HIGHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Building a More Vibrant, Welcoming, and Safe Neighborhood

Transportation Committee

October 13th, 2026, 7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84043225142

Highland Park Community Center

1978 Ford Parkway

Agenda

7:00 pm Call to Order – *Brad Ballinger, Vice -Chair*

Roll Call – *Shayne Stone, Secretary*

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – *Brad Ballinger, Vice -Chair*

Welcome to Student Liaisons -Intro to Transportation - *Brad Ballinger, Vice -Chair*

- Introduced and welcomed new student liaisons Maggie Hong and James Olson, high school students interested in transportation planning and city management.

Highland Elementary Crossings on Davern-*Cory Heuschkel*

- Corey presented concerns regarding dangerous traffic conditions during morning drop-offs along the quarter-mile stretch from Montreal to Beachwood (specifically Davern and Saunders). Discussed possible solutions to write in a letter to Public Works, which include:
  - Discussed working with school and Ward 3 office for support. Corey is open to asking neighbors for signatures for a petition.
  - 4-way stop sign at Davern and Roam or Davern and Saunders. Either a new stop sign or moving the stop sign from Beachwood)
  - Highlighted/enhanced school crossing sign with lights or

brighter markings
- Speed bump/raised surface/speed tables

Neighbor Stop for Me Events Recap – _Kathy, Committee Member_

- Stop for Me locations included: Sheridan and Davern, Edgcumbe and Munster, Hamline and Harford, Montreal and Davern, Ford Parkway and Davern, Boland and Creatin
- Event was very successful, with good neighbor participation and good feedback from the community. Tickets were only given out for being on their cellphone/distracted.
- Discussed possible other locations/dangerious intersections: Edgcumbe and Farview potential next location due to its wide street layout.

November Meeting -Ride the A-Line with Metro Transit

- Meet with Metro Transit and learn how to ride the bus at 6:30 PM (November 10, 2026).
    - Starting location: Ford Parkway and Woodlawn Ave; ending: Ford Parkway and Kenneth.
- 18 slots for the public.
- Still need to double-check reservation requirements with Metro Transit

SMART Goals (standing agenda item)– _Brad Ballinger, Vice -Chair_

- *Hold; will address at board retreat*

Old Business

- Updates on Shepherd Road / 35E Bridge project: positive they will have dirt removed and improvements completed before snow comes.
- Joint Transportation Committee
    - Discussed speed bumps; noted there is no formal city process for approving speed bumps.
    - Saint Anthony Park area left turn off of 280 is going to be permanently closed.
    - Noted the dissolution of the nonprofit Hourcar
- Highland Bridge Signage

- No real news on signage - Kathy to check with Sean Ryan regarding traffic and parking impacts at Highland Bridge to verify if original parking and traffic projections are being exceeded.

New Business

- Board Retreat
  - Come up with SMART goals / refine goals: Monday, October 26th at Lumen Christi Church; providing dinner and water.
  - Community member
    - Resident (Dan) raised comments asking the city to look at the larger picture: concerns about traffic shifting/redirecting into residential areas (e.g., Davern and Howell streets, where traffic more than doubled in the past 3 years) following road diets/changes on larger roads (Fairview and Snelling), making other areas less safe; called for comprehensive review rather than piecemeal solutions.
    - Highland Bridge parking concerns: Parking has already exceeded the limit originally planned; following up with Sean Ryan on original commitment.
    - Streets MN article - what if we could reclaim space
    - Concerns regarding safety/traffic at Montreal and St. Paul Ave. Discussed possible need for a stoplight at this location. Discussed reaching out to MNDOT to see if there are any potential improvements for this intersection.
    - Trails to rails, rail spur study: Brief discussion on the CP rail spur study. Review letter that was written by HDC this past year.

8:30 pm Adjourn – ***Brad Ballinger, Vice -Chair***

Chair: Frank Jossi Vice-Chair: Brad Ballinger Secretary: Shayne Stone
Committee Members: Wolfie Browender, Blanca Monter, Jack Rossmann, Matte Grotte, John Krenik
Alternates: Wayne Olson Student Liaison: Maggie Hong, James Olson

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is November 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM (Bus Ride)