

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: Work Session
Item III. A-D.

From: Mark K. Nolan, AICP, Transportation Planner

Action

Date: June 17, 2015

Discussion

Information

Subject: Edina Transportation Commission Annual Work Session with Council

Action Requested:

Provide input or guidance on commission activities.

Information / Background:

The Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) proposes to discuss the following items with Council at its Annual City Council Work Session:

- A. Review progress of 2015 Work Plan
- B. Discuss standards for when and how the ETC advises on City business (e.g. Parks Strategic Plan)
- C. Outreach and education around multi-modal issues
- D. Greater Southdale Area

Attachment:

2015 ETC Work Plan Progress Report



**EDINA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
2015 Annual Work Plan – June 17 Progress Report**

2015 New Initiative	Target Completion Date	Budget Required	Staff Support Required	Council Approval
Review and recommend modifications to roadway reconstruction project survey content and methodology	May 2015	No	Yes	
<p>Progress Report: The ETC reviewed the survey and questionnaire in January and provided feedback. This included choosing to focus on the pre-project questionnaire and how the data would be used. Members of the ETC met with staff and provided recommendations. Based on this, in April and May staff prepared a “multimodal traffic survey” that would be sent out two years prior to roadway reconstruction projects.</p>				

2015 New Initiative	Target Completion Date	Budget Required	Staff Support Required	Council Approval
Review and recommend modifications to Traffic Safety Request process	August 2015	No	Yes	
<p>Progress Report: While commissioners discuss topics pertaining to this work plan item regularly, the ETC has not yet directly addressed this item.</p>				

2015 New Initiative	Target Completion Date	Budget Required	Staff Support Required	Council Approval
Greater Southdale Area Transportation and Circulator Study implementation	October 2015	Yes - \$100,000-\$150,000 TIF funds	Yes	
<p>Progress Report: Staff anticipates completing the Southdale Transportation Study in 2015, and plans to present a preliminary scope to the ETC later this summer.</p>				

2015 New Initiative	Target Completion Date	Budget Required	Staff Support Required	Council Approval
Study access to and from Southwest LRT stations in St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie	December 2015	No	Yes	
<p>Progress Report: At its May meeting, the ETC held its first discussion regarding this item. Staff prepared summary information for commissioners regarding the future LRT construction and nearby station locations. The ETC plans to revisit this topic in the coming months, including a presentation by Metro Transit staff to share information about the LRT line and potential changes to bus routes through Edina.</p>				

Ongoing Responsibilities
<p>Living Streets Policy/Plan: Active Routes to School Comprehensive Plan – continue to look at opportunities for funding. Sidewalk Plan – prioritize sidewalk (PACS Fund) projects annually Way-finding Signage for bikeways and pedestrians Review/revise City Code for Plan implementation</p>
<p>Meet with Police Department and Public Works annually to discuss shared interests. Progress Report: Both scheduled for August meeting</p>
<p>Education and outreach activities around pedestrian, bicyclist and motorist safety Progress Report: “Street Smarts” campaign is active. At its May meeting the ETC directed the Bike Edina Working Group to focus on outreach and education.</p>
<p>Review transportation projects in the proposed Capital Improvement Program, including annual neighborhood street reconstruction projects</p>
<p>Review monthly traffic safety committee reports</p>
<p>Review Public Works street mill and overlays and seal coat projects as to opportunities for remarking for bicycle facilities</p>
<p>Valley View Rd between Gleason Rd and Antrim Rd – work with School District to address traffic issues. Progress Report: Staff has shared with the ETC that the City is currently working with School District staff on a joint traffic study of the area.</p>
<p>Review transportation items in the Comprehensive Plan and make recommendations for study/implementation</p>

Other Work Plan Ideas Considered for Current Year or Future Years

Proposed Month for Joint Work Session: June

Staff Comments:

Council Comments: Possible SHIP grant may result in opportunity for Open Streets event in 2015