

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2014
City Commission Room
151 Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board held Thursday, March 5, 2014. Vice-Chairperson Andy Lawson convened the meeting at 6 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chairperson Andy Lawson; Board Members Stuart Bordman, Lara Edwards, Amanda Warner; Student Representatives Daniel Evans, Rebecca Mendel

Absent: Chairperson Johanna Slanga; Board Member Vionna Adams

Administration: Lauren Chapman, Asst. City Planner
Mark Clemence, Deputy Police Chief
Jana Ecker, Planning Director
Paul O'Meara, City Engineer
Carole Salutes, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Mike Labadie, Steve Russo from Fleis & Vandenbrink ("F&V"), Transportation Engineering Consultants

B. INTRODUCTIONS (none)

The board observed a moment of silence in memory of their deceased member, Jeff Surnow.

C. REVIEW AGENDA The board decided to discuss the S. Eton Rd. Corridor first, as there would not be a quorum after 45 minutes.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2015 as presented.

Motion carried, 4-0.

E. S. ETON RD. CORRIDOR MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. O'Meara reported that the Griffin Claw Brewery at 575 S. Eton Rd. has applied for a permit to make modifications to the property. An addition to the main building, as well as a separate outbuilding at the rear of the property are proposed as well as a slightly enlarged outdoor dining area. The resulting changes would result in a loss of 18 existing parking spaces, which would still meet the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Neighbors voiced concerns to the City Commission that the high demand for street parking on both sides of S. Eton Rd. has made it more difficult to see when attempting to access S. Eton Rd. from the adjacent local streets. Also, patrons of the business sometimes park on the local streets in front of homes, instead of in the designated parking lot.

The City Commission ultimately approved the brewery expansion but asked that S. Eton Rd. be looked at closer by this board and that they make recommendations for anything that can be done. Conditions to the final City Commission approval were:

1. Formal shared parking agreements will be made with the adjacent businesses. Signs will be changed, and when necessary, staff will be present to encourage Griffin Claw customers to use these other parking lots, rather than the adjacent streets.
2. The owner will require all employees to park in the parking garage north of Villa Ave., which is owned by the same organization.

Additionally, the Commission encouraged the residents to get residential permit parking for their streets.

Mr. O'Meara brought up a cross-section of Eton Rd. in the Multi-Modal master plan showing two asphalt lanes in the middle and two concrete lanes on the outside. It is not possible to be real creative with the pavement markings as they might conflict with the line that is already there for the change in pavement. S. Eton Rd. is not up for reconstruction.

After discussion, Mr. O'Meara agreed to ask F & V to prepare a sample drawing that would lay out what angled parking would look like. Further, they will explore different possibilities and count how much parking exists today. He noted that with angled parking the bike lanes would go away. Mr. Labadie added there needs to be a little shy distance behind the angled spaces so it is safe to pull out into traffic. The board was supportive of looking at all of the existing road as it stands, along with the intersection that connects S. Eton Rd. to N. Eton Rd. and reconfiguring it from a multi-modal viewpoint.

The vice-chairman opened the meeting up to comments from the public at 6:41 p.m.

Ms. Barbara McIntosh, 1945 Bowers, said that her neighbors will apply for permit parking along Bowers between Eton St. and Columbia. She doesn't believe there is adequate parking in the lot at the brewery.

The residents whose garages face S. Eton Rd. between Bowers and Hazel cannot get in or out of their driveways after 5 p.m. They would want no parking on the west side.

Mr. John Hershey, 358 Henley, said with regard to W. Maple Rd., why not add a couple of stop lights to slow down traffic? Also, seriously enforce the speed limit. He wondered why there are not more signs that remind drivers to stop for pedestrians. Also, he would like to see more tickets given out to people who roll through stop signs.

F. W. MAPLE RD. STEERING COMMITTEE

1. Update on activities

On February 26, 2015, the steering committee met for the second time. Several members of the public also attended this meeting. Mr. Labadie conducted a presentation to review his findings regarding the existing conditions in the W. Maple Rd. corridor.

After reviewing the existing conditions along the corridor, Mr. Labadie described the complete street/multi-modal design tools that are available for study to meet the objectives for improvements along the W. Maple Rd. corridor. At the next meeting he will begin to talk about which tools should be used.

G. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
(no one spoke)

H. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

1. W. Maple Rd. (not discussed)

I. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no longer a quorum, the chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Jana Ecker, Planning Director

Paul O'Meara, City Engineer

APPROVED