



**To:** Edina Transportation Commission

**Agenda Item #:** VI. F.

**From:** Mark K. Nolan, AICP, Transportation Planner

**Action**

**Discussion**

**Date:** April 17, 2014

**Information**

**Subject:** New Bike Edina Transportation Commission Working Group

**Action Requested:**

Approve proposed amendments to the Transportation Commission bylaws and bylaws for the Bike Edina Working Group, and forward recommendations to City Council for approval.

**Information / Background:**

You may recall at last month's ETC meeting, Commissioner Janovy updated the Commission on Bike Edina's exploration into becoming a working group of the ETC. This stemmed from Bike Edina's joint work session with City Council on March 18, where Council expressed support for this. Since that time, Commissioner Janovy has been working with Assistant City Manager Kurt to revise both Bike Edina and ETC bylaws to facilitate this. Also, at their meeting last week, a majority of Bike Edina members voted in favor of becoming an ETC Working Group.

**Attachments:**

Draft ETC Bylaws with Bike Edina Working Group

Draft Bike Edina Working Group Bylaws

Draft April 10, 2014 Bike Edina Meeting Minutes



# Transportation Commission Bylaws

## Section 1: Introduction

The bylaws outlined below are approved procedures for the Edina Transportation Commission. Members should review and understand City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1 and Chapter 2, Article III, Division 9 included in the appendix of these bylaws. In the event of a conflict between the City Code and the Edina Transportation Commission bylaws, the City Code will prevail.

Some components of these bylaws are common across all City boards and commissions. The City Staff Liaison should be consulted prior to considering bylaw amendments. Proposed bylaw amendments should be announced one meeting prior to voting on the proposed change. Bylaw amendments require the approval of a majority of the voting Edina Transportation Commission members and approval by the City Council.

In addition to the City Code and these bylaws, the Edina Transportation Commission will be guided by those policies and procedural documents applicable to the Edina Transportation Commission or City advisory boards in general. Copies of these documents will be made available to members at the beginning of their service with the Edina Transportation Commission.

## Section 2: Mission and Business Address

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-78 and Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 9, Section 2-313 for the Edina Transportation Commission mission. The business office for the Edina Transportation Commission is located at: Edina Engineering Department, 7450 Metro Boulevard, Edina, Minnesota, 55439. Members of the public can also contact the Edina Transportation Commission at [edinamail@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:edinamail@EdinaMN.gov).

## Section 3: Membership

### Membership Composition

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1 and Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 9, Section 2-314.

### Terms of Membership

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-81.

### Contact Information

Edina Transportation Commission members are required to provide a mailing address and phone number or email address to the City Clerk. This contact information is available to City staff and members of the public.

### Responsibilities

Edina Transportation Commission members are expected to be present and adequately prepared for all meetings and to actively participate in meeting discussions. Members who are unable to complete assigned tasks should notify the Chairperson as soon as possible.



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## Attendance

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-86. If a member cannot attend a regular meeting, he or she should notify the Staff Liaison as soon as possible and ideally no later than two hours prior to the start of the meeting. Cancelled meetings will be counted as meetings held and attended for purpose of calculating attendance percentages.

## Resignation or Removal

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-81. The Edina Transportation Commission may ask the City Council to review a member's appointment based on the member's failure to perform the responsibilities outlined above.

## **Section 4: Meetings**

### Meeting Notice

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-84. All board and commission meetings are open to the public. To comply with legal requirements and ensure accessibility to the public, the City Clerk gives official notice of all Edina Transportation Commission meetings on the City's website and at City Hall.

### Regular Meetings

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-84. Regular meetings of the Edina Transportation Commission are held at Edina City Hall, 4801 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Edina, Minnesota, 55424 or another officially noticed location on the third Thursday of the month. A regular meeting may be rescheduled by the Edina Transportation Commission at a prior meeting.

### Annual Meeting

In April, the Edina Transportation Commission will hold an annual meeting to:

- Elect officers for the upcoming year,
- Review and update bylaws as necessary, and
- Affirm the regular meeting schedule for the upcoming year.

### Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Edina Transportation Commission may be called by the Chairperson, City Council, City Manager or by the directive of a majority of the Edina Transportation Commission voting members. Members will be notified of the special meeting by written or email communication at least three calendar days in advance of the meeting. To comply with the open meeting law and to ensure accessibility to the public, the City Clerk posts official notice of all special meetings. A quorum is not required for special meetings; however, members cannot take action on a motion unless a quorum is present.

### Canceling Meetings

Meetings of the Edina Transportation Commission can be cancelled by the Chairperson, City Council, City Manager or by the directive of a majority of the Edina Transportation Commission voting members. Meetings may be cancelled for insufficient business, lack of quorum, conflict with a holiday, inclement weather, or in the event of a community emergency.



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## Quorum

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-84.

## Meeting Agendas

Meeting agendas will be prepared by the Chairperson in consultation with the City Staff Liaison. Members may request that items be added to the agenda; however, the addition of such items is subject to approval by a majority of the voting members. The meeting agenda and related materials will be sent electronically and/or mailed the Thursday prior to the scheduled regular meeting.

## Meeting Proceedings

During regular meetings, business will be conducted in the order listed below. The order of business may be changed with the support of a majority of the voting members.

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes from preceding meeting
- Public hearings
- Community comment
- Reports and recommendations
- Correspondence
- Commission comments
- Staff comments
- Adjournment

Meetings will be conducted according to the latest edition of *Roberts Rules of Order*.

## Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Chair will ask to hear from those in attendance who would like to speak about something not on the agenda that is relevant to the Edina Transportation Commission. Individuals must limit their presentations to three minutes. The Chair has the right to limit the number of speakers making similar statements and to limit comments related to matters previously discussed. The Edina Transportation Commission is not required to respond to the comments. In order to maintain a respectful environment for all those in attendance, disruptive behavior such as the use of signs, clapping, cheering or booing is not allowed.

## Motions and Voting

A simple majority of voting members present and voting will decide all motions before the Edina Transportation Commission. At the request of a member, a roll call vote will be taken when there is a divided vote on any item. A tie vote on any motion will result in a failure to pass. Student members are not eligible to vote.



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## Meeting Minutes

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-85. City staff will prepare minutes for Edina Transportation Commission meetings. The minutes will include which members were present and absent, a summary of each item discussed and any motions proposed, and the votes on those motions. If a member of City staff is not present to record minutes, the Edina Transportation Commission will appoint a secretary to prepare the minutes. The secretary will prepare draft minutes within two weeks of the meeting date and forward the draft to the Chair and City Staff Liaison. Approved minutes will be posted on the City's website and forwarded to the City Clerk for distribution to the City Council by the City Staff Liaison.

## **Section 5: Officers**

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-83. The Edina Transportation Commission will hold elections for the officer positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the annual meeting in April. The Chairperson may make and second motions and vote on all motions. The duties of the Chairperson include but are not limited to:

- Prepare the agenda in consultation with the City Staff Liaison.
- Lead the meeting in accordance with the agenda and facilitate discussion on agenda items.
- Invoke a reasonable time limit for speakers during public testimony.
- Ensure that the bylaws are followed and actions are properly taken.
- Maintain meeting decorum.
- Extend meetings or schedule special meetings as necessary.
- Cancel meetings, in consultation with the City Staff Liaison.
- Facilitate the development of the annual work plan.
- Develop annual calendar of anticipated agenda items for each month.
- Consult with members regarding attendance issues.
- Encourage active participation by Edina Transportation Commission members and members of the public.

The Vice Chairperson performs the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence. If both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are absent, an acting chairperson may be assigned in advance by either officer or at the meeting by a majority vote of the members.

## **Section 6: City Staff Liaison**

Refer to City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-79. The Edina Transportation Commission has a City Staff Liaison appointed by the City Manager. The City Staff Liaison is expected to work cooperatively with Edina Transportation Commission members. Members may not direct City staff but can request assistance through the City Staff Liaison to carry out the Edina Transportation Commission mission. The duties of the City Staff Liaison include but are not limited to:

- Work with Chairperson to prepare and distribute meeting agendas.
- Reserve meeting rooms and other needed meeting equipment.
- Record and prepare meeting minutes (or delegate the responsibility to another City staff member).
- Provide technical expertise and access to City resources.



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- Work with Chairperson to ensure bylaws are followed and annual work plans are submitted.
- Relay information or directives from City Council meetings or work sessions relevant to the Edina Transportation Commission.
- Respond to Edina Transportation Commission inquiries in a timely manner.
- Forward information to and between Edina Transportation Commission members.
- Record meeting attendance, include the current attendance record with each packet, and consult with the Chairperson and City Clerk regarding attendance issues.
- Provide orientation materials to new members and chairperson.
- Handle funds allocated to the Edina Transportation Commission in accordance with its directives, City policies and legal requirements.
- Serve as the custodian of Edina Transportation Commission records.
- Work with City Clerk to serve all notices required by law or these bylaws.

Concerns with the performance of the City Staff Liaison should be directed to the Assistant City Manager.

## Section 7: Committees and Working Groups

### Introduction

Committees or Working Groups may be established by a majority vote of the Edina Transportation Commission to study issues in greater depth and report findings. Committees or Working Groups present their analysis to the Edina Transportation Commission for discussion and recommendations. The Edina Transportation Commission has the sole authority to make final recommendations on all matters on which a Committee or Working Group has given guidance. The Edina Transportation Commission defines the scope and the duration of the Committee or Working Group's mission. In no case may the Committee or Working Group exceed the authority granted by the Edina Transportation Commission.

Committee and Working Group participants may not include enough voting Edina Transportation Commission members to constitute a quorum for the Edina Transportation Commission. Committees or Working Groups may be designated as standing (ongoing) or temporary in nature.

### Definitions

Committees and Working Groups may be comprised of two or more people, one of whom is the Chair appointed by the Edina Transportation Commission. A Committee is comprised of current Edina Transportation Commission members only. A Working Group is led by an Edina Transportation Commission member, but will also include members of the public.

### Working Group Announcement

Public notice will be given of the formation of any Working Group, including a press release from the City to local media outlets. Individuals will have a minimum of 14 days after the public notice to express interest in joining before members are selected.

### Public Access

Based on the potential public interest in the topic, some Committee and Working Group meetings may be designated as public meetings by the Edina Transportation Commission or the City Council. If a Committee or Working Group's



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meetings are designated as public meetings, official meeting notices, written agendas and written minutes are required. Refer to Section 4 of these bylaws for additional information on meeting notices.

## Appointments and Chair Assignments

**Committees:** The Edina Transportation Commission Chairperson will ask for Committee volunteers from the Edina Transportation Commission membership. A majority vote may approve the Committee appointments once sufficient volunteers are established. A temporary Committee Chair will be appointed by the Transportation Commission at the time of Committee formation. The Committee will elect its own Chair and notify the Edina Transportation Commission Chairperson.

**Working Groups:** The Edina Transportation Commission Chairperson will ask for volunteers from the Edina Transportation Commission to serve as the Working Group Chair. The Working Group Chair is approved by a majority of the Edina Transportation Commission members. The Working Group Chair will recommend other Working Group members. By definition, those members will include individuals outside of the Edina Transportation Commission. The Chair may also nominate a co-chair who is not an Edina Transportation Commission member. Working Group appointments will be made by a majority vote of Edina Transportation Commission members.

The duties of the Committee or Working Group Chair(s) include but are not limited to:

- Set the meeting schedule and, if required, notify the City Staff Liaison for public notification.
- Prepare and distribute a written meeting agenda, if required.
- Lead the meeting in accordance with the agenda and facilitate discussion on agenda items.
- Ensure that this section of the bylaws and Edina Transportation Commission directives are followed.
- Maintain meeting decorum.
- Recommend members and notify Edina Transportation Commission of changes in membership (Working Group only).
- Report on the Committee or Working Group's activities at each regular Edina Transportation Commission meeting.
- Communicate to the Committee or Working Group any directives, questions or input from the Edina Transportation Commission.

## Resignation or Removal

A Committee or Working Group member may voluntarily resign by submitting his or her written resignation to the Chair of the Committee or Working Group. A Committee or Working Group member may be removed by a majority vote of the Edina Transportation Commission.

## Disbanding

A Committee or Working Group may be disbanded at any regular meeting of the Edina Transportation Commission by a majority vote of the members. Committees or Working Groups will automatically be disbanded if no member of the Edina Transportation Commission is available to serve or appropriate volunteer membership cannot be established.



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## Bike Edina

The City Council has established Bike Edina as a standing work group of the Edina Transportation Commission. The purpose of Bike Edina is to support the mission of the Edina Transportation Commission and advise the City on bicycling-related issues. The mission of Bike Edina is to advance cycling in Edina by:

- Advocating for a complete bicycle transportation network that serves cyclists of all ages and abilities, safely, comfortably and conveniently;
- Serving as a voice and resource for city staff and elected/appointed officials, school district and community on bicycling-related issues;
- Furthering public awareness and acceptance of bicycling as a fun, safe, convenient, healthy and sustainable mode of transportation and form of recreation, year around; and
- Working collaboratively with other organizations to advance our mission for a progressive bicycle-friendly community where everyone can integrate cycling into their daily lives.

Bike Edina has established bylaws that are consistent with the intent of this section. Amendments to the Bike Edina bylaws shall be made by a majority vote of the Bike Edina members and approved by a majority vote of the Edina Transportation Commission. Bike Edina will submit an annual work plan to the Edina Transportation Commission by July 1 of each year for review and approval.

Meeting and activities of Bike Edina shall be suspended if no member of the Edina Transportation Commission is available to serve on Bike Edina or if the minimum number of regular Bike Edina members cannot be established. The Edina Transportation Commission shall notify the City Council in writing if the meetings and activities of Bike Edina have been suspended. If the activities of Bike Edina have been suspended for at least six months, the working group will be disbanded and this section of the Edina Transportation Commission bylaws will be deleted.

## **Section 8: Communication**

### Applicability

This section applies to all types of media and communication methods including face-to-face, telephone, email and social media.

### Communication Between Members Outside of Meetings

Edina Transportation Commission related communication between members when a quorum of voting members is present constitutes a violation of Open Meeting laws if it takes place outside of publicly-noticed meetings. Members are prohibited from discussing Edina Transportation Commission business in such a situation. Since email communication is common outside of meetings, the following email protocol is adopted:

- Any email communication intended for a majority of Edina Transportation Commission members should go through the City Staff Liaison so that an appropriate record can be established.
- Members should not respond "reply all" to group messages.
- Members should not blind copy (bcc) other members.

Members must not engage in a serial discussion of Edina Transportation Commission business. A serial discussion occurs when members discuss official business with a majority of voting members through successive communications. Serial



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communication can occur through a combination of communication methods such as face-to-face, email, telephone or on a social media site.

## Communication with the Public Outside of Meetings

Edina Transportation Commission members are encouraged to share their work with members of the public within the guidelines noted in the paragraph below.

When communicating Edina Transportation Commission business with the public, members should understand and convey the following:

- The deliberations and decisions of the Edina Transportation Commission will be based solely on information contained in the public record presented to all Edina Transportation Commission members participating in the deliberation or action.
- The member's comments do not represent the opinion or viewpoint of other commissioners or the Edina Transportation Commission as a whole.

Members should exercise care not to communicate how they intend to vote on any pending matter or give the appearance any matter has been pre-decided.

## Public Announcements and Press Releases

The City's Communications and Technology Services Department will approve and coordinate any public announcements, press releases or other media contact desired by the Edina Transportation Commission.

## **Section 9: Financial Transactions**

All financial expenditures by the Edina Transportation Commission must relate to the Edina Transportation Commission mission and be covered under the Edina Transportation Commission budget. All expenditures must be approved in advance by a majority of the voting members. The City Staff Liaison is responsible for ensuring that all approved expenditures or reimbursements meet the criteria above as well as other City financial policies. Expenditures that do not meet the criteria above will not be reimbursed. The Edina Transportation Commission does not have the authority to execute contracts or to otherwise financially obligate the City of Edina. Any contract related to Edina Transportation Commission business will be managed by the City Staff Liaison and may be subject to City Council approval.

## **Section 10: Ethical and Respectful Conduct**

### Conflict of Interest

Members may not use their position on the Edina Transportation Commission for personal benefit. The interests of the Edina Transportation Commission must be the first priority in all decisions and actions. Any member who has a financial interest in, or who may receive a financial benefit as a result of, any Edina Transportation Commission action or decision must disclose this fact as a conflict of interest. A member who has disclosed a conflict of interest should abstain from discussion and voting on the matter.

### Gifts



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Edina Transportation Commission members may not receive personal gifts from any “interested person” in conjunction with their board and commission duties. An “interested person” is a person, or representative of a person or an association, who has a direct financial interest in a recommendation under the Edina Transportation Commission’s purview. This section does not apply to lawful campaign contributions. The Edina Transportation Commission may recommend acceptance of general gifts or donations through the City’s donation policy.

## Respectful Behavior

The City of Edina is committed to providing a work environment free from violence for all elected and appointed officials, employees and visitors. The City does not tolerate any form of violence in the workplace including threats or intimidating actions by or against any of the groups cited above. Violence and threats may include, but are not limited to:

- Any act which is a physical assault
- Any threat, behavior or action which is interpreted by a reasonable person to carry the potential to harm or endanger the safety of others, or result in an act of aggression, or destroy or damage City property.

The Chairperson and City Staff Liaison have the right to call for the immediate removal of anyone who threatens or commits an act of violence on City property.

Respectful behavior also includes how Edina Transportation Commission members relate to each other, City staff and members of the public. Members share a joint responsibility in modeling, monitoring and addressing behavior within the group.

During Edina Transportation Commission interactions, members should strive to:

- Treat people with courtesy, politeness and kindness
- Encourage others to express their opinions and ideas
- Listen to what others have to say
- Use the ideas of others to improve decisions and outcomes
- Recognize cultural differences

Members should avoid:

- Speaking over or cutting off another individual’s comments
- Insulting, disparaging or putting down people or their ideas
- Bullying other members by displaying a pattern of belittling, demeaning, judging or patronizing comments.

## How to Report

Members can report cases of unethical conduct to the City Staff Liaison, Assistant City Manager, City Manager or City Attorney.



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## Appendix

### City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1 – Generally

#### Sec. 2-78. Establishment

- (a) *Authority to establish.* Pursuant to Minn. Stats. § 412.621, and other such statutes as are specifically cited herein, the council establishes or continues the following boards and commissions to advise the council with respect to municipal functions and activities and to investigate subjects of interest to the city.
- (b) *How established.* A board or commission may be established by a majority vote of the council. An ordinance shall be adopted prescribing the purpose, duties and composition of the board or commission.
- (c) *Subject to provisions in this chapter.* All boards and commissions established by the council shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter, unless otherwise specified in city ordinance or state law.
- (d) *Purposes and duties generally.* All boards and commissions established by the council shall be advisory to the council and shall have the responsibility to:
  - (1) Investigate matters within the scope of the particular board or commission or as specifically directed by the council.
  - (2) Advise the council by communicating the viewpoint or advice of the board or commission.
  - (3) At the direction of the council, hold hearings, receive evidence, conduct investigations, and, on the basis of such hearings, evidence and investigations, make decisions and recommendations to the council.
- (e) *Advisory role.* A board or commission established by the council shall not assume the role of an administrative or legislative body.

#### Sec. 2-79. Cooperation of city officials subject to direction of city manager

The manager may make available city staff members to record and prepare minutes of board and commission meetings. Such staff members shall perform only such clerical duties on behalf of a board or commission as provided in the bylaws of that board or commission or as assigned by the chairperson with the consent of the manager. The manager may assign additional staff to assist a board or commission.

#### Sec. 2-80. Membership

- (a) *Regular members.* Regular members of boards and commissions established by the council shall be adult residents of the city unless otherwise expressly stated by ordinance. Members who discontinue legal residency in the city shall automatically be deemed to have resigned from office as of the date of such discontinuance.
- (b) *Student members.* Student members shall be residents of the city and enrolled full time in a secondary school. Student members shall be nonvoting.



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## Sec. 2-81. Appointment and terms of membership

- (a) *Regular members.* Board and commission members shall be appointed by majority vote of the council and shall serve terms of membership not to exceed three years per term. Each member is eligible to serve two three-year terms, except for members of the planning commission, who are eligible to serve three three-year terms. A member in good standing shall serve until a successor has been appointed.
- (b) *Student members.* Student members shall be appointed by majority vote of the council and shall serve terms of membership not to exceed one year per term.
- (c) *Resignation and removal.* Members shall serve without compensation and may resign voluntarily by letter or e-mail to the city clerk or be removed by majority vote of the council or pursuant to section 2-80 or 2-86
- (d) *Vacancies.* Vacancies in membership shall be filled by majority vote of the council for the balance of the unexpired term.
- (e) *Term of appointment to fill vacancy.* A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be eligible to serve two (or for planning commission, three) full terms in addition to the balance of the unexpired term.
- (f) *No concurrent membership.* No person may serve concurrently on more than one board or commission.
- (g) *Staggered terms.* Terms of membership shall be staggered so that no more than one-half of the terms on a board or commission expire in any particular year.

## Sec. 2-82. Committees and subcommittees

- (a) *Establishment.* A board or commission may, with specific approval of the council or pursuant to its bylaws, establish committees, subcommittees, committees of the whole or working groups that include members of the board or commission and additional persons as requested by the board or commission.
- (b) *Prohibition.* A committee, subcommittee, committee of the whole or working group may not engage in activities, functions, or duties outside the scope of authority granted to the board or commission by which it was established.

## Sec. 2-83. Organization and bylaws

- (a) *Bylaws.* Each board or commission shall adopt and be governed by such bylaws as shall be necessary and desirable for the conduct of its activities. Bylaws shall be subject to review and approval by the council.
- (b) *Chairperson.* Each board or commission annually shall elect from its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson to serve a term of one year. No person shall serve more than two consecutive one-year terms as chairperson of a particular board or commission. A chairperson elected to fill a vacancy shall be eligible to serve two full terms in addition to the remainder of the vacated term.

## Sec. 2-84. Time, location and conduct of meetings

- (a) *Regular meetings.* All board and commission meetings are open meetings subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law (Minn. Stats. ch. 13D) and shall be held at a fixed time, on a fixed date and in a fixed place as shall be



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determined by the board or commission. The city clerk shall give notice of all board and commission meetings as required for meetings of public bodies.

