



**MINUTES OF THE
Edina Transportation Commission**
Thursday, August 18, 2005
Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th Street
Community Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Fred Richards, Marie Thorpe, Jean White, Warren Plante, Joni Kelly Bennett,
Les Wanninger**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dean Dovolis

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Lillehaug, Sharon Allison

I. Call to Order

Chair Richards Called the meeting to order.

II. New Business

a. DRAFT – Northeast Edina Transportation Study, Request for Proposals

The draft RFP was approved by the ETC with some minor changes. The ETC would like to review submitted proposals, but will allow staff the discretion of selecting the appropriate firm to conduct the traffic study.

III. Old Business

a. Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan Brochure

Lillehaug explained that the brochure provides general information to the public regarding the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP). The brochures would be placed at various locations throughout the community. The brochure was approved with some minor changes, including adding the date and time when the ETC meets.

b. In-street pedestrian Crossing Sign Policy Poster

Lillehaug explained that the poster, too, will be placed at various locations throughout the community and a press release would be done once they've determined where the first set of signs will be placed. The poster was approved with some minor changes.

IV. Handouts

Commissioner White Report: Southwest Transitway Alternatives Analysis Study

Commissioner White explained that the Southwest Transitway Alternatives Analysis Study is being done to identify possible modes and routes of public transportation from downtown Minneapolis to Eden Prairie and the surrounding suburbs. Edina, however is not included as part of the surrounding suburbs. She serves on the Policy Committee at the request of the Mayor, but came on board well after the committee had began meeting. White believes it is imperative that Edina be included in the study and will keep the ETC updated so that they can stay abreast of ongoing plans and be able to voice their concerns through her. White said they

meet every other month in St. Louis Park and the public is invited. She said the study began in March 2005 and is expected to be complete in 2006. Lillehaug said while Edina is in the travel shed, there is currently no stops included in Edina. The closest would be along TH169. White is going to gather more facts regarding the committee's plans for the ETC. This will remain on the ETC agenda.

V. *Approval of Minutes*

a. July 21, 2005

b. August 11, 2005

The following correction was made to the July minutes: Dean Dovolis was present; Marie Thorpe was absent.

Plante motioned to approve both minutes. Seconded by Bennett.

VI. *Open Discussion*

Lillehaug asked the Commissioners to drive down Wooddale Avenue & 56th Street to see if they get the sense that they should slow down. The roadway was striped in an attempt to reduce drivers' speed.

A traffic study is being conducted on France Avenue and Gallagher Drive, in the southeast corner by the Old Edina Theater, in anticipation of turning the site into a mixed used development site, which would include condominiums, retail space and restaurant. The traffic study will be submitted to the Planning Commission next week, the ETC and then to the Council.

Wanninger said job well done on Valley View Road. Other Commissioners concurred.

Bennett said Commissioners might want to observe the pedestrian activated stoplight at Highway 100 and 102nd Street, by Olsen Middle School, to see if one would be appropriate for the Edina High School area.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2005, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Community Room, City Hall.