TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 6:00 P.M– 7:30 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
Room 2404

1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

2. Citizen Comments

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019

4. Recommendations for Sustainable Regional Transportation Funding –
   Presentation

5. Parking Study District 12 (Dodge & Church) – Update

6. Parking in Business Districts (April 29, 2019 Special Council Meeting) – Update

7. Updates
   - Transportation Updates
   - Parking Updates (no attachment)

8. ADJOURNMENT

   Next Meeting: May 22, 2019 at 6:00pm (joint meeting with the Economic
   Development Committee)
TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Room 2404, Evanston, IL 60201

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Ald. Revelle, T. Dubin, L. Young, A. Añón, B. J. Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Ald. Wynne, Ald. Fleming

STAFF PRESENT:  Parking Manager Jill Velan, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink,

PRESIDING MEMBER:  Ald. Revelle

1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum
Chairman Ald. Revelle declared a quorum at 6:04 P.M.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019

   Item 1
   Motion to approve made by L. Young and seconded by B. J. Miller
   A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

3. Citizen Comments
Note – Comments were broken up into two parts of the meeting, a summary of all comments are included here.

An Evanston small business owner talked about parking struggles for his employees and how they have worries walking to and from the public garages when it’s dark out. He is hoping that the City can come up with an alternative that allows for employees to park in residentially permitted areas.

There were a few citizens who wanted to speak about issues with the newer parking pay stations that have been installed around the city. The main issues dealt with the inability to pay for longer than 2 hours on either the app or via the physical pay station. The citizens wanted to express that they felt unwelcomed in Evanston anymore and they wanted to let it be known that they were not talking about Downtown Evanston but more for outlying areas.

4. Loading Zone – 602 Davis (15 Minute)
Parking Manager Jill Velan started with talking about how this item has been discussed in the past and staff was directed to come up with an administrative policy. While that policy is still being worked out this particular loading zone has a more time sensitive need. Originally the request for a loading zone in this area was from Pâtisserie Coralie but a second request was received for this block from Gather Daycare. The recommendation is to use the last space on the south side of the
street in front of 602 Davis as a 15 minute loading zone for the block. Some questions from the committee included if hazard lights would need to be used by drivers, and how far from the intersection the recommended space is, and if the businesses had rear access.

Alex asked about how a truck being parked there would affect the visibility, and if the middle of the block was considered for the space. He doesn’t believe there is enough visibility for pedestrians / bicycle riders at the suggested space if a truck is parked here.

Jill stated that this is a currently used legal space that meets all of the necessary requirements to be an effective loading zone, she also stated that originally the City was considering the middle of the block, however, the need based on the pick up / drop off of the daycare made using the recommended space more viable.

**Item 2**

Motion to recommend a 15 minute loading zone in front of 602 Davis made by L. Young and seconded by B. J. Miller

A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-1 (A. Añón voted no)

5. **Complete & Green Streets Policy Report**

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink wanted to give an update to the committee based on the current data available. However, she is looking to come back to the committee with an update that is only dealing with projects to be completed in 2019.

Alex asked about speed limits in Evanston from a pedestrian and cyclist perspective.

Jessica talked about how you most of the streets in Evanston have a 25 mph speed limit which is among the lowest you will find in an urban area in the country. She notes that some streets do have higher speed limits and that these streets are not currently being considered for bicycle usage.

Terri asked about a specific item on page 11 of the report and B. J. Miller also asked about the way that the questions are being answered by developers. Jessica talked about how this shows how the entire survey needs to be reevaluated. She talked about how the current questions are too open ended and she is still working on coming up with less open ended questions that can provide quantifiable data.

It was asked if Jessica was working on updating and reevaluating the survey questions and how she was looking to update the survey. Jessica spoke about how when you look at how the questions were originally conceived you need to take into account who was writing the questions at the time. Now that the City has seen what the response has been it can make changes and improve the process to make sure the data received is quantifiable and actionable.

6. **807 Greenwood Parking**

Parking Manager Jill Velan talked about the area in front and along the side of the building (Sherman Ct.). Currently the parking here is not part of the residential district and is not metered. The City has not seen people using a residential permit to park in this area. So the recommendation
would be to use the parking on Greenwood as short term parking (up to 2 or 3 hours) and using the Sherman Ct. parking as long term parking (up to 12 hours) as a pilot to create an area where parking is paid with the ParkEvanston App only.

The main issue that the committee expressed was only having the ParkEvanston app as an option to pay and the suggestion was to use signage to limit the parking on Greenwood until hardware could be installed so that payment could be accepted at the site.

Jill suggested pulling the item back and coming back to the April meeting with a larger area if needed.

A resident spoke about the immediate need and the inability to wait till then. Alex asked about the ownership of the parking lot in the back of the building and it was determined that the lot belongs to the 805-807 Greenwood building.

