JOINT TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 | 2:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES – June 12, 2023.

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.

The June 12, 2023 Joint Transportation and Special Called committee of the Whole Meeting was approved as recorded.

III. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

a. Update: Rail Safety - Colin Alexander

Colin Alexander presented an update.

The Department of Transportation partnered with Norfolk Southern to install quick-curb delineators at three rail crossing, and plan to install four additional ones. The quick curb delineators are designed to avoid drivers from going around rail-crossing gates when they come down.

In 2022, there were eight (8) rail-crossing incidents in which a train had a collision with a car, pedestrian, or bicycle in the city limits of Birmingham and two were fatal. Both fatalities occurred at the 15th Place SW location. This year to date, there have been zero (0) incidents. The crossings that have quick curb delineators are located Brussels Avenue, 15th Place SW and 17th Street. The additional delineators will be installed on Pearson Avenue SW, Jefferson Avenue SW, 31st Street and 17th Way SW.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only

b. Discussion: Proposed BJCC Amphitheater

Action Taken: No Discussion

c. Update: Traffic Calming

Colin Alexander presented an update.

Speed cushions have been installed on Five Mile Road.

The Traffic Calming Team is currently undergoing some staffing transitions that should be addressed by the end of July 2023. With staffing changes, BDOT hopes to improve communication of the schedule of installations to the residents.

The timeline should also improve in the fall/winter as the field crew is focused on road striping for the summer.

BDOT is also installing signage for school speed zones.

This is an unfunded mandate from the State Legislature.

There is no compliance deadline.

The municipalities are expected to develop a plan and implement the plan as funding becomes available.

Action Taken:

No Action - Information Only.

d. Update: Parking/Towing Ordinance

Julie Barnard presented an update to the Committee.

The project has been in collaboration with BDOT.

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The final form of the Ordinance should be available by the next scheduled Transportation Committee Meeting on July 25, 2023, and should also appear on the July 26, 2023 Birmingham City Council Meeting Agenda.

Uniform signage will be required in all private lots. Business owners will have 60 days to be in compliance once the ordinance changes are adopted. The signs can be purchased at any sign shop. The enforcement details are still being finalized. BDOT will enforce compliance in collaboration with the Birmingham Police Department. The changes will include signage but will also push businesses to be in compliance with current specifications in the ordinance such as badges and uniforms for employees, clearly labelled trucks, etc.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Woods Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.

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