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1. The meeting schedule for 2014 for the Alternative Transportation (ALT) Committee, an advisory committee to the Non-motorized Transportation Plan Review.

The Alternative Transportation (ALT) Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month. The ALT Committee meetings begin at 1:30 PM and end at 3:00 PM. The meetings are held at the Ann Arbor Development Authority (DDA) at 150 South Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI.

A chart of the proposed meeting times for the ALT Committee for 2014 are provided below:

Month	Date
January	9
February	13
March	13
April	10
May	8
June	12
July	10
August	14
September	11
October	9
November	13
December	11

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2. The meeting minutes and agendas for this committee for all meetings in 2013, and for any committee meetings to date in 2014.

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ALT Committee Agenda

January 10, 2013

DDA Offices

1:30 - 3:00



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Next Meeting – February 14 at 1:30 P.M.
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1. Present

Amy Carlevaris – UM Planners Office
Lisa Solomon – UM
Erica Briggs – CEC
Ray Detter – Downtown Area CAC
Susan Hutton – Environmental Commission
Larry Deck – WBWC
Julia Roberts – AATA
Nancy Shore – getDowntown
Erica Briggs – CEC
Nick Sapkiewicz – WATS
Pat Cawley – A2 Project Management
Jeff Kahan – A2 Planning
Eli Cooper – A2 Systems Planning
Katie Knapp – A2 Systems Planning

2. New Business

2.1. Report on Upcoming Targeted Enforcement Campaign, Katie Knapp

Katie distributed and reviewed the Targeted Enforcement Communication Plan, by the Ann Arbor Campaign for Safe Streets and Sidewalks. The Targeted Enforcement Campaign will be held from January 22th to the 26th. The Communication Plan includes the two week time period before the campaign, January 7th through the 18th, as well as the five day campaign. In reviewing the Communication Plan the goals, audiences, key messages, communication methods, timeline, and draft press release were discussed.

- Committee members have been asked to review the Communication Plan and send any comments to Katie at kknapp@a2gov.org. It was noted in the meeting that the Press Release needs to change its mention of “intersections” to “crosswalks.”

- Committee members have also be asked to review the list of potential locations listed under the “Goals” section of the Communication Plan and to send any additional suggested locations to Katie at kknapp@a2gov.org. The midblock crossing on State Street in front of U of M’s LSA building was noted as a location of interest during the meeting.

Questions/Comments:

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- It was suggested that the link to the City's Non-Motorized Blog, <http://a2nonmoto.tumblr.com/>, be added to the City's Walk.Bike.Drive webpage for easier access.

- Members asked about the inclusion of the Changeable Message Signs during the campaign. The City currently has two Changeable Message Signs which they hope to use in the campaign at selected locations. One of the Signs is currently receiving maintenance.

- Committee members were reminded to use the City's Online Citizen Request System or email Eli (ecooper@a2gov.org) or Pat (pcawley@a2gov.org) if they see any crosswalks with faded markings.

- Katie will email the ALT Committee the Campaign press release for posting on partners' websites.

- There was a discussion about if the Police will be looking for cars "hovering" in crosswalks. Eli will relay this question to the campaign's partnering police officer, Officer Adkins.

2.2. Report on Upcoming Second Round of Focus Groups for Non-Motorized Plan Update – late January, Eli Cooper

- The upcoming second round of focus groups will be geared on discussing the recommendations that have been created. The City hopes to gain public input on what additional recommendations should be included. The second round of focus groups will be held in late January and early February. Upon completion of the second round of focus groups the non-motorized plan update process will transition from its background stage to drafting the 2007 Non-Motorized Plan Update Report. The City plans to draft the Plan Update Report in February and March and bring it before City Council in April of 2013.

3. Old Business

3.1. Public Meeting Recap and Comments, Eli Cooper

The two public meetings followed the standard procedures, in that one was held in the afternoon and one in the evening. The attendance at both of the meetings was evenly split and in total there were 45 citizens in attendance, which is comparable to the turnout for the first round of public meetings. Stakeholders from a variety of community groups and populations were represented at the meeting.

The second round of public meetings were composed of a 30 minute workshop and poster session, followed by a 10-15 minute presentation, and concluded with a question and answer period. The presentation addressed the Non-Motorized plan, the planning process, the recommendations, and explained the comment cards.

The comment cards were distributed at the meeting and allowed attendees to provide written feedback through a short series of questions and an open "free response" section. The comments from the comment cards were reviewed and presented to the ALT committee. The comments were broken down by subject matter. Overall, the comments were positive towards the meeting and the planning process.

Questions/Comments:

- Members expressed that they liked the format in which the comments from the Public Meeting were presented.

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4. Updates & Announcements

➤ CEC

AATA released the RFB for the Ann Arbor Bikeshare. Considerations of applicants will be through a competitive process. The decision on the applicants will be made at the February 21st AATA meeting. The CEC will email the ALT Committee group a copy of the RFB.

➤ getDowntown

GetDowntown is running its Winter Commuters program at this time. Commuters will be uploading their stories to the getDowntown Blog. Also, the getDowntown will be performing “Bus Stop Blitzes” during the commuters program. At the blitzes staff will be passing out merchandize and coupons provided by Sweetwater’s and the Bank of Ann Arbor. Nancy reported on the Washtenaw Avenue Corridor TDM Growth Grant. The efforts from this grant will lead to the creation of a plan. Currently, the community is providing feedback on the economic and congestion TDM perspective.

➤ DDA/DDA Council

Ray reported on 712 N. Main and Allen creek. At this time the plan for 721 is organized; however it needs to be connected to the non-motorized infrastructure.

The North Main Taskforce has been broken into four groups for working on the issues of how to get across Main Street, where to go in the area, and strengthening connections to the Huron. Eli has been providing assistance to the Taskforce. The Committee has been advised to email Pat Cawley (PCawley@a2gov.org) if they have any questions regarding the crossing under M-14.

➤ WATS

WATS is working on their Long Range 2040 Plan. The community is able to provide insight for the plan through the My Community Remark Map on WATS’ website. WATS is looking at their list of unfunded projects from the 2035 Plan in the creation of the 2040 Plan.

WATS is currently re-organizing and will be hiring a new employee in late summer/ early fall.

➤ UM

➤ AATA

AATA will be increasing the service frequency on Route 5 starting on January 28th.

AATA’s plan is moving from the county to the urban core scale.

Public input was recently collected for Connector City through “public input blitzes” at Briarwood, Bushes, BTC, and Sweetwater’s. The public input was focused on desired travel nodes and destinations.

AATA’s WALLY initiative is a target of attention again.

Recent transferring of ownership has occurred for local rail. WATCO now owns Ann Arbor Rail. Also, Norfolk recently sold the last piece of “missing” rail in Michigan between Detroit and Chicago to the State of Michigan.

➤ Environmental Commission

City Council recently adopted the Climate Action Plan.

The Commission is currently working on an Anti-Idling campaign.

➤ Parks

➤ Planning

Jeff reported on the Urban Hills Crossing, at Platt and Washtenaw. Currently, 80% of the commercial space has been leased out. Also, there will be two bus pull out, a signalized crossing at Platt, a sidewalk on Platt, a change of six curb-cuts to one, and ten feet of shared-use path added on Washtenaw in conjunction with the development. Also, the infrastructure for e-vehicles will be laid down during construction on the site.

The 413 E. Huron and Church Street towers are currently being reviewed.

Developers are showing the strongest interest in single-family homes in areas outside of the downtown.

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- The Non-Motorized Checklist for Developers is under conversation in the Planning Office.
- Systems Planning
 - Eli described the RFP at the tracks near North Main. The primary goal is flood mitigation, but a pedestrian undercrossing is also being considered as part of the same opening. Six proposals have been received, and two consultants are going to be interviewed. Stakeholder participation is included with regard to private property access, but the location of the opening is not yet set.
 - Jackson Avenue Bus Stop Issues
 - The City recently applied for a TAP grant through MDOT for a shared-use path and sidewalk gap filling on Washtenaw Ave. The City is currently waiting to hear back on the submitted application. If the application is accepted then the City will commence on its plans for a business owners meeting and a public-wide meeting for the project.
 - The City is committed to supporting bike sharing in Ann Arbor. The CIP has been approved by the Planning Commission.
 - The Committee was asked to consider the movement of some ALT funds from bike lanes to bike sharing.
 - The Committee agreed to add this issue to the upcoming ALT meeting in February for further discussion and consideration.
 - The RFB for an environmental report and plan for the Ann Arbor Station is forthcoming. The City is working with MDOT.
 - AATA and the City are working together on the RTA. City Council rejected the proposal. The RTA does exist.
 - The sidewalk under US-23 is not yet finished (hence no snow removal). A majority of the sidewalk section is in Pittsfield Township.
 - The Planning and Engineering staff of Traverse City recently contacted the City of Ann Arbor regarding the City's crosswalk ordinance as Traverse City uses the same language in their crosswalk ordinance. Traverse City has not conducted any enforcement of their ordinance nor engaged in community education. The City of Ann Arbor sent information to Traverse City on Ann Arbor's enforcement and educational efforts.
 - Traverse City attempted in the past to create a state-wide effort for crosswalk ordinance akin to theirs (and Ann Arbor's). It became apparent that cities from around the state need to work together and that special interest groups need to take an active leadership role in the effort.
 - Project Management
 - Pat reported on the sidewalk along Nixon, for Safe Walks to Schools, is currently in the design phase. Preliminary plans for the sidewalk are set to be done by the end of January with the plan of construction during the summer.
 - There will be an upcoming public input meeting for the resurfacing project on Packard between East of Jewett to Stone School/ Eisenhower. The resurfacing project would be a 4-3 road diet.
 - The Committee is interested in seeing more information on Scio Church at the next ALT meeting.
 - Field Operations
 - Bicycle & Walking Coalition
 - WBWC is working on gathering input for their County Wide Project Priorities.
 - Ann Arbor Police Department

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2. New Business

2.1. Update on Bike Share Vendor Selection Process, Erica Briggs

Erica reported that the Evaluation Committee will be interviewing three selected vendors' applications for consideration. Six vendors submitted proposals. The three selected vendors are B-cycle, DECOBIKE, and Social Bicycle (sobi).

- The Evaluation Committee includes representatives from the University of Michigan, the CEC, AATA, the DDA, and the City of Ann Arbor.
- The three selected vendors represent different scales of systems in terms of infrastructure and technology. The Evaluation Committee feels confident that the vendors will be able to meet the critical and preferred needs of the bike share system.
- The Evaluation Committee will make a vendor recommendation to the CEC. After receiving the recommendation, the CEC will engage in contract negotiations with the vendor.

2.2. Discussion of Possible Allocation of ALT Funding for Bike Sharing, Eli Cooper

The discussion of possible allocation of ALT funding for bike sharing was first brought up at the January ALT meeting. The Committee decided at the January ALT meeting to schedule the discussion as an agenda item for the February ALT meeting.

At this time City Council has not committed any funding to the bike share program.

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The ALT Committee decided at this meeting (02-14-13) that they were in favor of using ALT funding towards the bike share program. The Committee also agreed identified concerns about the program's budgetary plans. The ALT Committee concluded that the use of ALT funds for the bike share program is a unique opportunity. The ALT Committee agreed to return to the discussion at the March 14, 2013 Committee meeting.

Review of the Discussion:

Eli reviewed the ALT Committee's history. The ALT Committee has historically impacted City Council as external stakeholders.

- In 2003 City Council set up the ALT Transportation Fund through the allocation of 5% of the City's Act 51 money. This amount allocation was slightly adjusted in 2004.
 - Act 51 monies total around 7 million dollars annually for the City. Due to tight budgets at the City, the ALT fund has been receiving 2.5% (instead of 5%) of the Act 51 monies, which equals about \$175,000 annually.
 - The ALT fund is used for projects and City staff salaries: about \$150,000 of the \$175,000 annual ALT funds are used for projects.
 - The ALT fund currently has approximately \$150,000 in reserve.
 - Eli has made a request through the City's budget process that the ALT fund allocation be placed back to its original 5% of Act 51 allowance.
- There have been limited policy discussions on the use of the ALT funds.
- The ALT Committee relies on a consensus decision making process.

The discussion per the use of ALT funds towards bike sharing relates to the philosophy of how the ALT funds are intended to be used.

- The Committee reviewed the Vision Statement provided in the Non-Motorized Plan, which includes the promotion of both the physical and cultural environment of biking and walking.
 - The Committee agreed that bike sharing systems promote the physical and cultural environment of biking.
- The Committee also agreed that the bike share system will need to benefit the entire community, not be limited to the University areas if the Alt fund was to be used.

The Committee then discussed how possible funding from the City through the ALT fund could be used.

- Act 51 allows the money to be used towards capital investments (such as facilities) and some educational programming.
- Based on an earlier CEC request, the ALT fund could allocated \$120,000 to the bike share program to meet the local matching requirements for a federal grant (20:80 matching requirement), and \$30,000 towards additional capital and educational costs for the bike share program. In this scenario, the ALT fund would be allocating \$150,000 toward the bike share program over a three year period, which equals approximately one year of investments.
 - Due to the size of the ALT reserve (\$150,000), the ALT fund would be able to fund other projects while also supporting the bike share program with \$150,000 recognizing the ALT Fund is replenished each in July 2013..
 - The Committee discussed the different ways that non-motorized infrastructure improvements are made outside of the \$150,000 of annual ALT funding for non-motorized projects.
 - Leveraging ALT funds for TE grants

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- Road construction
 - Resurfacing projects
 - The Engineering Topic Paper of the Non-Motorized Plan Update highlights the high level non-motorized investments that the City has made in the last six years.
 - Due to the non-linear process in which funding is used to create non-motorized infrastructure improvements, it is nearly impossible to guess “how much infrastructure” a year’s worth of ALT funding equals.
- The allocation of ALT funds for securing the federal grant is one of the few ways that the City can invest in the bike share program due to the limitations on how the Act 51 money can be used.
 - The ALT Committee could discuss after three years whether or not to invest future ALT funding into the program.

The Committee also reviewed the bike share program’s funding structure and proposed budget. The Committee members expressed concern in not fully understanding the proposed costs or funding structure for the bike share program.

- The proposed operational costs of the bike share program vary by vendor; however, the estimate cost is around \$300,000 per year for the first three year: \$1.8 to \$2 million dollars over the total three year period.
- The total cost for the first three year trial period will be met by revenue, sponsorship, and investment by partners.
 - It is important to note that the current potential partners require approval through voting by their public bodies before they can commit to funding the project.
 - The University of Michigan has committed \$200,000 a year for the first three years (\$600,000 in total) for operational costs.

Some committee members then shared their opinions on the use of ALT funding towards the bike share program

- Eli said that he professionally and personally supports the use of ALT funding towards the bike share program.
- Lisa said that she professionally and personally supports the use of ALT funding towards the bike share program. She sees the bike share program as something that can benefit the entire community, and can increase the use of the existing non-motorized system within the city. Finally, she noted that the discussed allocation of ALT funding for the bike share program would not limit the City from engaging into other efforts to invest in the non-motorized system.
- Ryan Buck from WATS (who was not present at the meeting, but sent an email to Eli), shared that he supports the use of ALT funding towards the bike share program.
- Julia said that the AATA Board has not yet voted on if AATA will allocate funding for the bike share program.
 - The AATA Board will vote at their March meeting on the proposal to allocate funding to the program to be used for operational expenses.
- Larry supports the allocation of ALT funds towards the bike share program as a onetime capital-use investment in the program.
- Jeff shared that he supports the use of ALT funding towards the bike share program.
- Nancy reported that the DDA is waiting on the City’s position as to whether or not use ALT funding towards the bike share program.

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2.3. Update on Timeline of Remaining Non-Motorized Plan Review Steps to Adoption Eli Cooper

Eli reviewed the timeline for the Non-Motorized Plan Review Process. The timeline starts with the completion of the First Draft of the Plan on Friday, February 22nd, and goes until the City Council public hearing and adoption in June (or if needed July).

- A special thank you was given to Jeff Kahan who assisted greatly in the production of the timeline.
- Additional public input will be gathered during the proposed timeline, and the input will be included in the Plan as is appropriate.
- At the upcoming March 14, ALT meeting the Committee will be reviewing the Plan.
 - The Plan will be posted online on March 8th for the Planning Commission – at this time the Committee will be able to access the Plan.
 - The Committee has been asked to review the Plan prior to the March 14, ALT meeting.
- The timeline was handed out at the meeting and has been attached to this email.

Questions/Comments:

- Erica shared that she thought the Plan process so far had done a nice job of gathering feedback. She also noted concern regarding how the Committee's input would be included into the Plan. It was confirmed by Eli that the Committee will have the opportunity to provide their feedback on the Plan during the March 14 ALT Committee Meeting. Also it was noted that the timeline being discussed is only the proposed timeline and that dates can be pushed back, if need be.

3. Old Business

3.1. Report back on Second Round of Focus Group Meetings, Eli Cooper

Two focus group meetings were held during the second round of focus group meetings (four meetings were held during the first round).

- At the ALT meeting a list of the comments from the two focus group meetings was distributed, please see this email's attachments section for the comments handout.
- Key themes became apparent in the comments from the two meeting. These themes include:
 - Concern about small non-motorized segments that emerge in the City and the need to connect these segments.
 - Positive reaction to bike boulevards.
 - Positive and negative reactions to colorized pavements.
 - A large amount of positive reactions to the RRFB's and an interest in seeing more in the community.
 - An interest in more educational outreach efforts especially for school-aged children and around entrances to the City.
- The meetings occurred one week after the Targeted Enforcement Campaign. Some of the meeting attendees reported being included in a blitz of information about the Campaign, while others reported seeing signs for the Campaign but not fully understanding what the Campaign entailed, and others were not aware of the Campaign.

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3.2. Report back on January Targeted Enforcement Campaign, Katie Knapp

The January Targeted Enforcement Campaign was successfully implemented. Police Officers monitored 14 locations over the space of three days: 01-22-13 to 01-24-13. Officer made 11 traffic stops, and issued nine hazardous citations and issued two warnings.

