



MEMO TO OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**Date:** May 2024**FROM:** Planning and Transportation Department**REGARDING:** Combination of Transportation-Related Boards to Advisory Transportation Commission

The existing Traffic Commission, Bloomington Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, and Parking Commission will be dissolved and removed from Title 2.12 Boards, Commissions, and Councils. In their place, a new unified Advisory Transportation Commission (ATC) will be created.

The ATC will have specific goals, including primarily the provision of guidance to the City to ensure safe and adequate access for all roadway users in its effort to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries. It will also promote sustainable, multimodal transportation, equitable access, and community-centric design, and will serve as a standing steering committee for future transportation studies and grant programs.

The ATC will be primarily staffed by the City's Engineering Department, though it will also work regularly and closely with the Planning & Transportation and Public Works departments.

Appointments

The ATC will consist of nine members. The mayor will appoint a member or designated representative from both the Council for Community Accessibility and the Board of Public Safety. The Common Council will appoint four members from the city's population, with preference given to those involved in community groups that work with underserved or marginalized populations. Additionally, one ex-officio member or designated representative will be appointed from each of the Plan Commission, Board of Public Works, and Common Council.

Members appointed from the Council for Community Accessibility, Board of Public Safety, Plan Commission, Board of Public Works, and Common Council will serve terms that coincide with their terms on those bodies. Representatives not serving on those bodies will serve four-year terms. Members appointed by the Common Council who are not among its membership will serve two-year terms.

Duties

The ATC will be responsible for reviewing all proposed changes to Title 15, as well as any relevant proposed changes to the Bloomington Municipal Code. Specific review criteria will be created for the first time ensuring that any proposal is consistent with the goals of eliminating all transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries, promoting sustainable and equitable design, and ensuring that proposals have allowed for



adequate public input. Following review, the ATC will forward a recommendation to the Common Council.

The ATC will also review and approve projects proceeding from the Traffic Calming & Greenways Program.

Next Steps

The Title 2 amendment, for the dissolution of the existing boards and the establishment of the Advisory Transportation Commission, will be presented to the Traffic Commission, Bloomington Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission, and Parking Commission during their June and July meetings. While feedback will be collected to present to the Common Council, the boards will not be asked to vote. The Title 2 amendment will be brought to Common Council in September or October in order to allow for enough time for the ATC to be formed and ready to begin in January 2025.