



**MINUTES OF THE  
Edina Transportation Commission**  
Thursday, November 16, 2006  
Edina City Hall  
4801 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Community Room

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Les Wanninger, Warren Plante, Marc Usem, Geof Workinger, Joni Kelly Bennett, Dean Dovolis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jean White, Marie Thorpe

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Wayne Houle, Sharon Allison

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by chair Wanninger.

**II. Concern of Residents**

None

**III. Old Business**

**a. West 70<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study**

Houle reported that 1500 postcards were mailed out to residents notifying them of the meeting on November 28 and that an ad will run in the Sun-Current on November 23. Wanninger said the purpose of the meeting is for residents to identify issues and for the consultant to share with the residents the traffic data that has been collected.

**IV. New Business**

**a. Traffic Impact Study – York Place**

A redevelopment proposal was received from TE Miller Development for the area at 69<sup>th</sup> Street & York Avenue. A traffic study was conducted by Wenck Associates, Inc. WSB & Associates reviewed the traffic study for the Engineering Department and the City Engineer made the following recommendation to the ETC:

Review the attached Traffic Impact Study and if so desired by the Transportation Commission, adopt a motion recommending that traffic generated from the proposed York Place (Development) does not adversely affect the adjacent transportation system. Staff also recommends that a Traffic Demand Management Plan be submitted prior to city Council review, and any improvements required on West 69<sup>th</sup> Street and the intersection of West 69<sup>th</sup> Street and York Avenue be funded by the Developer.

As required for traffic studies, the following four criteria were considered:

i) *Does the development significantly affect the operation and congestion of the adjacent roadways or intersections and/or result in a traffic hazard?*

**According to the Traffic Impact Study, no adverse impact to surrounding roadways or intersections shall occur from this Development.**

ii) *Does the development significantly affect pedestrian safety?*

**The Traffic Impact Study did not address pedestrian safety. However, the site plan indicates boulevard style sidewalks along West 69<sup>th</sup> Street and Xerxes Avenue and a pedestrian plaza along York Avenue.**

iii) *Does the development provide opportunities for enhanced transit usage, vanpooling or car-pooling?*

**The Traffic Impact Study did not address the above usages. Staff is recommending a Travel Demand Management plan be submitted prior to review by Edina City Council. The pedestrian plaza along with the center roadway between the senior housing and apartment tower provides safe drop-off areas for transit usage.**

iv) *Does the development provide feasible opportunities to address an existing traffic issue or safety problem?*

**The proposed development does address existing traffic issues with particular turn lanes at the intersection of West 69<sup>th</sup> Street and York Avenue. Staff recommends that the Developer fund these upgrades.**

The architect for the project, Dean Dovolis of DJR Architecture Inc., along with the transportation engineer, Jim Benshoof of Wenck Associates presented the project. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**Usem motioned to accept the traffic study subject to two conditions: i) that the stacking lanes on York Avenue and West 69<sup>th</sup> Street be fixed; ii) and if there are significant modifications as the plan goes through the approval process that it be brought back to the ETC for review. Motion seconded by Workinger. 3 ayes (Usem, Wanninger, Workinger), 2 naves (Bennett, Plante) and 1 recused (Dovolis). Motion carried.**

#### **b. Dial-a-Ride Presentation**

Courtney Whited, Transportation Coordinator with Senior Community Services, said Dial-a-Ride is expanding their services into Hennepin County starting July 1. For \$5, seniors will be able to ride from Edina, Champlin, Rogers, etc. This new service will not affect the current service that is available to Edina's seniors. Ms. Whited is working with local papers, senior centers and senior homes to get the word out and to get volunteer drivers for the program.

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

#### **a. Regular Meeting, October 19, 2006**

**Dovolis motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Workinger. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **VI. Planning Commission Update (Commissioner Workinger)**

Workinger said their agenda included the following topics:

- One lot division;

- Housing Succession Plan (how to deal with an aging housing stock);
- Presentation by the Massing Taskforce (size and design of houses). He recommended that Commissioners read this report;
- Comprehensive Plan.

## **VII. Open Discussion**

None

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.