- The communication tactics that were outlined at the previous meeting were employed, including the creation and distributed of a safety message card. Handouts of the safety message card were distributed at the meeting and a PDF file of the card has been attached to this email.
 - The safety message cards were printed on bright yellow/orange card cardstock.
- At the meeting a report on the January Targeted Enforcement Campaign was distributed, please see this email's attachments section for the handout.

4. Updates & Announcements

- CEC
- getDowntown
 - Nancy reported the need for more communication between AATA and the City with regards to construction detour planning. The issue was mentioned at a recent AATA meeting, which Nancy attended. Nancy expressed concern about possible detours with construction on 4th Ave with respect to Blake Transit Center.
 - Nancy also report that Re-Imagine Washtenaw has recently secured a Smart Growth America Grant. Nathan Voght from Washtenaw County is heading up the efforts.
 - There will be an upcoming series of six meetings.
 - Nelson Nygaard will be putting together the technical plan which AATA will be involve in.
- DDA/DDA Council
- WATS
- UM
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- Environmental Commission
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- Systems Planning
 - On March 13 at 6:30 PM the first public meeting will be held in the City Hall basement on the Railroad Embankment feasibility study.
 - Community leaders recently met with the Connector Study Technical Team. The Technical Team will be looking for input from the ALT Committee in the future.
 - There are currently two train station projects under consideration:
 - Ann Arbor Station: nothing new to report
 - WALLY: a downtown station is now being considered under a station location analysis from Summit to Hill. AATA will be working with JJR on the analysis. A public input process will occur.
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Ryan Buck - WATS
Brian Rakovitis - WATS
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Jeff Kahan - A2 Planning
Eli Cooper - A2 Systems Planning
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2. New Business

2.1. Update on Wally Station Project, Michael Benham

Michael provided a background review and update on the Wally Station Project. Michael handed out a Status Report to the committee that reviewed the Project's background, costs of service, discussion on station location and design, role of the Ann Arbor Railroad, source of railcars, discussion of start date of service and a map highlighting the potential service stops. The handout was attached as a PDF along with the meetings notes in an email to committee members.

- History of the Project:
 - Wally originated as a project to provide access during a possible reconstruction of US-23. While the US-23 project has been stalled, the Wally project has gained its own legs, as stakeholders began to consider the potential of having two transportation systems along the US-23 corridor: highway and rail.
 - The rail line is currently mostly owned by the State of Michigan and operated by Great Lakes Central. The rail line does connect to Ann Arbor Rail's section. The rail road is active currently moving freight; however, there is an interest for passenger rail along the corridor.
 - Ann Arbor Rail's ownership has recently changed. WATCO is the current holder.
 - In 2008 AATA became the designated authority on the Wally Project.

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- Project's Vision:
 - Four trains would run in the morning from Howell to Ann Arbor, and four trains in the evening from Ann Arbor to Howell. Multiple stops would be made between the two destination stations. These additional stops include Whitmore Lake, Hamburg and Genoa.
 - Three station stops are being considered for Ann Arbor.
 - The communities have expressed varying levels of interest in having a station. Howell and Hamburg has expressed interest from the public sector, and the private sector in Genoa has expressed interest.
 - The train cars could come from MDOT.
 - MDOT has purchased Chicago train cars from Great Lakes Central and is in the process of updating them for future use.
 - The stations would include parking for commuters to use akin to a "park and ride".
 - It is typically for commuters to travel up to 15 miles to use a commuter rail system.
 - Bikes will be allowed on the train.
 - The estimated run-time under the old track conditions was one hour. This estimate needs to be revisited due to the track updates.
- What is currently happening:
 - MDOT has been updating the rail conditions along the corridor.
 - The updates have been to commuter rail service levels which allow for travel up to 60 mph.
 - Work is being done on a technical analysis to gain a better understanding of cost estimates.
 - High level estimates suggested a need for \$32 million for capital and \$7.2 million for operational costs.
 - The use of regional and local tax funding has been suggested for meetings these costs.
 - The estimated ridership is 1,600 people per day.
 - Local planning agencies have included the Wally into their plans.
 - AATA's 30 and 50 year plans, SEMCOG, and WATS
 - Howell and Hamburg have included transit stops into their master plans.
 - Two developers in Genoa have expressed interest in a possible transit stop.
 - A detailed station analysis is about to be undertaken.
 - \$800,000 for station design and environmental impact has been secured through contributions from local communities – AADDA, Howell, Washtenaw County, and AATA – and federal grants (TCSP).
 - Seven stations are being considered for the Wally Project.
 - \$600,000 is currently available for considering a downtown Ann Arbor station.
 - Draft station locations will be made by the end of the summer.
 - The analysis of a potential downtown Ann Arbor station will include a robust public involvement and input campaign.
 - The analysis will look at five to six different station location options between Summit and the Fingerle Lumber property.
 - The analysis of a downtown Ann Arbor location will consider how the vision of a downtown station can work with other visions for the downtown area, such as the greenway vision and the visions of the development community.

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- In order to raise the public's awareness of the project ideas such as bringing rail cars into the city for static display and possible excursion trips have been generated.
- Considerations are also being made for how the Wally and the Connector Phase 2 Study could connect.
- Looking to the Future:
 - The next station locations to be considered will be other stations in Ann Arbor and stations in Livingston County.
 - There is a possible interest in extending the Wally south to Saline, Milan and Toledo.

3. Old Business

3.1. Committee Feedback on City of Ann Arbor 2013 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update Draft (March, 2013), Eli Cooper

On Tuesday March 12th, Eli, Jeff Kahan and Kevin Mulder met with the City Commission during their working session to go through the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update Draft and the update process.

- The Commission focused on the items of safety and pedestrians.
 - With respect to safety the City Commission focused on the influence speed has in the rate of fatalities in pedestrian and cyclists crashes with vehicles. The Commission expressed an interest in have wider bike lanes on streets with higher vehicle travel in order to increase the safety of cyclists.
 - From 20 mph to 45 mph vehicle travel, the rate of fatalities in pedestrian and cyclist crashes with vehicles increases significantly.
 - The 2007 plan recommended six foot wide bike lanes on roads with higher speeds.
 - The 2013 plan update draft suggests considering cycle tracks and buffered bike lanes on roads with higher speeds.
 - The City Commission discussed that the 2007 Non-Motorized Plan focused primarily on cyclists and expressed a desire for the 2013 plan update to shift the focus towards pedestrians.
 - A need for funding sidewalk gap filling was recognized in the discussion.
- Jeff commented that the work session lasted for one hour and 45 minutes. From the meeting Eli and Kevin were given comments on the Plan Update Draft to work through and update the Draft. Once the Draft is updated the adoption process will begin.
 - The City Commission and Council will review the Draft. Once receiving feedback on the Draft, City staff will have two months to revise it.

The conversation at the ALT Committee meeting was then focused on the Committee Members' reaction to the Draft and their suggestions. The Committee primarily discussed the geographic area recommendations section of the Plan Update Draft.

- The Committee discussed at length the different options and challenges involved with the University of Michigan Medical campus near Glen and Catherine, and Ann and Zina Pitcher.
 - The City and the University are working together to consider all the viable options for safe and connective non-motorized travel in this area. The roads are owned by the City, and the University has great interest in the area due to its proximity to the

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- Medical campus. The City and the University will be reviewing the Plan Update Draft together.
- The presence of bus stops and routes in the area is being considered in the Draft's proposals.
- The possibility of using a contra-flow bike lane with buffering is being considered; however, there are many concerns regarding safety and its practicality for the specific area.
- This area is also of interest to the WBWC, who has prioritized connections between the Central and North university campuses.
- Larry Deck pointed out that in the Draft the image of the North Main Street geographic area needs to be changed, as it is currently showing long term opportunities instead of near term.
- Larry also highlighted the need to adjust the Jackson Ave geographic area image, as it has a wording error between East and West.
- The Committee discussed the Platt geographic area. The Plan Draft Update suggests the widening of the shared-use path to seven feet at the bridge over the creek. Eli clarified that the widening of the bridge can be done when the bridge receives updating improvements.
 - The Platt geographic area is a part of a larger regional connector to the Border to Border Trail.
 - The bridge improvements will meet AASHTO and USDOT (future) standards.
- Susan Hutton asked about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing on Ann Arbor – Saline Road.
 - The pedestrian crossing would be on a MDOT owned facility.
 - MDOT is planning on re-designing the facility, which would include the removal of the current “slip lane.”
 - During a future resurfacing project, the facility will be improved through the addition of a protected sidewalk and bike lane in the north bound direction.
 - With respect to a possible pedestrian crossing on Ann Arbor – Saline Road near South Main Street, the site is still under consideration. The Non-Motorized Plan calls for a pedestrian crossing near the site and traffic engineers have conducted feasibility studies. The site is being considered for a pedestrian island and a RRFB.
 - Ryan Buck added that Pittsfield Township has plans to develop in the surrounding area.
- Erica asked if the materials will be posted online, and Eli confirmed that they are.
 - The materials can be found at:
http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/Transportation/Pages/Non-MotorizedTransportationPlanreview.aspx
- Eli reminded the group that the window for comments on the Plan update Draft remains to be open, and will be until Friday March 29th, at noon.

4. Updates & Announcements

➤ CEC

➤ getDowntown

- Nancy reported that getDowntown is preparing for the 2013 Commuter Challenge month.
 - getDowntown is currently planning public engagement events with the City and other large employers in Ann Arbor. getDowntown is also working with the University.
 - The Commuter Challenge will be a City wide event: not just focused on the downtown area.
 - This year's theme will be focused on the importance of teamwork.
 - Registration will be up soon.

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- David Zinn, a local artist, will be partnering with getDowntown.
- This year's Commuter Challenge month will also have a theme week.
- DDA/DDA Council
- WATS
 - Ryan reported that WATS will be finishing their Long Range Plan Draft in three weeks.
 - The My Community web-interface is still open.
 - Ryan thanked Eli for sharing a link to the My Community interface on the City's social media websites.
 - WATS is looking to hold open houses for the Plan review at additional locations such as coffee houses.
 - WATS' Director Search Committee is looking at hiring a permanent director.
- UM
- AATA
- Environmental Commission
- Parks
- Planning
 - Jeff shared that the Arbor Hills Crossing development will open in August. The development will have many non-motorized improvements and facilities.
 - City Council approved the building of a 14-story apartment building above Pizza House on South University.
 - On Monday, March 18th, the City Council will decide on a temporary moratorium on new downtown development.
 - Re-Imagine Washtenaw is working with major employers in the area through Smart Growth America.
- Systems Planning
 - Eli reported updates on the Allen Creek Burn Project.
 - A meeting on the project was held last week, at which OHM presented three alternatives for the crossing for water and people
 - The first option was the building of pipe through the berm for the movement of storm water. This option did not meet the City's goal of the passage of both water and people.
 - The second option includes two separated pipes for the movement of water and people through the berm.
 - The third option is the building of a trestle bridge for the separate movement of water and pedestrians across the berm through one opening.
 - The estimate cost for the trestle bridge is \$3 to \$3.5 million.
 - In order to meet road clearance, the bridge will need to be 25 feet in the air.
 - The bridge will need to meet ADA requirements which limit the grade to 5%. The proposed bridge uses the natural grade change as is possible. Through the use of the natural grade change, and under the ADA requirements, the bridge would be 700 feet in length.
 - Eli also updated the Committee on the Federal Urban Aid Committee meeting. At the meeting it was announced that the Surface Transportation Program (STP) will have one million dollars allotted for non-motorized programs. Starting in the 2014 fiscal year, \$250,000 will be available for regional non-motorized efforts.
 - A request for restoration of the ALT fund back to five percent has been sent to Council. The restoration request is still on the table for Council.

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- A vendor has been selected for the Ann Arbor Bike Share Program. Selected issues pertaining to signage and sponsorship in right-of-ways are currently on the City Attorney's desk and being worked through.
- The City is still working on the RFP for an Environmental Study for the Ann Arbor Station. The earliest that the study would start would be mid-summer.
- The City is preparing its application to the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community Program.
 - Committee members were asked to send any notes on bicycling efforts to Katie Knapp: kknapp@a2gov.org.
 - The Bicycle Friendly Community Program considers the efforts of the community as a whole. While the City will be preparing the application, the League is interested in what has been done at the community level.
 - Committee members were asked to let Katie know about bicycling educational efforts or events that they know of in the community.
 - Lisa shared that the University has been keeping track of events for their application to the Bicycle Friendly University Program.

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1. Present

Lisa Solomon – UM PTS
Amy Calevaris – UM Planning
Erica Briggs – CEC
Larry Deck – WBWC
Amber Miller - DDA
Julia Roberts – AATA
Nick Sapkiewicz – WATS
Nancy Shore – getDowntown
Pat Cawley – A2 Project Management
Jerry Hancock – A2 Systems Planning
Eli Cooper – A2 Systems Planning
Kevin Mulder – A2 Systems Planning
Katie Knapp – A2 Systems Planning

2. New Business

2.1. Update on Allen Creek Berm Study, Jerry Hancock

- Jerry provided a comprehensive overview of the FEMA grant process that is driving the Allen Creek Berm Study, and the Study's four conceptual recommendations. The project is located between Depot Street and the Huron River.
- The project's location was chosen due to its hydrological significance, which is the driving force behind the grant application.
 - The study is geared at understanding how the opening of a railroad berm would lower the flood plain and decrease the impact of a flood event. The study is being conducted in preparations for a FEMA application which requires a cost-benefit analysis. The cost-benefit analysis focuses on the costs of damages to building due to a flooding event.
 - The opening of the berm would drop the flood plain by approximately 6.5 feet.
 - The transportation part of the project comes in through the exploration of possible new connections under the railroad through the opening of the berm. The conceptual transportation connections separate the water from the non-motorized path.
 - City Staff is currently looking at the different transportation options and working on making them attractive for the grant application.

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- The railroad is owned by MDOT and their participation in the project is vital for its success.
- The Study's project website can be found at:
http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/waterresources/Stormwater/stormwaterprojects/Pages/AllenCreekBermStudy.aspx

2.2. Update on Connector Study, Julia Roberts

- The Connector Management Committee is working through URS consultants to analyze the data they gathered through public input processes.
 - The data appears to support targeted activity centers within the "boomerang" corridor.
 - The data's analysis is in draft form.
- At this time, the automated guideway transit mode option has been removed for consideration. The bus, bus rapid transit, and light rail transit mode options are still being considered.
 - The Management Committee is taking into consideration the different price/ mile and other costs/benefits for each mode.
- The Management Committee is also looking at case studies from comparative communities that have less dense population and job densities and do have public transit such as bus rapid transit and street cars.
- The next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 18th from 4-8 PM in the lower level of the downtown Library (Confirmed for 4:30-8pm on June 18th on May 29th).
- The next Leadership Advisory Group meeting will be held on June 18th.
- A PDF of the PowerPoint used in the presentation has been attached to the email with the meeting notes.
- Julia encouraged Committee Members to visit the project's website at <http://www.aconnector.com> and contact either Chris White (cwhite@theride.org) or herself (jroberts@theride.org) with any additional questions.

2.3. Update on Non-Motorized Corridor Implementation, Pat Cawley

- Pat updated the ALT Committee on the City's corridor-based approach to implementing non-motorized improvements.
- The corridor implementation approach uses the corridors highlighted by city staff last year and the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.
 - Some of these corridors include State, Liberty and Packard.
 - City staff is working off of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to understand what needs to be done and what has already been done through other projects along the corridors.
- ALT funds will be used for the non-motorized corridor improvements.
 - Some of the improvements can be completed in-house while others will be contracted out.
- Work along the Liberty corridor could be conducted towards the end of the construction period this year.
- The City has received a \$50,000 safety grant for the State Street corridor between Hill and Washington.
 - The grant is for the fiscal year 2014.
 - Such improvements along the northern State Street corridor include the addition of countdown signals, bump outs, and moving the mid-block crossing by the LSA building closer to the Union.

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- The I-94 crossing on State Street is another area of interest. This southern section of the State Street corridor will likely be carried out in a second, separate project from the northern section of the State Street corridor.
 - Work with MDOT will be essential for the I-94 crossing.
 - Project Management will coordinate with Planning Staff on projects in the South State Street Area.

2.4. Update on TAP Application, Katie Knapp

- Katie presented an update on the City's MDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant application, which the City submitted on April 22nd, 2013.
- A brief overview of the project's location and project proposal was given for committee members. A PDF of the slides used during the presentation has been attached to the email with the meeting notes.
- When applying for the TAP grant application, the City took into account the competitiveness and eligibility details outlined by the program:
 - Financial factors
 - Public input
 - Coordinated efforts
 - Constructability
 - Maintenance factors
- The grant program's 2013 timeline was reviewed:
 - April 22nd: application submitted
 - May 20th: application revisions completed
 - June 3rd: application review committee meeting
 - July 8th: tentative decision date
- Eli and Katie will keep the ALT Committee updated on the grant application decision

3. Old Business

3.1. Update on Bike Share Program, Erica Briggs

- Erica shared that the CEC and the City will be walking around the city on May 13th looking for possible bike share station locations.
 - The Bike Share Program will likely include about 15 stations and 125 bikes (these numbers are subject to change).
- The Bike Share Program local match request may be going in front of City Council in June.
- AATA is waiting for MDOT to send a contract for CEC to use with the selected vendor.
 - The contract should be coming in by late May or June.

3.2. Update and Schedule for the City of Ann Arbor 2013 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update, Kevin Mulder

- Kevin thanked the Committee for their comments during the Plan Update review process.
- At the April 16th City Planning Commission meeting the Commission approved the resolution to distribute the Draft Non-Motorized Plan Update.
- The Plan Update is scheduled to go in front of Council on June 3rd.
- After the Plan Update goes in front of Council there will be a 42 day waiting period for review.
 - The waiting period will end on July 15th, barring the Council's review of the Plan Update on June 3rd.

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- The Committee is invited to continue to send comments on the Plan Update.
 - Once the 42 day waiting period is over, City Staff can add the comments into the Plan Update.
- The Plan's anticipated adoption is around September of 2013.
- The latest version of the Plan Update draft can be found on the Plan Update's website:
http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/Transportation/Pages/Non-MotorizedTransportationPlanreview.aspx

4. Updates & Announcements

➤ CEC

- Erica noted that the CEC will be hosting two events on Friday, May 10th:
 - 1) Clague Bike and Walk to School Event
 - This will be the fourth Bike and Walk to School Event that the CEC will be hosting with Clague Middle School
 - 2) Clague Pedalpalooza at Clague Middle School from 6-8 PM

➤ getDowntown

- Nancy reported that the 2013 Commuter Challenge month is currently underway.
 - The Commuter Challenge has different themed weeks, such as Bus to Work Week.
 - Eight Commuting Stations will be hosted around the city on May 17th for Bike to Work Day.
 - This is the third year that Commuting Stations have been hosted, and this year has the highest level of participation with eight Commuting Stations.
- Nancy shared info cards for the upcoming opening of the Bike House at the Maynard Parking Garage. The official launch will be on May 17th: the Bike House is one of the eight Commuting Stations.
 - The Bike House is the size of 2 car parking spots and accommodates 37 bike parking spots.
 - Funding for the Bike House came from the DDA.
 - getDowntown will serve as the administrator for the Bike House.
 - The Bike House is already almost half rented out.
 - The Bike House will be watched closely, as it will serve as a pilot study for other possible parking garage renovations.

➤ DDA/DDA Council

➤ WATS

- Nick announced that WATS is putting its final touches on its Long Range County Plan.
 - The Plan is currently on their website for public review.
 - Also, Nick commented that their Long Range County Plan and the SEMCOG Regional Transportation Plan both look out towards 2040. Nick also mentioned that both plans have short-range sections for 2014-2017.

➤ UM

➤ AATA

- Eli noted on behalf of AATA that a Wally Project meeting will be coming soon.

➤ Environmental Commission

➤ Parks

➤ Planning

➤ Systems Planning

- Eli reported that the City recently reprinted a brochure created by MDOT that outlines Michigan drivers' proper etiquette when driving on a road with bike lanes.
 - The brochure was printed with permission by MDOT.

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- The brochure was handed out at the meeting and has been distributed to Ann Arbor libraries and is on display at City Hall.
- The City is currently working with the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) to place some of the brochures in the SOS's Ann Arbor offices.
- A PDF of the brochure has been attached to the email with the meeting notes.
- Please let Katie know at kknapp@a2gov.org if you would like some of the brochures.
- Eli shared that the City is looking critically at sidewalk work within the City.
 - The City is looking at how to address sidewalk gaps, shared-use paths, and the implications of the sidewalk mileage.
 - The City will likely engage in a large sidewalk planning exercise in the near-future.
- The Mayor's Green Fair will be held on Friday, June 14th from 6-9 PM.
 - The City and MDOT are working together to find a way to showcase one of MDOT's new commuter rail cars at the Mayor's Green Fair.
 - The biggest hurdle for the City and MDOT to overcome is finding a proper place to have the rail car during the Fair.
- The City is currently working through the budget. At this time it does not appear that the ALT fund will be returned to its original 5% rate.
- Project Management
 - Pat shared that the Green Road pedestrian islands are in and staff is currently working on checking the new RRFB's (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons).
 - ◆ A 4-3 road diet conversion is on its way, as are the appropriate signage for the site.
 - The Huron pedestrian island is scheduled to be completed in a week (by May 16th).
 - The City has ordered a Bike Fix-It stand and is currently waiting for the order to be processed. The Fix-It stand will be stationed by the bike stands in front of the Justice Center.
- Field Operations
- Bicycle & Walking Coalition
 - Larry reported for the WBWC that they are firming up their North Campus – Central Campus Biking Connections Recommendations and their County-Wide Project Prioritization Recommendations.
- Ann Arbor Police Department

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1. Present

Chris Hewett – Safety on Seventh/ Madison
David Bieri – Safety on Seventh/ Madison
Matt Grocoff – Safety on Seventh/ Madison, WBWC, OWS
Larry Deck – WBWC
Lisa Solomon – UM PTS
Amy Calevaris-Bianco – UM Planning
Erica Briggs – CEC
Ray Detter – Downtown Area CAC
Susan Hutton – Environmental Commission
Ryan Buck - WATS
Amber Miller - DDA
Julia Roberts – AATA
Mary Sell – getDowntown
Pat Cawley – A2 Project Management
Nick Hutchinson – A2 Project Management
Eli Cooper – A2 Systems Planning
Katie Knapp – A2 Systems Planning

2. New Business

2.1. Photo Presentation on Grand Rapid's Bus Rapid Transit Corridor, Julia Roberts

- The Silver Line will run primarily along Division and the downtown loop, and will be 9.6 miles long.
 - The Silver Line will run through Grand Rapids, Wyoming, and Kentwood.
 - The line will be on mostly four lane roads with on-street parking, and along mixed-use corridors.
 - The corridors have a mix of existing activity and opportunities for redevelopment.
 - The City of Grand Rapids is making changes to land use planning at BRT super stops.
 - The BRT will have traffic signal priority.
 - 65% of the Silver Line will have dedicated lanes.
- The Silver Line will include off-board payment and express service.
 - There will be 33 stops and 17 BRT stations.
- The Silver Line's construction is expected to be completed in 2014.
 - Some of the construction projects include:

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- Elevated BRT stations
- Sidewalk work and some placement of brick sidewalks
- Bump-outs at limited crosswalks
- Intersection parklets
- Way-finding signage
- Bike lanes along the corridor in the downtown area
- The Silver Line is funded in part by a HUD grant.
- AATA will use the Silver Line as a case study for the Connector Study.
- Julia is happy to share photos from the presentation and encouraged those interested to email her at JRoberts@theride.org.

2.2. Discussion of Non-Motorized concerns on Seventh, Erica Briggs, Christopher Hewitt, David Bieri, and Matt Grocoff

- Chris Hewitt described Seventh Street as having an active sidewalk and that the vehicular concerns on Seventh are speed and not volume based. SOS also shared that there are environmental concerns such as an elevation drop and long visual cues which add to the speeding concerns.
- Eli agreed with the SOS representatives that the goal of creating the highest quality of life through comprehensive planning is shared between the City and the SOS group. Eli also shared that it will be important for the metrics to match the perceptions of safety.
- Chris pointed to East Liberty as a local example of how physical changes can impact drivers' behavior.
- The SOS group described the history of Seventh as a 150 year old street.
 - The street has historically served as a residential street and overtime has become a through-fare.
 - Today, there are seven parks and 4 schools along or nearby Seventh.
- David Bieri from the Residents on Madison shared similar concerns to the SOS group, and also brought a booklet from 1970 on urban design, safety and quality of life.
- SOS shared with the Committee the group's facebook page with photos and videos of street crossing experiences on Seventh.
- Eli expressed the City staff's interest and availability in meeting with concerned citizens
- SOS has passed a petition around the Seventh street neighborhood.
- Pat shared that the City's Project Management and Police have collected speed and crash data along Seventh, and that he is currently talking with Erica in finding missing crosswalks.
 - Also, Pat highlighted larger projects as opportunities for landscaping projects.
 - Pat clarified for the group that the 10 step program for major streets is not required for Seventh street.
- The Committee discussed next steps for the SOS group and agreed that the group, WATS and City staff should plan a technical meeting.
- Erica pointed out that Seventh can serve as a learning experience/ case study for the City.

2.3. Bicycle Friendly Community Application, Katie Knapp

- Katie shared that the Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award is hosted by the League of American Bicyclists and looks at bicycling throughout the community – not just the City's efforts.
- Ann Arbor last applied for the BFC award in 2009 and was awarded a Silver recognition.
- There are five different levels of recognition today: diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze.

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- The BFC application considers the 5 E's of transportation planning (education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering, and evaluation) and key outcomes for ridership and safety.
- On Tuesday, June 25th, from 6-8 PM in City Council Chambers the City will host a public meeting to gather community input for the application.
- The City is also hosting an online survey to gathering community input for the application. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/A2BFC>.
- The survey will be open until July 9th.
- ALT Committee members are encouraged to complete the online survey and share with others.
- The application's deadline in July 16th.
- Lisa offered her assistance for the application, as the University of Michigan recently applied for the Bicycle Friendly University award.
- Mary also offered her assistance for the application in connecting bike-friendly businesses to the application.

3. Old Business

3.1. Update on Bike Share Program, Erica Briggs

- Erica provided a background for those at the meeting new to the Bike Share Program.
- The CEC placed a request for the City Council July 15th agenda for a financial request for a local match.
 - The request is for \$150,000: \$125,000 is for the 2013 fiscal year, and \$25, 000 is for the 2014 fiscal year.
 - The funds will come from the ALT fund.
 - Leading up to the July 15th City Council meeting CEC members will meet and talk with City Council members about bike share programs.
- The CEC has also approached for-profit potential sponsors as well.

3.2. Update on City of Ann Arbor 2013 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update, Eli Cooper

- The City Council authorized the release of the Draft Plan Update for review at the June 3rd City Council meeting.
 - The release period will be for 42 days, and will end in mid July.
- Following the end of the release period, a formal public hearing process will begin with the Planning Commission, assuming that there are no significant changes to the update.
- After the Planning Commission meetings, the Plan Update will go in front of City Council in a public meeting. At the public meeting City Council will vote on adopting the Plan Update as an amendment to the Non-motorized Transportation Plan.
- There is interest to bring together the University of Michigan and the WBWC to discuss specific sites and bike links. In June/ July there will be a city-scheduled meeting to address Catherine, East of Glen.

4. Updates & Announcements

- CEC
- Downtown Area CAC
 - Ray presented that the new underground parking garage is almost full.
 - The North Main task force hosted a public meeting to discuss the task force's direction.
 - Some of the proposed directions include:
 - ◆ Improving traffic conditions

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- ◆ Bettering non-motorized connections to the Allen Creek Greenway
- Ray also shared that it does look like the DTE site will become open to the public, in some fashion.
- getDowntown
 - The Commuter Challenge saw an increase in all metrics for the 2013 program. Mary agreed to present a review of the 2013 Commuter Challenge program at the July ALT meeting.
- DDA
 - The Bike House opened in May at the Maynard parking garage.
 - There are currently 8 spots available, making the bike house already $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
 - The DDA will soon undergo an effort to install replacement bike hoops. Committee members are encouraged to email Amber at AMiller@a2dda.org with replacement location suggestions.
 - Amber also shared that there will be a sweep for abandoned bikes prior to Art Fair.
- WATS
 - Ryan announced that WATS will approve its 2040 Long Range County Plan in one week.
 - The ALT Committee congratulated Ryan on his recent selection as WATS' new director.
- UM
 - The University's bike rental program is still running. The program has 34 bikes, of which 19 have been rented for the semester.
 - The University's recently installed bike pumps and fixit stand have been seeing a good amount of use.
- AATA
 - AATA will host a public meeting and workshop on the Connector Study on June 18th at the downtown library.
 - Other non-motorized and alternative transportation projects and groups will be presenting information at the meeting as well.
- Environmental Commission
 - The Commission is interested in including buffered bike lanes in future bicycle planning efforts. The Commission will present the recommendation to Council.
 - A civic hatch-a-thon was recently held in which a phone app for non-motorized infrastructure reporting was developed.
 - The motor-smart project is winding down. The Commission will present to the Council Commission meeting this summer on the project. The ALT Committee is encouraged to visit the project's website at www.motor-smart.org.
- Parks
- Planning
 - Jeff reported that the Varsity building will be opening in August.
 - The new City Apartment building will have 224 public parking and bicycle spots.
 - The 618 South Main's proposal had its height reduced.
 - The Traverwood Apartments will be composed of 255 apartments by Plymouth, located south of the library.
- Systems Planning
 - Eli shared that the MDOT MITrain will be on display at First and William tomorrow (June 14th).
 - Press media event at 3 PM
 - Train open for public viewing during the Mayor's Green Fair starting at 6 PM
 - The Ann Arbor Station RFP is currently open.
 - The Scio Church sidewalk gap study was approved. Systems Planning will report back to the ALT Committee as the study moves forward.
 - A bicycle fixit stand was installed outside of City Hall.

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- The City is working with a team from Western Michigan University that is researching non-motorized prediction models for crashes and activity.
- Project Management
 - Pat shared that the Green Road RRFB's have been placed.
 - Ann Arbor's first Safe Routes to School program was completed at Clague middle school.
 - Sidewalk repairs to be aware of include:
 - Fourth, scheduled to be completed by Art Fair
 - West Madison, as part of other road improvements
 - 2014 repairs include:
 - Stone School from I-94 to Ellsworth
 - ◆ Non-motorized improvements including mid-block crossings, sidewalks and bike lanes.
 - Pontiac Trail on the northern edge of town
 - ◆ A public meeting for the project was recently held.
 - ◆ Improvements include a paved shoulder.
- Field Operations
- Bicycle & Walking Coalition
 - WBWC circulated a petition for City Council to return the ALT fund to its original 5% funding level.
 - The petition had collected over 550 signatures at the time of the meeting.
 - WBWC plans to meet with City Council members to discuss rising the ALT fund to the 5% level.
 - WBWC has given input on the North Main and the Draft Non-motorized Transportation Plan Update.
 - WBWC has also given county-wide improvement recommendations.
 - These 15 recommendations include North to Central campus bicycle links and the Border-to-Border trail
 - WBWC is planning walking and biking tours to visit the recommendation sites.
- Ann Arbor Police Department

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July 11, 2012

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1:30 - 3:00



1. Present

Erica Briggs – CEC
Larry Deck – WBWC
Amber Miller - DDA
Julia Roberts – AATA
Mary Sell – getDowntown
Jeff Kahan – A2 Planning
Katy Ryan – A2 Planning
Eli Cooper – A2 Systems Planning
Katie Knapp – A2 Systems Planning

2. New Business

2.1. 2013 Commuter Challenge Report Back, Mary Sell

- Mary shared that the 2013 Commuter Challenge Program saw an increase in all of their metrics for participation: numbers of organizations, numbers of participants, and total commutes logged.
 - 307 organizations; 2,507 Participants, 25,753 commutes logged
 - 36% of the participating organizations were from downtown Ann Arbor
 - 49% of the participating organizations were associated with the University of Michigan
- This year getDowntown partnered with Kraft, a downtown marketing firm
- During “Car Pool to Work” week, iShareARide.org launched
 - Over 100 people signed up during Commuter Challenge
- The handout that Mary passed out has been attached to the notes as “Commuter_Challenge_Infographic_2013”
- Participants reported that “health and fitness” and “the environment” were their top two reasons, respectively, for participating
- The post Commuter Challenge Program survey saw an increase in the number of positive feedback comments from last year
 - As with last year, there were multiple comments about the website, which getDowntown continues to work on

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2.2. Sidewalks/paths on Busy Arterials Discussion, Larry Deck

- Larry framed the conversation of when to recommend a cyclist to ride on the sidewalk.
- The 2007 Plan does not address areas of when biking on the street may not be the best option and that sidewalk riding should be recommended and accommodated for. Also, there is not a policy for improving sidewalks for the use of bicyclists.
- In particular, Larry introduced to the Committee an opportunity to improve the cycling experience along Packard through sidewalk improvements. There are currently two areas along the south side of Packard when the sidewalk makes a 90 degree turn.
 - Southeast corner of the Packard and Fernwood Avenue intersection
 - Southwest corner of the Packard and Cherry Tree Lane intersection
 - There are now “cow” paths across the grass where these 90 degree turns exists
- Larry described the sidewalk along Packard from Platt to US-23 as preferable to cyclists than the road.
 - This section of Packard has five lanes of traffic.
 - The long-term plan recommends the addition of bike lanes.
- Taking into consideration the opportunities for bicycling-based sidewalk improvements on Packard the Committee discussed if Alternative Transportation (ALT) funds should be used for such investments.
 - The Committee agreed that if ALT funds were to be used for accommodating bicyclists on sidewalks, they should be used for making connections and not for “smoothing” purposes.
 - Amber suggested that it would be helpful to identify what street types should be considered for improving sidewalks for bicyclists.
 - Erica shared that it is important to recognize the different types of cyclists, and that the non-motorized system should be accommodating to all.
- Moving forward the Committee agreed that it will be important to define what a hostile environment is for bicyclists in framing a general policy direction.

3. Old Business

3.1. Bicycle Friendly Community Application Update, Katie Knapp

- Katie thanked the Committee members for their assistance in completing the application.
- Katie shared that the Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) application for Ann Arbor will be submitted on Tuesday, July 16th.
- Committee members were encouraged to sign up to be a local reviewer, deadline on July 16th, as it further exemplifies Ann Arbor’s support of bicycling.
 - A handout outlining how to sign up to be a local reviewer was passed out at the meeting, and has been attached to the notes.

3.2. Update on Connector Study, Julia Roberts

- Julia brought for the Committee boards that were presented at the Connector Study Public Meeting in June.
 - The boards focused on the projected employment increase in Ann Arbor, the project’s goals, travel modes under consideration, case studies, and the study’s near-term timeline.
 - Employment the number of jobs is expected to increase by 19,000 by 2040.
 - Goals: accessibility, quality of life, and transit reliability were mentioned as some of the key goals of the study.

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- Modes: while automated guide way systems are no looking being considered - due to their cost, physical impact and limited flexibility – bus rapid transit, light rail and expanded bus systems are still under consideration.
- Case Studies: recognizing that Ann Arbor is unique due to its high level and population and job density in comparison to its size, the study has been looking at a variety of case studies in order to best accommodate for Ann Arbor’s uniqueness.
- Near-term timeline: another round of public outreach efforts will take place in late fall of 2013 and the study is expected to conclude in early 2014.
- The public was invited to comment on possible route and station locations at the June public meeting.
 - The public expressed a desire to have the connector aligned to the railroad right-of-way and for the connector to better connect North and Central campus.
 - The Committee discussed the role of equity in planning the connector’s possible routes and station locations.
- The Committee was asked to think of times and ways for the connector study presentation to be given throughout the community.
 - More information about the connector study can be found at <http://aacconnector.com/>

4. Updates & Announcements

➤ CEC

- The Bike Share program’s request to City Council for matching funds is now scheduled for August 8th. Prior to the August 8th meeting, the CEC will continue to talk with City Council members about bike share programs.
- The CEC has been gathering public input on the bike share program at Mark’s Carts and the Farmer’s Market.

➤ getDowntown

➤ DDA/DDA Council

- The Board recently approved the development of a downtown streetscape plan.
 - The plan will create guidelines by street type and will be working at a broader level of detail.
 - The DDA will work closely with the City in developing the plan.
 - The planning process will kick-off in March of 2014.

➤ WATS

➤ UM

➤ A3TA

- The AATA Board approved the addition of Ypsilanti, thus forming the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (A3TA).

➤ Environmental Commission

➤ Parks

➤ Planning

- Projects requesting certificate of occupancy next month:
 - The Varsity
 - Ann Arbor City Apartments
 - Arbor Hills Crossing
- Projects getting ready to start construction:
 - 618 South Main
 - Packard Square: demo and soil removal is complete
- Projects in site plan review:

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- Traverwood Apartments
- Nixon Road Apartments
- Mundon Dormatory, University of Michigan
- BiggBy Site
- Systems Planning
 - The Ann Arbor Station Request for Proposal has been released and the City has been seeing a high level of interest in the RFP: the proposals are due July 22nd.
 - Comments on the Draft Non-motorized Transportation Plan Update are due at next week.
 - Once the comment period is over, city staff will review the comments to create a schedule for the draft's possible modification, and review by the Planning Commission and City Council.
 - The Rail Embankment Feasibility Study has been sent to MDOT. MDOT's Office of Rail staff has been invited to walk the rail corridor with city staff.
 - The North Main Vision Task Force report is currently being reviewed internally by staff.
- Project Management
- Field Operations
- Bicycle & Walking Coalition
- Ann Arbor Police Department

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September 12, 2013

DDA Offices

1:30 - 3:00



1. Introductions
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 - 2.1. Alternative Transportation Summer Inventories, Eli Cooper
3. Old Business
 - 3.1. Non-motorized Transportation Plan Update, Eli Cooper
 - 3.2. Bike Share Program Update, Heather Seyfarth
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**Next Meeting – October 10 at 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: DDA Offices, 150 S. Fifth Avenue**

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ALT Committee Agenda

October 10, 2013

DDA Offices

1:30 - 3:00



1. Introductions
2. New Business
3. Old Business
 - 3.1. Pedestrian Safety Discussion, Eli Cooper
3. Updates & Announcements
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Next Meeting – November 14 at 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: DDA Offices, 150 S. Fifth Avenue

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ALT Committee Agenda

December 12, 2013

DDA Offices

1:30 - 3:00



1. Introductions
2. New Business
 - 2.1. Discussion of Crosswalk Safety
 - 2.2. Review of MDOT's Proposal for US 23
3. Old Business
 - 3.1. Update on The Connector Study
3. Updates & Announcements
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ALT Committee Agenda

January 9, 2014

DDA Offices

1:30 - 3:00



1. Introductions
2. New Business
 - 2.1. Review of 2013 Non-motorized Transportation On-road System Inventory, Katie Knapp
 - 2.2. Introduction of Tentative 2014 Non-motorized Transportation Improvement Projects, Eli Cooper
 - 2.3. Updates on 2014 Non-motorized Transportation News, Eli Cooper
 - 2.3.1. City Council's Pedestrian Safety Task Force
 - 2.3.2. Non-motorized Transportation Plan Implementation Mandate
 - 2.4. Discussion of Major Non-motorized Transportation Issues for 2014, Committee Members
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ALT Committee Meeting Notes

January 9, 2014

DDA Offices

1:30 - 3:00



1. Present

Mark Ferrall – WATS
Mary Sell – getDowntown Program
Larry Deck – WBWC
Julia Roberts – TheRide
Lisa Solomon – UM PTS
Kevin Mulder – CEC
Nick Helmholdt – CEC
Heather Seyfarth - CEC
Jeff Kahan – A2 Planning
Eli Cooper – A2 Systems Planning
Katie Knapp – A2 Systems Planning

2. New Business

2.1. Review of 2013 Non-motorized Transportation On-road System Inventory, Katie Knapp

The presentation provided a high level overview of the 2013 Non-motorized Transportation On-road System Inventory, (The 2013 Inventory). The overview included a history of The Inventory, The Inventory's methodology, statistics from The 2013 Inventory, and changes in average conditions from The 2011 to The 2013 Inventory.

Changes in average conditions from 2011 to 2013 include:

- 16.2% increase in the total length of road sections inventoried
- 3.7% increase in the average pavement conditions
- 0.2% decrease in the average marking conditions
- 11.8% increase in the average striping conditions

Following the presentation at the ALT Committee meeting, the presentation was posted online on the City's Non-motorized Planning webpage under "News":

http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/Transportation/Pages/Non-motorized.aspx.

2.2. Introduction of Tentative 2014 Non-motorized Transportation Improvement Projects, Eli Cooper

For 2014, there are tentatively eight projects with plans for non-motorized transportation improvements along some portion of the project. Eli provided a brief over of the projects in

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addition to a graphic. The draft graphic has been included as an attachment to the end of the notes.

The eight tentative projects are:

1. Newport: M-14 to the north
 - City of Ann Arbor Project
 - The non-motorized transportation improvements are centered between Riverwood and the bridge over M-14, and focused on creating safe connections over the bridge
 - There are schools and residential areas immediately on either side of the bridge
 - The project is timely with respect to Ann Arbor Schools District's recent reduction in bus service
2. Pontiac Trail: Skydale to M-14
 - City of Ann Arbor Project
 - The road section is currently under a "rural" design standard and the City is looking to change it to city design standards
 - The project includes installing bike lanes and a sidewalk on one side of the road
3. Depot: Main to Carey
 - City of Ann Arbor Project
 - Road resurfacing project
 - The 2013 Non-motorized Transportation Plan Update suggests bike lanes in both directions; however after additional analysis, the road does not appear to be wide enough for two bike lanes
 - The project proposes one bike lane on the uphill side of the road, and a sharrow on the downhill side
4. Thayer: Huron to Kingsley
 - City of Ann Arbor Project
5. Jackson/Huron: I-94 to Main
 - MDOT project
 - The project currently includes a 4-3 lane road conversion, "road diet"
6. Washington: First to Fourth
 - City of Ann Arbor Project
7. Ann Arbor-Saline: Eisenhower to Oak Valley
 - Washtenaw County Road Commission Project
 - The proposed non-motorized additions are in response to citizen's requests
 - The Washtenaw County Road Commission is looking into the addition of sidewalks, a bike lane and selective use of green epoxy
 - The green epoxy would be used to mark bike lanes near on and off ramps on the bridge over I-94
8. Stone School: I-94 to Ellsworth
 - City of Ann Arbor Project
 - Road reconstruction project
 - The project plans for sidewalks and bike lane additions along with transit improvements
 - In the future, this project will connect to the existing Packard non-motorized system

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In response to a question from the Committee, Eli shared that the reconstruction project along Madison is scheduled to finish this year. The asphalt plants are currently closed for the season.

2.3. Updates on 2014 Non-motorized Transportation News, Eli Cooper

2.3.1. City Council's Pedestrian Safety Task Force

City Council has decided on a list of proposed nominees for the Pedestrian Safety Task Force. The proposed nominees represent a breadth of knowledge and experience surrounding pedestrian policy. The list of names can be found at, <http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1613116&GUID=BC87B103-1732-4530-A870-024A47DBB22D>

All of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force members will be receiving their own copy of the Federal Highway Safety Administration's Blue Book on *How to Develop a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan*. The Blue Book can be found at, <http://katana.hsra.unc.edu/cms/downloads/howtguide2006.pdf>. The Blue Book will also be given to those involved with the Task Force. For February, the Task Force will be asked to read the Blue Book.

The structure of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force will be very similar to that of the North Main Task Force.

The Task Force is expected to produce a document by February, 2015. City Staff will serve as a resource to the Task Force and in such a role will assist in polishing the document to meet City standards. The Task Force will review the polished document and send the document with their approval to City Council.

2.3.2. Non-motorized Transportation Plan Implementation Mandate

On December 16, 2013, City Council passed a resolution instructing the City Administrator to develop a non-motorized transportation plan implementation strategy body. A link to the resolution can be found at, <http://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1528840&GUID=D9978BC0-5308-405F-8F99-E8A9C2045570>

The resolution instructs the City Administrator to produce a series of plans and reports, with specific submission dates from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014. Within the resolution, three primary directions emerge for the City Administrator:

- Produce an implementation schedule for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's)
- Produce a plan and schedule for implementation of near-term recommendations, from the Non-motorized Transportation Plan (including 2013 update)
- Produce a strategy and implementation plan for long-term recommendations, from the Non-motorized Transportation Plan (including 2013 update)

2.4. Discussion of Major Non-motorized Transportation Issues for 2014, Committee Members

Committee Members were invited to share and discuss major non-motorized transportation issues for 2014. The following issues were brought forth:

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City of Ann Arbor:

- The South State Street Corridor Transportation Plan will be developed in 2014. The Plan will focus on the section of South State Street from Oakbrook to Ellsworth.
- Planning for the Ann Arbor Rail Road Station is starting fresh in 2014. Additional details on these planning efforts can be found under “Updates & Announcements,” “Systems Planning.”
- The Rail Embankment Opening Study produced positive findings. The Study will go forward to City Council for direction on project design.

WBWC:

- The WBWC sees the completion of trail projects, especially those of part of the Border to Border Trail System (B2B), important for 2014.
 - Major areas of concerns for trail completion and improvement include the crossing of the B2B trail near the Huron Parkway, Fuller and Maiden Lane intersections.
- The WBWC has also prioritized improved connections between UM campuses.
- The WBWC is excited to see improvements on Ann Arbor-Saline Road over I-94.
- The WBWC reminded the committee of their released priority list for non-motorized transportation improvements in Washtenaw County.

CEC:

- The Bike Share is scheduled for launch sometime between late spring and early summer of 2014.
- The CEC is currently working with the City on creating licensing agreements for right-of-way use for stations.
- The CEC is planning for a phased implementation of the station.
 - Stations located within the City right-of-way will be the first installed.
 - Stations located on concrete will be the first installed. Eight of the currently 14 planned stations are located on top of concrete.
- The name of the bike share system and the color of the bikes and logo have been finalized. This information will be released incrementally, building up to the launch date.
- The Bike Share’s web presence is currently on the CEC’s Facebook page. The CEC will soon be working with B-Cycle to create a webpage for the Bike Share program.

getDowntown:

- getDowntown is looking forward to the possible coincidence of the bike share launch with Commuter Challenge/ Bike to Work Week; and working together with the CEC on promoting the launch.

3. Old Business

4. Updates & Announcements

- CEC
- getDowntown
 - getDowntown reported an increase in Go!Pass sales.
 - The program is now in preparation for the 2014 Commuter Challenge.
 - This year’s Conquer the Cold competition saw a tripling of participants from last year’s competition. This is the second year that the competition has taken place.

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- In preparation for the Conquer the Cold competition, getDowntown hosted six winter bike commuting classes, which we are full.
- Downtown Area CAC
- WATS
 - WATS and SEMCOG are looking at SEMCOG's URS model.
 - The new WATS website is now up and running: the website name is the same, <http://www.miwats.org/>. The renovated website is part of WATS' rebranding. Comments on the website are welcomed and can be sent to Mark Ferrall at, ferrallm@miwats.org.
 - WATS is excited for the MDOT US-23 project.
 - Both the rural and urban federal meetings are quickly approaching.
- UM
 - With support from the Central Student Government and Interfraternity Council, UM is launching a late night bus service, the "Night Owl", between Oxford Housing and the Central Campus Transit Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, on class days during the Winter 2014 term. U of M "blue buses" will be used for the "Night Owl" route. For a service route map please see, https://pts.umich.edu/maps/night_owl.pdf.
 - UM's Detroit Center Connector service has added Wednesday as an additional day of service. The Connector now runs on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. UM uses Trinity Transportation for the Connector service.
- TheRide
 - The Urban Core Expansion Planning will soon be going to the Board. The Urban Core Expansion Planning is a product of listening to the community and recognizing what they are asking for.
 - No new news for the Connector Study, at this time.
 - TheRide is working with the County, as part of the Re-Imagine Washtenaw Initiative, to locate possible long-term Super Stop locations.
 - Public Art for the renovated Blake Transit Center (BTC) is being planned. The public can view the final public art proposals for BTC and provide feedback at the downtown library branch from January 20th to February 3rd, 2014. For more information, please see the press release at: <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=c64f486c6bf6ab7923b4ada8c&id=60cc2bc030&e=aff12c6ce0>
 - TheRide will be reevaluating pedestrian holes in the system in preparation for possible, future Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications.
- Parks
- Planning
 - The Ann Arbor City Apartments were recently awarded certification of occupancy.
 - The 618 South Main Street site, also known as "Fox Tent & Awing", will soon be undergoing demolition.
 - City Council recently approved site plans for the Traverwood Apartments site and two new restaurants by Briarwood.
 - The reconceived 14-story Pizza House project is currently under review.
 - Two new development projects include the Nixon and Brewer sites; both of the sites are in northeast Ann Arbor. At this time, the developers are considering multifamily as well as some mixed-use on the sites. Planning is working with the developers to consider transportation needs for the sites.
- Systems Planning
 - MDOT will conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the US-23 project. MDOT was innovate and response to the public's comments to the project. MDOT will be working with WATS and SEMCOG on transportation modeling for the US-23 project.
 - A project initiation meeting for the Ann Arbor Rail Road Station project is planned for January 10, 2014. Committee members can expect outreach regarding the project shortly. The

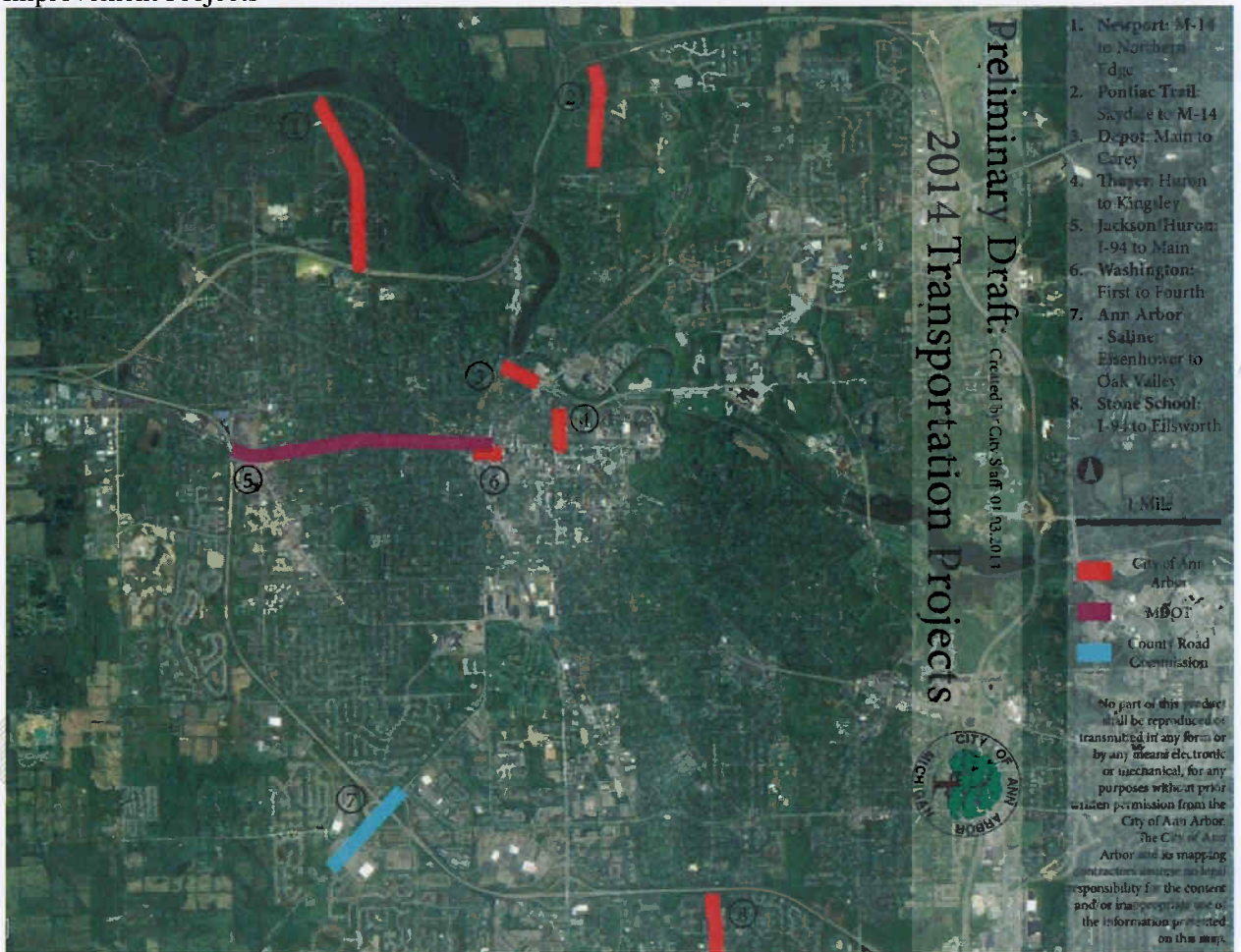
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Ann Arbor Rail Road Station project is undergoing a fresh start, looking at the URS team's recommendations and planning a strong focus on public engagement throughout the project.

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5. Attachments

5.1. Image for Notes Item 2.2 Introduction of Tentative 2014 Non-motorized Transportation Improvement Projects



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