.org  
**Subject:** Large single and double tandem trucks using Melton

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Diane Roach Smith

1101 E. Main

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Scott A. Grewe  
Chief of Police  
Birmingham Police Department  
151 Martin St.  
Birmingham, MI. 48009  
Dispatch: (248) 644-3405  
Office: (248) 530-1867



**\*Important Note to Residents\***

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To: Scott Grewe <[Sgrewe@bhamgov.org](mailto:Sgrewe@bhamgov.org)>  
Cc: [city-commission@bhamgov.org](mailto:city-commission@bhamgov.org)

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 3:07 PM

Thank you Chief for the reply,

At 14 mile and Pennistone there is a no thru truck sign as well as Eton. Going south on Eton No thru truck at Lincoln and on Eton. Both of these situations create the reasons for the Commercial Traffic driving on Melton. I am still making a request that No Thru Truck signs be posted at 14 and Melton and at Eton and Melton. We have 3 different schools impacted off of Melton and we need all the help we can get to stop some of the traffic flow on our Street. If it is posted that Trucks are not supposed to be on Melton hopefully they wont use the Street. If there is nothing Posted, the truck see no reason why not to save time and cut thru. I am hoping this is a reasonable request.

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Thank you for the following information. I will request that our traffic engineering consultants take a look at this situation and provide a recommendation based on your request. We will contact you once they have had an opportunity to review the situation. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,  
Chief Grewe

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