



**MINUTES OF THE
Edina Transportation Commission**
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th Street
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Geof Workinger, Jean White, Marc Usem, Warren Plante, Steve Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hilah Almog, Les Wanninger, Paul Mooty, Tom Bonneville

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack Sullivan, Sharon Allison

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called by chair Workinger.

II. Comments

a. Chair Comments

None.

b. Public Comments

None.

III. Old Business

No old business.

IV. New Business

a. Southeast Edina Synchro Traffic Model

Mr. Chuck Rickart of WSB & Associates, the City's traffic consultant, said the model was developed primarily to address traffic needs around the Southdale area. The purpose of the model is to provide a consistent baseline model for traffic analysis within the southeast Edina area.

The model will be used to identify the impacts of developments on traffic in and around redeveloping sites, example, the Crosstown Medical development team identified an issue at W. 65th and France Avenue using the model and they were able to suggest a solution. The model looks at system-wide traffic instead of an individual intersection.

The boundaries of the model are TH-62 to the north, I-494 to the south, Edina city limits to the east, TH-100 to the west, as well as Edina Industrial Blvd from TH-100 to East Bush Lake Road (parts of the City of Bloomington).

V. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of May 15, 2008

The following correction was made: top of p2, second line, change 'decencies' to 'deficiencies.' Commissioner Brown motioned to approve the minutes of May 15, 2008, and it was seconded by Commissioner Plante. All voted ayes.

VI. Planning Commission Update (Commissioner Brown)

Commissioner Brown reported that the Crosstown Medical Building was passed recently and will be coming back shortly for final development approval; York Place was also approved. He said it has been sometime since they've heard anything about the project that initiated the AUAR study.

VII. Staff Liaison Comments (Sullivan)

a. Interlachen Boulevard Bike Lanes

Assistant City Engineer Sullivan said on June 3, the Bike Taskforce asked the Council to use the grant money for the Interlachen Boulevard Bike Trail for on-street bike lanes on Interlachen Boulevard. The bike lanes would be on both sides of the streets and would run from Vernon Avenue to the city limits. It may be necessary to build retaining walls in some areas and parking would no longer be allowed on either side for the street. Staff is completing a feasibility study and expects the striping to be done before school begins if it is approved by Council.

b. Halifax Avenue Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) Update

Assistant City Engineer Sullivan said Council recently approved a petitioned sidewalk on the eastside of Halifax Avenue, but did not approve same on the westside. Staff needs to meet with the residents that submitted the NTMP to make sure they are still in favor and that they fully understand what they are asking for.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.