



**MINUTES OF THE
Edina Transportation Commission**
Thursday, September 20, 2007
Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th Street
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Les Wanninger, Warren Plante, Marie Thorpe, Jean White, Marc Usem, Geof Workinger, Paul Mooty

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hilah Almog, Steve Brown

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack Sullivan, Sharon Allison

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wanninger at 6:10 p.m. (delayed due to tornado warning).

II. Public Comment

None

III. Old Business

a. City of Edina Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Chapter

Assistant City Engineer Sullivan presented the final draft of the Transportation Chapter for the Comprehensive Plan. He said it is ready to be included in the Comprehensive Plan and therefore, is seeking approval to move it forward. Sullivan said even after approval, the ETC would still have opportunities to make changes, if needed, before the overall plan is approved.

Peter Langworthy of WSB and Associates reviewed the revisions which were incorporated into the final draft, except for the Comprehensive Bike Plan, which was just approved last night by the Bike Taskforce. Sullivan said he believes the Bike Plan will go to the Council for initial approval and the Council will then forward it to the ETC for review and insertion into the final Comp Plan. Chair Wanninger said since they may not get an opportunity to comment on the Bike Plan before it goes to Council they should strengthen the Pedestrian/Bicycle section in the Transportation Chapter because the Bike Plan that was presented to them appeared incomplete.

The Commission reviewed the final draft of the Transportation Chapter and made various revisions, including adding an Executive Summary to outline what is new in the updated Transportation Chapter.

Commissioner Workinger motioned to approve the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan with the changes made tonight and ask that a summary of the changes that were made accompany the Transportation Chapter being sent to the Planning Commission Taskforce, and immediately following the meeting, that the ETC receive an updated copy of the Transportation Chapter, including all changes made tonight; and that it is their strong desire that no further consideration of this document,

with or without a summary, be given to any other chain of command until it is updated to reflect the changes made tonight. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thorpe.

Commissioner Usem amended the motion to include the ETC simultaneously getting a copy of the summary being sent to the Planning Commission Taskforce.

Motion carried.
All vote ayes.

IV. New Business
None

V. Approval of Minutes
a. Regular Meeting of August 16, 2007

Commissioner Plante motioned to approve the minutes of August 16, 2007, and it was seconded by Commissioner Thorpe. All voted ayes.

VI. Planning Commission Update (Commissioner Brown)
None

VII. Open Discussion

Chair Wanninger distributed an updated schedule for the West 70th Street/Cornelia Traffic Study through February 2008. The memo will be posted to the website.

To facilitate more communication with the public, Chair Wanninger said the website has been updated with information on the West 70th Street/Cornelia Traffic Study and the NE Edina Traffic Study webpage will also be updated with information on the project that has started at 50th Street & Halifax Avenue. He said Commissioner Thorpe will begin writing a summary of each ETC and SAC meetings to be posted to City Extra.

VIII. Staff Liaison Comments (Sullivan)

a. Benton Avenue/Normandale Blvd Intersection

This intersection, over Highway 100, will be modified to include stop signs, restriping and crosswalks. The Valley View Road restriping is completed and staff has been receiving positive feedback.

b. Doncaster Way Sidewalk

This sidewalk was recently approved by Council and expected construction date is spring 2008. Staff has also asked the School District to improve their sidewalk leading into the school. The Highlands Neighborhood, east of Doncaster Way, will be reconstructed in 2008 and approval will be sought for a sidewalk that would link with the Doncaster Way sidewalk along Ayshire Blvd to Vernon Avenue (this is a missing segment from the business/park/schools sidewalk link).

c. Halifax Avenue Sidewalk

This sidewalk was recently approved by Council and expected construction date is this winter or spring 2008.

Meeting adjourned.