- (b) *Public comment.* All board and commission meetings shall include scheduled time for public comment.
- (c) *Quorum.* A simple majority of voting members, appointed and serving, shall constitute a quorum for any regular or special meeting. If a quorum is not established or maintained during the course of a meeting, no votes on board or commission business may be taken except a motion to adjourn or recess.
- (d) *Meetings conducted according to bylaws.* All meetings shall be conducted according to the bylaws of the board or commission.

## Sec. 2-85. Meeting minutes

- (a) *Official record.* Approved minutes of board or commission proceedings shall be public record; the city shall retain a copy of the official minutes of each board or commission meeting in accordance with applicable state law.
- (b) *Recording.* A board or commission may appoint from its membership a secretary to record and prepare meeting minutes. Minutes so recorded shall be reviewed and approved by the board or commission and a copy forwarded to the city clerk. In the alternative, the manager may make available to the board or commission a member of city staff to serve as secretary to record and prepare meeting minutes.
- (c) *Distributed to city council.* Official minutes of each board or commission meeting shall be distributed to the council prior to the first regular council meeting after approval of the minutes by the board or commission.

## Sec. 2-86. Attendance requirements

- (a) *Purpose.* To assist boards and commissions in fulfilling their purposes and duties and to ensure that they are not prevented from doing so by the repeated absence of their members, the council hereby establishes an attendance policy for members serving on boards and commissions.
- (b) *Removal.* Any member of a board or commission established by the council who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings, or in the case of members of the planning commission, four consecutive regular meetings, or who fails to attend at least 75 percent of the scheduled meetings in any calendar year, whether regular or joint work sessions with the council, shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of the board or commission.
- (c) *Exceptions.*
  - (1) The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to attendance at special meetings, or of meetings of committees or subcommittees, including committees of the whole, established by a board or commission pursuant to section 2-82
  - (2) The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to members of the housing and redevelopment authority of the city, the East Edina Housing Foundation or the city council.
- (d) *Annual review.* The council shall conduct an annual review of the attendance of members of boards and commissions established by the council.
- (e) *Vacancies.* The successor to any member of a board or commission who has been removed pursuant to this subsection shall be appointed pursuant to section 2-81



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## City Code Chapter 2, Article III, Division 9 – Transportation Commission

### Sec. 2-311. Policy and establishment.

The city transportation commission is established to help guide the city in implementing its vision for an integrated, multi-modal local transportation system as stated in the city's comprehensive plan. The system will provide safe and efficient transportation options for all users (motorists, transit riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities) in a way that promotes the economic, environmental, social, and personal vitality of the city and its residents.

### Sec. 2-312. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Local* means those roadways under city control; also called "residential" and "collector" roadways and including municipal state aid roadways.

*Multi-modal* means pertaining to all modes of transportation, including but not limited to motor vehicles, mass transit, bicycles, and pedestrians.

### Sec. 2-313. Purpose and duties.

The commission shall:

- (1) Advise the city council on the operation of the local transportation system (all modes, users, and abilities).
- (2) Develop strategies, plans and recommendations to implement the city's multi-modal transportation vision.
- (3) Review neighborhood street capital investment projects for adherence to adopted city policies and planning documents.
- (4) Review and comment on large development proposals, such as those requiring an alternative urban areawide review, environmental assessment or small area plan.
- (5) Discuss regional transportation improvements by outside agencies that may affect the local transportation system.
- (6) Promote the city's transportation vision through education and open forums.
- (7) Review and comment on citizen transportation concerns, traffic complaint reports, and data.
- (8) Review and recommend transportation-related funding.
- (9) Advise the city council on additional matters when directed by the city council.



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## Sec. 2-314. Membership.

The commission shall consist of nine regular and two student members, appointed from the different geographic areas of the city. One member of the commission shall also be a member of the Bike Edina Task Force or any existing similar organization, or shall otherwise have an expertise or interest in bicycling as a mode of transportation.

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### Section 1: Introduction

The bylaws outlined below are the approved procedures of the Bike Edina working group. Proposed bylaw amendments should be announced one meeting prior to voting on the proposed change. Bylaw amendments require the approval of a majority of voting Bike Edina working group members. Approved bylaws amendments shall be forwarded to the Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) for review and approval. Amendments take effect upon approval by the ETC.

The ETC bylaws shall govern questions of procedure in any matter not addressed in these bylaws, as applicable.

### Section 2: Establishment

The City Council has established the Bike Edina working group as a standing working group of the ETC. The purpose of the Bike Edina working group is to support the mission of the ETC and advise the City on bicycling-related issues.

### Section 3: Mission

The mission of the Bike Edina working group is to advance bicycling in Edina by:

- Advocating for a complete bicycle transportation network that serves cyclists of all ages and abilities, safely, comfortably, and conveniently;
- Serving as a voice and resource for city staff and elected/appointed officials, school district, and community on bicycling-related issues;
- Furthering public awareness and acceptance of bicycling as a fun, safe, convenient, healthy, and sustainable mode of transportation and form of recreation, year around; and
- Working collaboratively with other organizations to advance our vision for a progressive bicycle-friendly community where everyone can integrate cycling into their daily lives.

### Section 4: Membership

#### Membership Composition

The Bike Edina working group shall be comprised of regular (voting) and student (nonvoting) members.

Regular Members: The Bike Edina working group shall be comprised of no fewer than five and no more than 15 regular members. Regular members shall be 18 years of age or older and reside or work in the City of Edina. Regular members are voting members.

Student Members: Student members shall be 15 years of age or older and reside or attend school in Edina. Student members are nonvoting members.

### **New Members**

Prospective members should complete a Bike Edina working group membership application and attend two regular Bike Edina working group meetings before being recommended for appointment. A recommendation requires a majority vote of Bike Edina working group members.

### **Contact Information**

Bike Edina working group members are required to provide a mailing address and phone number or email address to the Chairperson. The Chairperson or designee will keep a roster of current members and provide a copy of that roster to each member and to the ETC Chairperson or designee. It is the responsibility of members to ensure the contact information as it appears on the roster is up to date.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is expected at all regularly scheduled Bike Edina working group meetings and subcommittee meetings. If a member cannot attend a meeting, he or she should notify the Chairperson as soon as possible. The Chairperson shall keep of record of each members' attendance.

Any member who misses three consecutive regularly scheduled Bike Edina working group meetings or who fails to attend at least half of the regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. The Chairperson shall notify members in writing of their resignation by attendance failure. Members who have resigned due to attendance failure may request reappointment.

## **Section 5: Meetings**

### **Meeting Notice**

The Chairperson shall send a notice of each regular meeting via email to each member at the address shown on the membership roster. It is the responsibility of members to verify the meeting schedule.

### **Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Bike Edina working group shall be held the second Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., in City Hall unless otherwise announced. A regular meeting may be canceled by the Chairperson or majority vote of members when there is insufficient business, lack of quorum, lack of meeting space, conflict with a holiday, inclement weather, or in the event of a community emergency. Notice of the cancellation will be emailed, if possible and timely, to all members.

### **Annual Meeting**

In October of each year, or, if the October meeting is canceled, the first regularly scheduled meeting thereafter, the Bike Edina working group will hold an annual meeting to:

- Elect officers for the coming year,
- Review and update bylaws as necessary,
- Affirm the regular meeting schedule for the upcoming year, and

- Approve an annual work plan

### **Quorum**

A simple majority of voting members constitutes a quorum for any meeting. If at any meeting a quorum is not achieved or maintained, no votes may be taken on Bike Edina working group business. The Chairperson may adjourn a meeting if a quorum is not achieved within 15 minutes of the meeting start time, or if a quorum is not maintained.

### **Meeting Agendas**

Meeting agendas will be prepared by the Chairperson. Members may request that items be added to the agenda; however, the addition of such items is at the discretion of the Chairperson or subject to approval by a majority of voting members. The meeting agenda and related materials will be emailed to each member no less than three working days before the meeting.

### **Meeting Proceedings**

During regular meetings, business will be conducted in the order listed below. The order of business may be changed with the support of a majority of the voting members.

- Call to order
- Approval of agenda
- Action items
- Discussion items
- Next steps
- Adjournment

### **Motions and Voting**

A simple majority of voting members present and voting will decide all motions before the Bike Edina working group. At the request of a member, a roll call vote will be taken when there is a divided vote on any item. A tie vote on any motion will result in a failure of that motion to pass.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes shall be recorded at each meeting. Minutes shall be reviewed by the Chairperson and distributed to Bike Edina working group members and the ETC staff liaison prior to the next scheduled meeting.

### **Public Participation**

Members of the public may attend regular meetings of the Bike Edina working group held at City Hall or other public location. Members of the public may participate in discussion on agenda topics; however, the Chairperson may limit participation by members of the public in the interest of time.

## **Section 6: Officers**

### **Chairperson**

The ETC shall appoint a member of the Commission to serve as Chairperson of the Bike Edina working group.

### **Co-Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary**

The Bike Edina working group may elect a Co-Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and/or Secretary at the Annual Meeting or at any other time to fill a vacancy. The Co-Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall serve one-year terms and are eligible for re-election.

### **Section 7: Subcommittees**

The Bike Edina working group may establish subcommittees to address specific areas of interest. Before establishing a subcommittee, the Bike Edina working group shall define the purpose of the committee and the general scope of work. Subcommittees shall include two or more regular members and may include student and community members. Subcommittee members shall be approved by the Bike Edina working group. The chairperson shall be a regular member of the Bike Edina working group.

Subcommittees should meet between Bike Edina working group meetings to advance their work. Bike Edina working group members are expected to participate on subcommittees and to attend all subcommittee meetings. For the purposes of this section, a meeting may be conducted by email.

The subcommittee chair shall forward action or discussion items to the Bike Edina working group chair no less than one week before each regular Bike Edina working group meeting.

A subcommittee may be disbanded at any regular Bike Edina working group meeting by a majority vote of regular members.

### **Section 8: Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity Statement**

In conducting Bike Edina working group business, no member shall discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, sexual identity, marital status, reproductive status, disability, or status with regard to public assistance.



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## April 10, 2014 Meeting Notes

**Present:** Sally Dunn, Don Eyberg, Rob Erickson, Jennifer Janovy, Peter Kelley, Larry Olson, Lori Richman, Tim Sudeith

**Absent:** Brad Schaeppi

**Recorded by:** Sally Dunn

### I. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### II. Action items — Bike Edina Status

- a. The ETC has bylaws within which Bike Edina could be a working group. The mission of Bike Edina would remain the same. Bike Edina could keep the current procedure for getting new members, but such members would need to be approved by the ETC. The chair of working group would need to be an ETC member. The Bike Edina website could no longer exist, but there would be a Bike Edina page on the city's website. The Bike Edina Facebook page would need to go away. Public communications, such as press releases, would need to go through the city. The city's website will have a link to the Bike Edina new member application, or a standard working group new member application once such application is developed. The city's liability protection would apply to Bike Edina as a working group. Bike Edina would not be bound by the open meeting law, but would continue to operate openly. Lori moved that this new status be accepted. Larry seconded the motion. All voted in favor, except Rob Erickson, who abstained. Motion passed. Other than Rob, all members present were interested in having their names forwarded for appointment

to the working group. Lori will confirm that Nick Essma wants to be included as a member and let Jennifer know.

### III. Discussion Items

- a. Biking on sidewalks advisory communication. At the last ETC meeting, members voted to prepare an advisory communication to the city council to recommend a change to the biking on sidewalk ordinance. The advisory communication talks about the importance of education about riding on sidewalks. Jennifer will send out the draft and asked for comments prior to the April 17 ETC meeting. The proposed new ordinance would allow riding on sidewalks except where posted, or except where a building entrance abuts the sidewalk. It was noted that every other community allows riding on sidewalks, with some limitations. The advisory communication draft has been sent to the Police Department for review.
- b. Environmental forum on April 28. Paul Thompson requested that Bike Edina have a table at this event, to be held at the High School, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- c. Traffic Skills 101 class. This class is a prerequisite for anyone wanting to become a League certified instructor. The class will be held May 2-3. Don has signed up, and Lori has contacted Nick Mason about signing up.
- d. Bike Rodeo. The Parks Department is including a bike rodeo as part of National Kids To Parks day on May 17. The rodeo will be at Rosland Park, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Ten to 12 volunteers are needed. Larry and Lori volunteered. Peter, Tim and Jennifer need to check their schedules. The target is five to eight volunteers from Bike Edina.
- e. Bike To Work Week event on June 18. The 50<sup>th</sup> and France Business Association and Commuter Services are partnering to hold a Bike To Work Week event on Wednesday, June 18. Bike Edina will have a table.
- f. Bike To School Day, May 7. Peter has been working on this at SouthView. Larry will check with Cornelia. If there is rain, the event will be rescheduled for May 14.

- g. Bike parking was discussed. There is a lack of bike parking at certain locations, such as Southdale, and city ordinance prohibits bike parking on public property except where designated. The proposed biking on sidewalks ordinance changes would also impact bike parking; however, bike parking is not the focus of the advisory communication. Jennifer suggested that Bike Edina should discuss this next time.
- h. Jennifer attended the CicLAvia in L.A. last week. This is L.A.'s version of open streets. The city closed Wilshire Blvd. (six miles) to automobile traffic.

**IV. Update:** Following the meeting, Brad Schaapi resigned as an active member of Bike Edina.

**V. Next meeting—May 18**

**VI. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**