

***** Amendment Form *****

Ordinance #: 2024-27
Amendment #: Am 01
Submitted By: Cm. Ruff
Date: December 11, 2024
Proposed Amendment:

1. The final Whereas clause of Ordinance 2024-27 shall be amended by deleting the word “oversight” and replacing it with the word “advisory”, such that the Whereas clause reads as follows:

WHEREAS, a transportation-related policy advisory body is necessary to ensure that transportation projects are consistent with the comprehensive plan and other applicable city adopted plans, are consistent with the best practices for eliminating all transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries within the city, are consistent with promoting sustainable design, and equitable access to all transportation facility users, and has provided for community-based solutions and allowed for adequate public input;

2. Section 1 of Ordinance 2024-27 shall be amended by deleting the words “to determine if” within subsection (b) of the “Powers and Duties” section (4) of the new proposed Section 2.12.070 of the Bloomington Municipal Code (BMC) to govern the Advisory Transportation Commission. Such words “to determine if” shall be replaced with the words “and provide input in evaluating whether”, so that the ATC provides input but does not have deterministic authority over what is being evaluated. The proposed BMC Section 2.12.070(4)(b) shall now read as follows:

- (b) Review all transportation projects, proposed changes to Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic, relevant proposed changes to Title 12 - Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers, and other applicable changes to the Bloomington Municipal Code and provide input in evaluating whether the proposed change:
 - (i) is consistent with the comprehensive plan, and other applicable city adopted plans;
 - (ii) is consistent with the best practices for eliminating all transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries within the city;
 - (iii) is consistent with promoting sustainable design, and equitable access to all transportation facility users; and
 - (iv) has provided for community-based solutions and allowed for adequate public input.

3. Section 4 of Ordinance 2024-27 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

SECTION 4. Bloomington Municipal Code Chapter 15.26., entitled “Traffic Calming and Greenways Program” shall be amended by deleting all references to the “Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Commission”.

4. A new Section 5 of Ordinance 2024-27 shall be inserted, and subsequent sections renumbered, and the new Section 5 will state as follows:

SECTION 5. Bloomington Municipal Code Section 15.26.020 shall be amended to provide a mechanism for review and recommendation by the advisory body to the Council for approval. The section shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

15.26.020 Traffic calming and greenways program.

The Traffic Calming and Greenways Program administered by the Planning and Transportation Department and reviewed by the Advisory Transportation Commission for recommendation to the Common Council shall be incorporated by reference into this chapter and includes any amendments to the program, as approved by the common council by ordinance. Pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-1-5-4, two copies of the Traffic Calming and Greenways Program shall be available in the City Clerk's office for public inspection.

Synopsis

This amendment, sponsored by Cm. Ruff, would recognize the role of the new Advisory Transportation Commission as an advisory body, replacing words like “oversight” and “determine” with “advisory” and “provide input”. The amendment also adds an additional requirement to the code section governing the Traffic Calming and Greenways Program (TCGP), in which the role of the Advisory Transportation Commission would be to review and make recommendations to the Common Council, rather than administer the Program along with the Department of Planning and Transportation. Further amendments to the TCGP guidelines would be necessary to accomplish the precise role of the Common Council in receiving and taking action upon such recommendations.

Regular Session Action (12/11/2024):

Pending