
Commission members: Husniyah Bradley (Chair), Jim Mahoney, Jeff Walz, Louis Dzierzak, Kyle Schmidt, Carl Woetzel, Rory Cook, Michael Kohout
Commission members not in attendance: David Gepner
Liaisons: Councilmember Sean Hayford O’leary, Jan Matheus
City Staff Liaison/Staff: Joe Powers, Matt Hardegger, Scott Kulzer, Jake Whipple, Olivia Wycklendt, Mike Devain

I. Call meeting to order

Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Walz to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Mahoney. Motion carried.

III. Review & Approve Minutes for September 7th, 2023 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney to approve the September 7th, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Walz. Motion carried.

IV. Review & Approve Minutes for October 11th, 2023 Joint City Council/Transportation Commission Work Session

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the October 11th, 2023 Joint City Council/Transportation Commission Work Session minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Walz. Motion carried.

V. Welcoming of New Commissioners and Officer Election

- The Commission welcomed new Commissioners Rory Cook, Michael Kohout, and Carl Woetzel, and all Commissioners introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.
- The Commission took nominations and voted on the 2023 officer positions with the following results:
 - Chair, Husniyah Bradley
 - Vice Chair, Jeffrey Walz

VI. Project Updates

- **77th St Underpass.** Civil Engineer Olivia Wycklendt provided an update to the Commission on the project, stating that the project is approximately at 84% completion when work stopped for the winter in 2022. 2023 is expected to run smoothly, with the work primarily focusing on the concrete and roadway infrastructure on 77th Street between the new leg of Richfield Parkway and Longfellow Avenue.
- **65th St Reconstruction.** Wycklendt announced that both ends of the project were successfully paved in fall of 2022, and that the project is expected to start up again in early Spring. The project will start west of Lyndale and work its way east to Nicollet, with a large amount of the work revolving around the new roundabout at 65th St and Lyndale Ave.

- **I-494: Airport to 169 Update.** City Engineer Joe Powers announced that a contractor had secured the low bid for this design-build project, which is C.S. McCrossan. The work is expected to start early fall of 2023.
- **(Future) Nicollet Ave Reconstruction.** Powers noted that Hennepin County has officially scheduled the Nicollet Ave Reconstruction project for 2026. The county is currently interviewing engineering consultants for the project.
- **77th St/Lyndale Ave Signal Project.** The project was awarded earlier this year; however, it did come in higher than the estimated bid. The project is still expected to move forward later this summer.
- **Bike Friendly Communities.** The City was awarded a silver level designation from the Bike Friendly Communities, which is an improvement from the previous bronze designation from the organization. Powers mentioned that our City is only 1 of 7 cities in the state to receive this designation and 1 of 112 cities in the entire nation to achieve this level of award. Powers thanked all those involved including previous staff, councilmembers, and commissioners.
- **Active Transportation Planning Workshop 2/16.** The City will be hosting an active transportation planning workshop on Thursday, February 16th to get feedback from the public, and create a vision for active transportation planning based on the needs and goals of the community. Commissioners were encouraged to attend if they were able to participate.
- **Other Commissions/Bike Advocates.** Councilmember Hayford O'Leary said that the City Council is planning on proposing a vote on a local sales tax which would help fund the Wood Lake Nature Center and other projects, which first needs to get approval from the state to be added to the voting ballot.

He also announced that zoning laws have officially been updated to reflect that single family residential lots may now be zoned for duplexes.

Liaison Mike Devane announced that Taft Park is getting a bike feature park/pump track type bike facility in place of one of the old relatively unused ice rinks.

VII. Upcoming events/meeting(s)

Commissioner Orientation is scheduled for March 8th, 2023, which will be conducted by the Mayor and City Attorney via WebEx.

The next regularly scheduled Transportation Commission meeting is Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Bradley adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.