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Transportation Commission
Oak Park Village Hall
October 28, 2024
7:00 pm

PRESENT: Chair Burke, Commissioners Eskin, Holzberg, Jenkins, Johnston-Ahlen, Nudelman, and Johnson.

STAFF PRESENT: Parking and Mobility Services Manager Sean Keane, Village Engineer Bill McKenna, Assistant Village Engineer Christopher Welch, and Transportation Engineering Consultant Kristen Hahn

Roll Call: Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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| Ron Burke | Present |
| Jack Eskin | Present |
| Jenna Holzberg | Present |
| Jason Jenkins | Present |
| Erika Johnson | Present |
| Julie Johnston-Ahlen | Present |
| Jason Nudelman | Present |

Agenda Approval –

Staff requested Item 5.b (Madison Street Corridor Traffic Study) be moved to before item 5.a. A voice vote was taken and the Commission unanimously approved the agenda, as amended.

Approval of Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

A voice vote was taken and the Commission unanimously approved the July 8, 2024, August 12, 2024 and September 9, 2024 Transportation Commission meeting minutes.

New Business

5.b.) Madison Street Corridor Traffic Study

- Village Engineer, Bill McKenna introduced the item.

The Village previously completed studies of the Madison Street corridor from Harlem Avenue to Austin Boulevard to enhance conditions for all modes of transportation, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. A Road Diet Traffic Study was completed in 2018 that analyzed how the corridor would function assuming a reduction from two travel lanes in each direction to one travel lane in each direction with additional turn lanes at intersections, on-street bicycle facilities, and parking. Improvements of Madison Street to its current configuration were completed in 2019. The post-road diet study was intended to occur in 2020 but the COVID-19 public health emergency delayed the study until 2022.

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The purpose of the study presented this evening was to evaluate the traffic operations and safety data from the pre-road diet and the post-road diet conditions, comparing traffic volumes, crash data, and speed data. Within the study area, locations for further evaluation were determined where vehicle speeds were notably higher than the posted speed limit and/or the number of crashes increased at intersections or along roadway segments. The study provides traffic calming recommendations, which will be presented to the Commission, to improve traffic operations and safety in the study area.

Peter Reinhofer, Transportation Engineer with V3 Companies presented the results of the Madison Street Corridor Traffic Study.

Commissioner Eskin made a motion:

Accept Staff's recommendations from the Madison Street Corridor Traffic Study.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Jenkins.

Motion passed unanimously.

5.a.) Oak Park Bike Plan Update

- Village Engineer, Bill McKenna introduced the item.

Mark Bennett, Transportation Planner with Sam Schwartz presented the draft recommendations developed based on feedback received so far through ongoing engagement efforts. These recommendations were also presented to the public at an open house event that was held on October 24, 2024.

Public Comment:

David Marshall expressed his desire for more emphasis on north/south travel routes by implementing paired cul-de-sacs that restrict motor vehicle traffic while still allowing bicycle and pedestrian travel.

The Commission will review the final draft of the Bike Plan Update in 2025.

Old Business

6.a.) Draft 2025 Transportation Commission Work Plan (continuation from the September 9, 2024 Transportation Commission meeting)

- Parking and Mobility Services Manager Sean Keane stated the Commission

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requested two additions to the 2025 work plan during its meeting on September 9, 2024: 1.) Coordinate engagement and education opportunities with regional transit partners and 2.) Participate in the Annual *Day in Our Village* special event.

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion:

Adopt the 2025 Transportation Commission Work Plan with the two additions previously discussed at the September 9, 2024 Commission Meeting.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eskin.

Yes: 6 (Commissioners Jenkins, Eskin, Holzberg, Johnston-Ahlen, Nudelman, and Johnson.)

Abstain: 1 (Chair Burke)

Motion passes 6-1.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn to was made by Commissioner Holzberg and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Submitted by,
Sean Keane
Parking & Mobility Services Manager