**Item 3**
*Motion to recommend short term parking (up to 2 hours) on both sides of Greenwood and long term parking in Sherman Ct via Park Evanston App made by L. Young and seconded by T. Dubin*
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0

**7. Support of Metra & Transportation Bill**
There was talk about general support for this bill.

**Item 4**
*Motion to recommend support the Metra Resolution Support of a Date of Illinois Capital made by L. Young and seconded by B. J. Miller*
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0

**8. 1600 Block of Lincoln Street Pilot**
Jill talked about the wanted to change the existing restrictions from a 7 am – 9 am restriction to a 2 hour residential restriction during the day from 9 am – 6 pm for 6 months

**Item 5**
*Motion to recommend changing the residential restriction on the 1600 block of Lincoln from a 7 am – 9 am restriction to a 2 hour restriction made by B. J. Miller and seconded by T. Dubin*
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0

**9. Transportation Updates**
Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink talked about a new ride share company “Via” that has entered the market.

She also spoke about how the Parklet Policy is on hold as the only company that had an active permit has decided not to renew and there are no applications pending.

**10. Parking Updates**
Jill spoke about how the 2 hour parking limit (for paid parking) is more evident due to new technologies. She talked about how business needs have changed and the 2 hours being the standard may not be sufficient. She suggested that a 3 hour limit could be an option. She also suggests potentially using a demand based pricing model.

11. Adjournment
A Motion to adjourn was made by B. J. Miller and 2nd by T. Dubin at 7:45 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The next Committee Meeting is March 20, 2019.
To: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Chairman
Members of the Transportation & Parking Committee

From: Jessica Hyink, Transportation & Mobility Coordinator

Subject: Recommendations for Sustainable Regional Transportation Funding,
Presented by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Date: April 22, 2019

Summary:

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is seeking input from users of our regional transportation system through a series of focus groups.

This interactive presentation will include background on the current condition of the regional transportation infrastructure, how we currently fund its maintenance and improvements, and discussion of sustainable and equitable funding alternatives.
Memorandum

To: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Chairman
   Members of the Transportation/Parking Committee

From: Jill Velan, Parking Division Manager

Subject: Residential Parking District 12 – Parking Study Update

Date: April 22, 2019

Summary:
The Parking Division is in the process of completing a Parking Study for Residential Parking District 12. Due to scheduling conflicts for the next Transportation/Parking Committee Meeting, Staff is bringing an update to the Committee before the 5th Ward meeting next month.

Currently, Residential District 12 is a 24/7 residential parking area for residents of the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Dodge Avenue. Over the last several years there has been an increase in customers to the business area at Dodge Avenue and Church Street.

Staff is proposing that the 24/7 restrictions be modified to allow for limited public parking on the block during the day. Staff will present the current study findings and discuss options at the 5th Ward meeting in May.
To: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Chairman  
Members of the Transportation/Parking Committee

From: Jill Velan, Parking Division Manager

Subject: Parking in Business Districts (April 29th Special Council Meeting) - Update

Date: April 22, 2019

Summary:
Over the last several weeks, members of the public and local business community have been giving feedback about parking in the business districts. At the Special Council Meeting on April 29, 2019, Staff will present several recommendations to address some of the parking concerns. Many of these have been discussed at previous Transportation/Parking Committee meetings.

The recommendations are being finalized and a draft will be discussed with the Committee at the Wednesday, May 24, 2019 meeting.
To: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Chairman  
Members of the Transportation & Parking Committee

From: Jessica Hyink, Transportation & Mobility Coordinator

Subject: Transportation & Mobility Updates

Date: April 22, 2019

Summary:

This memorandum provides a brief update on items related to the work conducted by the Transportation & Mobility Coordinator.

Announcement:

The May meeting will be a joint meeting of the Transportation and Parking Committee and Economic Development Committee. Topics of discussion include the impacts of micromobility, licensing requirements for micromobility, and limiting transportation network providers (TNPs).

Complete Streets Updates:

a) New: Main Street Project from Maple Avenue to Hinman Avenue:
   - The advisory committee has set a date and location for the first public meeting to present on concepts for the Main Street Phase I Engineering project from Maple Avenue to Hinman Avenue:
     o Date: May 15, 2019
     o Time: 7:00 PM
     o Location: Lincoln School  
       910 Forest Avenue  
       Evanston, IL 60202
     o Room: TBD

b) Update: Relocation of Bike Hand Signals:
   - In review of the preliminary data, staff has found little behavioral change from the placement of the bike hand signals. Staff recommends placing the signs at high density bicycle parking locations. Staff can return with proposed locations for committee approval or move forward with the relocation.
c) **Update:** Complete and Green Streets Policy:
   - Staff is summarizing data from the Design and Project Review Committee for the scoping and project level metrics. Staff has met with interested parties in discussing edits to the policy.

**Transit Updates:**

a) **Reminder:** Pace Bus Stop Program:
   - Pace will install bus shelters at no cost to the City, including excavation and concrete work for the placement of the shelter as needed.
   - Maintenance, cleaning, and repair of all shelters is managed by Pace.
   - The program is funded through advertising revenue.
     - Pace will pay the City a percentage of the advertising revenue.
     - The City may stipulate no ads with alcohol.
   - To participate, the City must waive the cost of construction permit application fees and fast-track the permitting and inspection process.
   - The bus shelter design is limited to six styles selected by Pace.
   - More information can be found online: