

JOINT TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 | 2:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM A

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MINUTES

Councilor(s) Present: O'Quinn, Woods

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES – November 27, 2023**

**Action Taken:**

**The Agenda was approved as recorded.**

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**The November 27, 2023 Joint Transportation and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.**

III. **New Applicant: Our Hearts, LLC**

Owner: Patricia Jones

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

IV. **New Applicant: Baileys Taxi**

Owner: Joe Lamarr Childers

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

V. **Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Birmingham, City of Vestavia and Jefferson County to Construct a Roundabout at the Intersection of Sicard Hollow Road and Blue Lake Drive**

**Presented by:** Colin Alexander, BDOT

This is an agreement between the City of Birmingham, City of Vestavia and Jefferson County.

Jefferson County will be constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Sicard Hollow Road and Blue Lake Drive, located in District 2 (not far from the Summit).

It is an intersection that's split between the City of Birmingham and the City of Vestavia.

Vestavia and Jefferson County are going to split the cost of the project (50/50).

The City of Birmingham is not going to contribute any funding towards the construction of the project.

The agreement is allowing for construction to happen in Birmingham right-of way.

BDOT is waiting for Jefferson County and Vestavia to execute their part of the agreement to get an ordinance drafted.

The City of Birmingham is committing to the lighting within its jurisdiction.

Jefferson County is leading the project.

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

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- VI. Crossing Reconstruction Agreement between City of Birmingham and Alabama & Tennessee River Railway, LLC**  
**Presented by:** Colin Alexander, BDOT  
This is an agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Alabama & Tennessee River Railway, LLC. There have been a number of complaints in the last 3-4 years regarding the quality of the ATN crossings. In order to get on the ATN's capital improvement budget for next year, the agreement needs to be done before the end of the calendar year.  
The four crossing for the proposed work are 53<sup>rd</sup> Street S, the wide crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South/ 54<sup>th</sup> Street S (both in District 5); Brownlink Road and Milner Industrial Drive (District 2).  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**
- VII. Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Norfolk Southern Corporation: Qwick Kurb**  
**Presented by:** Colin Alexander, BDOT  
The quick kurbs are used to demarcate and prevent vehicles from driving around rail gates at crossings. The City of Birmingham will split the cost with Norfolk Southern. The City's funding will come from Gas Tax. Two of the crossings overlap with crossing being considered for a project with Trainfo, which would install sensors and signage to notify residents of blocked crossings.  
The project will cost the City of Birmingham \$21,670,98 for three crossings.  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**
- VIII. Alabama Industrial Road and Bridge Program Grant Application**  
**Presented by:** Colin Alexander, BDOT  
This is a grant application to fund improvements on 40<sup>th</sup> Street. The improvements will include adding turn lanes and slightly widening the lanes. The goal is to improve infrastructure that would accommodate new developments in the area. The ask is \$3.5million (the maximum amount for this grant). There is no actual match from the City of Birmingham, but any cost for the project over the grant funding amount would be the responsibility of the City of Birmingham. Sidewalks and the traffic signal are not covered with this grant. The deadline for this grant is December 29, 2023.  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**
- IX. Alabama Waldorf School Reduced School Zone Speed Limit**  
**Presented by:** Colin Alexander, BDOT  
A request was submitted for Waldorf School for a school speed zone. The speed zone change is on Crestwood Boulevard, which is ALDOT right of way. The State requires that school speed zones are installed for every public and private school in the state, regardless of jurisdiction. ALDOT's process requires an ordinance in order to change the posted speed limit on an U.S. highway. The City has go through a process with ALDOT to set up an ordinance in order to legally the change the speed limit on a state route or Federal highway. This is the request that would establish the speed zone on Crestwood Boulevard for Waldorf School.  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

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X. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

a. Traffic Calming One Pager

The committee requested information on the steps in the process, range of timelines, etc. that will help the public understand the process of traffic calming. The one-pager information will be posted on the BDOT website under the "Traffic Calming" tab. It will also be made available for Councilors to distribute at neighborhood association meetings.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Woods Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned.