

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AGENDA**

February 23, 2022

4:30 P.M. – Virtual Meeting

Online link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/89392665551>

Meeting ID: 893 9266 5551

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2021
- III. Communications from Commission
 - A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- IV. Public Comment*
- V. Reports from Staff
 - A. 2022 Meeting Schedule
 - B. Corridor Study
- VI. Old Business*
 - A. TC-21-07 Resolution 21-02 (Commission Member Alexander)
 - B. TC-21-08 District Representation on Commission (Commission Member Etter)
- VII. New Business*
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries
- IX. Adjournment

Next meeting – March 23, 2022 (subject to change depending on a meeting room conflict)

**Action Requested/Public comment prior to any vote (limited to five minutes per speaker)*

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**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 17, 2021

4:30 P.M. – Virtual Meeting

Online link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/87513132727>

Meeting ID: 875 1313 2727

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I. Call to Order: 4:33pm

Members present: Chris Etter, David Hoff, Dustin Kruse, Ryne Shadday, Greg Alexander, Andrew Cibor, Malik McCluskey, Sarah Ryterband (after the minutes vote at 4:35pm)

II. Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2021

Motioned: David Off Seconded: Malik McCluskey

Vote: Yay: Alexander, Cibor, Etter, Hoff, Kruse, McCluskey, Shadday.

Minutes approved: 7-0

III. Communications from Commission

Shadday: shared thanks for the 7-Line project and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Alexander: echoed thanks and asked Cibor about maintaining clear sidewalks.

Cibor: responded that the City is seriously looking into maintaining clear sidewalks, and coming up with clearer processes to make that happen.

Ryterband: asked some follow-ups, and if UReport is the best tool for people to use; Cibor said yes, it is the best way to respond.

IV. Public Comment* none

V. Reports from Staff

A. 2022 Meeting Schedule: staff presented a meeting schedule for 2022.
Staff will follow-up via email with a final schedule.

VI. Old Business*

A. TC-21-06 Resolution 21-01 (Commission Member Alexander)

Alexander presented to the Commission about Vision Zero and street design.

Alexander moved to adopt the resolution. Hoff Seconded.

Hoff moved that the last sentence of the resolution be amended to add in the following words in italics;

“...design attributes *that may have* contributed to the crash...”

Ryterband seconded.

Yay: Alexander, Cibor, Etter, Hoff, Kruse, McCluskey, Ryterband, Shadday.

Amendment to the resolution passes: 8-0

Cibor moved that the resolution be amended that the resolution strike “present to common council” and change to “present to the Traffic Commission” Ryterband seconded

Yay: Cibor, Etter, Hoff, Kruse, McCluskey, Ryterband

Nay: Alexander,

Abstain: Shadday.

Motion passes 6-1-1

Yay: Alexander, Cibor, Etter, Hoff, Kruse, McCluskey, Ryterband, Shadday

Resolution as amended passes 8-0

B. TC-21-08 District Representation on Commission (Commission Member Etter)

Shadday noted that this item will be skipped for now, in order to have time for discussion and vote on the Lincoln Street item. Tabled until next meeting

VII. New Business*

A. TC-21-09 Parking Change on Lincoln between 3rd Street and Smith Ave (staff)

Rosenbarger presented for staff.

Ryterband moved that we forward this to common council with a positive recommendation to council. Etter seconded.

Michel King: Dentist and property owner in this block. I’ve been there for 30 years. I’ve never seen an accident outside my office yet. I think the back-in parking is ridiculous. The back-in parking is going to be horribly difficult for the older people. I have a parking lot, but they like to use the street parking. Everyone I’ve asked about it, thinks it’s ridiculous to do the back-in parking. King shared more comments and concerns.

Meredith McMillen: concern to let people know what is back-in/head-out parking, putting up the two-hour limited parking signs. Since there won’t be parallel parking in front of our business, we hope there will be a no-parking sign there. With the back-in parking, I think people will be confused, and we need to come up with a way to explain it better. For all ages, I want it to be safe and I want them to know how to use it. And we need to let people know it’s still a one-way street, and worried the parked cars will be confusing to people.

Angela Cvelbar: can you explain why the back-in parking will improve safety, and why it is better, why you're doing this.

After public comment, more discussion and staff questions ensued.

Vote:

Yay: Alexander, Cibor, Etter, Hoff, Ryterband, Shadday

Nay: Kruse

Motion passes 6-1 (McCluskey had left)

VIII. Traffic Inquiries:

Rosenbarger shared that McCluskey has raised a concern about Moores Pike. It may be discussed at the next meeting, depending on their discussions.

IX. Adjournment: 6:13pm

Next meeting – January 26, 2022 (subject to change depending on a meeting room conflict)

**Action Requested/Public comment prior to any vote (limited to five minutes per speaker)*

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RESOLUTION 21-02

CALLING FOR CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BRING SPEED LIMITS IN LINE WITH ADOPTED CITY PLANS

- WHEREAS, speed is a significant factor influencing crash severity and frequency.
- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's 2018 Comprehensive Plan contains Policy 6.1.7: Prioritize safety and accessibility over capacity in transportation planning, design, construction, and maintenance decisions (pg 74).
- WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington's 2019 Transportation Plan designates all street typologies to have target speeds of at most 25mph, with the exception of Suburban Connectors, which have target speeds of at most 35mph (pg 36).
- WHEREAS, Walnut St north of the SR 45/46 bypass is the only city-controlled street segment indicated as Suburban Connector in the Transportation Plan (pg 35).
- WHEREAS, Title 15 of Bloomington Municipal Code lists many street segments as having a speed limit higher than 25mph in direct contradiction to our Transportation Plan.
- WHEREAS, IC 9-21-5-6 allows cities to reduce speed limits in urban districts to 25mph without a traffic and engineering investigation.
- WHEREAS, Title 15 of Bloomington Municipal Code lists many street segments as having a speed limit higher than 25mph even in existing urban districts.
- WHEREAS, when street projects naturally arise, including regular maintenance, the scope of work is often limited such that the codified speed limit is not reconsidered.
- WHEREAS, codified speed limit changes do not take legal effect until after new signage is installed, so no material change will occur without Engineering staff oversight to implement the revised code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THAT:

Title 15 should be amended to reflect the target speeds in the City of Bloomington's 2019 Transportation Plan. Bloomington Municipal Code 15.24.020 schedule I should be amended by removing every row that indicates a street segment within an existing urban district with a speed limit greater than 25 MPH, and replacing any remaining speed limits that are greater than 35 MPH with 35 MPH.

These rows above 25 MPH should be preserved:

Fullerton Pike	SR 37	1,160' East of SR 37	30 MPH
Gordon Pike	Walnut Street	600' West of Walnut Street	30 MPH
Moore's Pike	High Street	SR 446	30 MPH
Old SR 37	Walnut Street	City Limits	30 MPH
Rhorer Road	Walnut Street	550' East of Walnut Street	30 MPH
Rogers Road	High Street	1,100' East of Forrester Street	30 MPH
Sare Road	Moore's Pike	Rhorer Road	30 MPH
Tapp Road	SR 37	800' West of Adams Street	30 MPH
Winslow Road	Walnut Street	High Street	30 MPH

These rows should be deleted:

Adams Street	775' South of Millennium Park Drive	Patterson Drive	30 MPH
Adams Street	Patterson Drive	Adams Street	30 MPH
Arlington Road	Monroe Street	West to Corporate Limits	40 MPH
Bloomfield Road	State Road 37	Adams Street	40 MPH
College Avenue	Seventeenth Street	SR 45/46	40 MPH
College Mall Road	SR 46	Moore's Pike	30 MPH
Country Club Drive	Rockport Road	Walnut Street	30 MPH
Curry Pike	Bloomfield Road	North to Corporate Limits	35 MPH
Dunn Street	Seventeenth Street	45/46 Bypass	35 MPH
Dunn Street	SR 45/SR 46 Bypass	Old SR 37	30 MPH
Eleventh Street	Walnut Street	Fountain Drive	30 MPH
Fee Lane	Seventeenth Street	45/46 Bypass	35 MPH
Fountain Drive	Adams Street	Western Terminus	30 MPH
Henderson Street	First Street	Atwater Avenue	30 MPH
Henderson Street	South Drive	Heather Drive	30 MPH
High Street	450' North of Wimbledon Lane	Covenanter Drive	30 MPH
Hillside Drive	Woodlawn Avenue	High Street	30 MPH
Indiana Avenue	Atwater Avenue	Seventeenth Street	30 MPH
Kinser Pike	Seventeenth Street	SR 37	30 MPH
Kirkwood Avenue	Adams Street	Walnut Street	30 MPH
Leonard Springs Road	Fullerton Pike	SR 45	30 MPH
Madison Street	Eleventh Street	Seventeenth Street	30 MPH
Moore's Pike	High Street	SR 446	30 MPH
Old SR 37	Walnut Street	City Limits	30 MPH
Patterson Drive	Allen Street	Second Street	40 MPH
Patterson Drive	Allen Street	Walnut Street	30 MPH
Patterson Drive	Third Street	Second Street	30 MPH
Rhorer Road	Walnut Street	550' East of Walnut Street	30 MPH
Rockport Road	Rogers Street	300' South of Tapp Road	30 MPH
Rogers Road	High Street	1,100' East of Forrester Street	30 MPH
Rogers Street	Country Club Drive	Eleventh Street	30 MPH
Sare Road	Moore's Pike	Rhorer Road	30 MPH
Second Street	Patterson Drive	Walnut Street	30 MPH
Seventeenth Street	Monroe Street	Jackson Street	35 MPH
Seventeenth Street	Jackson Street	45/46 Bypass	30 MPH
Seventeenth Street	300' West of Lindbergh Drive	Crescent Road	30 MPH
Seventeenth Street	300' East of Lindbergh Drive	Monroe Street	30 MPH
Smith Road	SR 45	Moore's Pike	30 MPH
Tapp Road	SR 37	800' West of Adams Street	30 MPH
Tapp Road	800' East of Adams Street	Rockport Road	30 MPH
Tenth Street	Walnut Street	45/46 Bypass	30 MPH
Third Street	Dunn Street	Rogers Street	30 MPH
Third Street	Franklin Road/Wynnedale Drive	Patterson Drive	30 MPH
Third Street	High Street	College Mall Road	30 MPH
Union Street	Third Street	Law Lane	30 MPH
Walnut Street	Blue Ridge Drive	North to Corporate Limits	45 MPH
Walnut Street	Seventeenth Street	Blue Ridge Drive	40 MPH
Walnut Street	Pinewood Drive	Dodds Street	30 MPH
Walnut Street	Pinewood Drive	Rhorer Road/Gordon Pike	40 MPH
Weimer Road	Tapp Road	353' South of Sudbury Drive	30 MPH
Winslow Road	Walnut Street	High Street	30 MPH

These rows should be added:

Walnut Street	SR 45/46	North to Corporate Limits	35 MPH
Kinser Pike	Rosewood Drive	SR 37	30 MPH
Patterson Drive	Fairview Street	Second Street	35 MPH

City of Bloomington Traffic Commission
Rules & Procedures

Section I. Purpose and Duties.

It shall be the duty of the Traffic Commission, and to this end it shall have the authority within the limits of the funds at its disposal, to coordinate traffic activities, to carry on educational activities in traffic matters, to supervise the preparation and publication of traffic reports, to receive complaints having to do with traffic matters, and to recommend to the Common Council and to appropriate City officials ways and means for improving traffic conditions and the administration and enforcement of traffic regulations.

Section II. Appointments.

The Traffic Commission shall consist of the following nine members:

- A. A designee of the Transportation and Traffic Engineer;
- B. A designee of the Director of Public Works;
- C. A designee of the Chief of Police; and
- D. Six additional members who shall be appointed by the Common Council by majority vote in a properly convened session of the Council.

All terms shall be for two years.

Section III. Qualifications.

Each Common Council appointee shall be a resident of the City with preference being given so that each council district is represented.

Section IV. Meetings.

Annual regular meeting dates and times will be scheduled prior to the end of each calendar year.

- A. Changes to dates and times may be approved prior to each scheduled meeting by staff or the Chairperson (including cancellations and the scheduling of special meetings).
- B. A quorum for Traffic Commission meetings shall be five members or alternates (a majority of the membership).
- C. All Traffic Commission meetings are open to members of the public, absent an executive session held in accordance with the provisions of Indiana law.

Section V. Procedure(s).

A. Voting.

1. All votes shall be by simple voice vote, unless a member specifically requests a roll call vote.
2. If a member fails to vote upon any matter, any other member may raise the question and insist that the member either vote or state the reason for not voting and be excused.
3. Any member may change a vote before the result is announced.

B. Agenda. Staff shall provide a meeting packet with the date, time, location, agenda, and summary of minutes for each regular meeting at least 48 hours prior to their regular meeting. The Traffic Commission shall transact its business in the following order, but it may, by majority vote, amend the normal order of business and time limits set forth below:

1. Call to Order;
2. Approval of minutes;
3. Communications from Commission;
4. Public Comment*;
5. Reports from Staff;
6. Old Business*;
7. New Business*;
8. Traffic Inquiries*;
9. Commission Schedule; and
10. Adjournment.

*The Chairperson may limit the length of time and number of times an individual may comment during public comment. The Chairperson shall explain these limits prior to hearing any public comment. This also may include limitations on repetitive or redundant comments to help ensure each individual has an opportunity to provide their comments.

C. Chair and Vice-Chair. The Traffic Commission members shall nominate and elect a Chairperson from among the members of the commission.

1. The Chairperson shall conduct all Traffic Commission meetings and help ensure each agenda item is given the opportunity for the Commission to sufficiently conduct their monthly business and to direct staff on future business items to consider.
2. In the Chairperson's absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall conduct meetings.
3. Elections for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall take place annually at the second meeting of the calendar year.
4. The Traffic Commission members may elect such other officers as it deems necessary.

D. Motions.

1. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the presiding officer before it shall be debated.

2. The name of the member making the motion or offering any business shall be entered into the minutes.
3. Unless otherwise provided by law, approval of any action shall be by simple majority of those members present and voting.