1. **Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum**

2. **Citizen Comments**

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2019**

4. **Low-Speed Electric Bicycles in the Public Right of Way – Action**

5. **Transportation Network Provider Accessibility Data - Action**

6. **Amending Section of Title 10, Chapter 11, Schedule 12 “Parking Meter Zones” adding a Portion of Madison St. - Action**

7. **Updates**
   A) **Transportation – Attachment**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

   Next Meeting: September 25, 2019 at 6:00pm
TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 24, 2019
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Room 2404, Evanston, IL 60201

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Ald. Revelle, Ald. Wynne, A. Añón, B. J. Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ald. Fleming, T. Dubin

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Parking Manager Mike Rivera, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink, Assistant City Manager Erika Storlie

PRESIDING MEMBER: Ald. Revelle

1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum
Chairman Ald. Revelle declared a quorum at 6:06 P.M.

2. Citizen Comments
Tina Paden addressed the committee regarding the residential parking on her block (District 11). She talked about how she didn’t feel the signage was sufficient on her block and that she wanted tow away zone signs added.

Dan Joseph addressed the committee about signage differences between Pace and CTA. He also asked why more bus routes are run out of CTA garages instead of local Pace garages and is hoping that the city can work with CTA and Pace to get this accomplished. Mr. Joseph also talked about deficiencies in the current Sunday bus service offerings.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

Item 1
Motion to approve made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by A. Añón
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

4. Northwestern University Event Buses – Review
Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink talked about an issue where busses would idle for too long when parked/standing around the city. One of the main reasons this has been occurring is that some of the current busses being used by Northwestern have issues with restarting in colder weather and keeping them running is the only option to make sure the stay in operation. This issue should start to wane as the university moves its fleet to more electric vehicles. This would have the effect of reducing both the noise pollution and the generated emissions.
Transportation Updates
Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink provided an update on the E-Bicycle ordinance that was discussed last month. She talked about how she was working with the legal department to draft an ordinance that would use Chicago’s policy as a roadmap while being sure to keep in mind what Evanston’s unique needs, such as how we would enforce the ordinance and how we would tackle lakefront riding.

5. **1900 Maple Pilot update – Action**
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera referenced an action taken by the committee to add a pilot adding 2 hour parking restriction on the west side of Maple from Garnett to Foster. The current recommendation is to expand the pilot restriction to the east side of Maple from Garnett to Foster. Staff would continue to monitor the pilot area and come back with an ordinance recommendation in early 2020.

**Item 2**
Motion to approve staff recommendations made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by B.J. Miller
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

6. **District G updates – Action**
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera talked about two different areas where signage in District G needed to be updated. First on the 1000 block of Foster, the south side of the street is part of District G per the City Code. On the north side of the street from Maple to Ridge there is no parking allowed except for approximately three parking spaces just east of Maple. Currently these three spaces are unrestricted, although entire area around is part of the district. Adding signage would bring these three spaces into line with the rest of the district.

The second area is on the 1900 from Emerson to Garnett on the west side of the street is currently a part of District G. The east side of the street is a Northwestern University dorm. The parking in front of the dorm is unregulated. The City Code does not find this address as a part of the district, as Northwestern properties are not eligible to park in residential districts. Parking is provided by Northwestern in a lot just north of the dorm. Adding signage for District G on this block would increase available parking for residents in the area adding about 10-12 spaces.

**Item 3**
Motion to approve staff recommendations made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by A. Añón
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

7. **Lot 54 – Northwestern Football Game Parking Options – Action**
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera talked about the recommendation to waive the standard parking fees in Lot 54 on dates of Northwestern University football games for Evanston registered vehicles that have a paid Wheel Tax. Vehicles not registered in Evanston will be considered Non-Evanston resident and will be charged $40 for a special event/football game parking space on a first come first served basis.
The committee asked about how the program was run the previous year.

Mike explained that we achieved about 30% occupancy with the way the program was administered the year before.

Questions were raised about using a demand based pricing schedule as opposed to a flat rate of $40.

Assistant City Manager Erika Storlie stated that staff would review the schedule and update the pricing model when the item is brought to city council.

Item 4
Motion to use a demand based pricing model to be determined by staff while offering free parking for Evanston residents who have paid a wheel tax made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by A. Añón
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

8. 10-11-10 – Schedule X; Limited Parking – 1700 Dodge – Action
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera talked about a recent ward meeting he went to in this area to discuss this item with the local residents. The current staff recommendation is to update the ordinance to include a 2 hour limit between 9 am and 6 pm on the west side of Dodge Ave., from Church St. to the first alley north. This would make parking in the area uniform.

Item 5
Motion to use a demand based pricing model to be determined by staff while offering free parking for Evanston residents who have paid a wheel tax made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by B. J. Miller
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

8. Adjournment
A Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Wynne and 2nd by A. Añón at 7:27 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

The next Committee Meeting is August 28, 2019.
Memorandum

To: Members of the Transportation & Parking Committee

From: Jessica Hyink, Transportation & Mobility Coordinator

Subject: Low-Speed Electric Bicycles in the Public Right of Way – Action

Date: August 22, 2019

Recommended Action
Staff recommends updating City Code “Chapter 9 – Bicycles” to allow the operation of low-speed electric bicycles in the City’s public right of way, as provided in the Illinois Vehicle Code and as amended in the City of Chicago Municipal Code.

Summary
In 2017 the State of Illinois amended the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow for the operation of three classes of low-speed electric bicycles, as defined by the Federal Consumer Safety Protection Act. In March of 2019, the City of Chicago adopted a more restrictive version of State’s low-speed electric bicycle code.

Staff recommends adopting the City of Chicago’s more restrictive low-speed electric bicycle code to allow for the interoperability of low-speed electric bicycles across jurisdictions.

Background
Low-speed electric bicycles are classified as bicycles and not as mopeds, motorcycles, or other motor driven vehicles. Low-speed electric bicycles function and operate at speeds most closely resembling non-motorized bicycles.

Other motor driven bicycles not meeting the Federal Consumer Safety Protection Act requirements for low-speed electric bicycles are allowed according to Illinois Vehicle Code but do not have the same general permissions of a non-motorized bicycle, as the operation and/or speeds of these vehicles more closely resemble a moped, motorcycle or other motor driven vehicle. Other motor driven bicycles not meeting the Federal Consumer Safety Protection Act requirements for low-speed electric bicycles are not currently allowed to operate like a bicycle in Chicago.

The Illinois Vehicle Code and Chicago Municipal Code both clearly state that a low-speed electric bicycle is not a moped or a motor driven cycle, and both clearly state that the provisions applying to bicycles also apply to low-speed electric vehicles, except where prohibited.

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To: Members of the Transportation & Parking Committee

From: Jessica Hyink, Transportation & Mobility Coordinator

Subject: Transportation Network Company Accessibility Data – Action

Date: August 22, 2019

**Recommended Action**
Staff recommends updating requirements for Transportation Network Companies (TNC) to obtain data on the use of wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs) in Evanston.

**Summary**
In 2017 the City adopted a TNC tax ordinance. WAVs are excluded from this tax but are required to provide general number of exempt rides. Thus the City does not receive complete data on the use of TNC WAV operations to and from Evanston.

Staff recommends requiring TNCs to report on the following use of WAVs:

1. The number and percentage of the TNC’s customers within the City who requested wheelchair accessible vehicles and the number of filled requests;
2. The number and percentage of the TNC’s customers outside the City who requested wheelchair accessible vehicles with a City destination and the number of filled requests;
3. The number and percentage of rides requested and accepted, and the number of rides requested and not accepted, by the TNC's drivers.

The intent of this data is to further analyze the demand for accessible vehicles within the City and to develop goals and objectives to further expand mobility options for Evanston residents and visitors.

Staff are considering an update to the existing TNC tax ordinance or to enter into a separate voluntary data sharing agreement with each TNC.
To: Members of the Transportation and Parking Committee

From: Erika Storlie, Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director
      Michael Rivera, Interim Parking Division Manager

Subject: Amending Section of Title 10, Chapter 11, Schedule 12 “Parking Meter Zones” adding a Portion of Madison St.

Date: August 7, 2019

Recommended Action:
Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 88-O-19, amending Section of Title 10, Chapter 11, Schedule 12 “Parking Meter Zones”, adding the North side of 600 Madison Street, from Chicago Avenue to Custer Avenue. Enforcement will be from 8am - 9pm and will have a rate of $.50 per hour.

Livability Benefit:
Built Environment: Promote diverse transportation modes

Background:
Currently, there are no restrictions on the North side of 600 Madison Street. With its location in proximity to the Main Street CTA and Metra stations, staff feels that this would be a prime location to implement a 12 hour limit parking zone, with a rate of $.50 per hour, designed with commuters in mind. Residents will be able to park and leave their vehicles on 600 Madison Street during the day while they commute via the rail lines into Chicago.
To: Members of the Transportation & Parking Committee

From: Jessica Hyink, Transportation & Mobility Coordinator

Subject: Transportation Updates

Date: August 22, 2019

Divvy Contract
City staff continue to negotiate with Lyft on the contract extension approved by City Council last fall. Staff anticipates bringing the results of this negotiation to City Council in late September.

Sheridan Road Bicycle Lanes
A Transportation and Parking Committee member has asked staff to share the following article about the Sheridan Road Bicycle Lanes with the committee: