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MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMITTEE ON PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety submits the following monthly report for September 2025.

Date, Time, & Location of Meeting:

On Monday, September 22nd, 2025, at 10:15a.m. the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety held a meeting at City Hall, Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 10:29 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chairman La Spata (1st Ward)

Alderman Robinson (4th Ward)

Alderman Chico (10th Ward)

Alderman Quinn (13th Ward)

Alderman Moore (17th Ward) – virtual

Alderman Ervin (28th Ward)

Vice Chairman Cruz (30th Ward)

Alderman Knudsen (43rd Ward)

Alderman Lawson (44th Ward)

Alderman Martin (47th Ward)

Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth (48th Ward)

Absent Members: Alderman Hopkins (2nd Ward), Alderman Yancy (5th Ward), Alderman Curtis (18th Ward)

Non-Members in Attendance: Alderman O'Shea (19th Ward), Alderman Cardona (31st Ward)

Public Comment: There were two spoken public comments for this meeting.

- W. Robert Shultz: Active Transportation Alliance and Transit Equity Network; emphasized the need for infrastructure investments and the revenue from the speed camera program going towards a fund that prioritizes such investments
- Mr. Blakemore: Expressed frustration with the lack of public turnout to meetings and the tardiness of alders, as well as with the issue of multiple meetings being scheduled at the same time

Approval of July 2025 Rule 45 Report:

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth moved to approve, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

Agenda of Matters Considered:

The Agenda of Matters Considered consisted of 16 pages and included 243 matters:

- 160 ordinances related to disabled parking permits,
- 35 ordinances related to traffic warning signs and/or signals,
- 31 ordinances related to parking restrictions,
- 11 ordinances related to residential parking permit zones,
- 3 ordinances related to parking meters,
- 1 ordinance related to industrial permit parking, and
- 1 subject matter hearing.

Direct Introductions on pages 2-7 Passed without Department recommendations. Ald. Ervin moved to approve all Direct Introduction ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 8-11 Passed as Recommended by the appropriate Department(s). A Substitute Ordinance was submitted by the respective ward office for Item 8 on page 8 [SO2025-0015848]. Ald. Martin moved to accept the Substitute Ordinance, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. Ald. Ervin moved to approve all items on pages 8-11, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 12-16 Passed with No Recommendation. These items were submitted as aldermanic overrides or received no recommendations from City Departments. Substitute Ordinances were submitted by the respective ward offices for Item 9 on page 15 [SO2025-0015368] and Item 2 [SO2025-0018215], Item 9 [SO2025-0017697], and Item 10 [SOr2024-0010859] on page 16. Ald. Ervin moved to accept all Substitute Ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. Item 12 on page 15 and Item 13 on page 16 were held in committee due to needing substitute ordinance with corrected language based on feedback from the Department of Transportation. Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth moved to approve all items on pages 12-16 except Item 12 on page 15 and Item 3 on page 16, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All actions taken at the meeting were by viva voce vote.

The agenda also included a subject matter hearing / report out of the Equity in Enforcement Working Group, established by SR2024-0010992 on the topic of the speed limit enforcement structure and practices in City of Chicago. No votes were taken on the topic.

Ald. La Spata, the sponsor of the resolution, opened the subject matter hearing and led the presentation on the Equity in Enforcement Working Group, sharing key topics discussed by the working group, the final recommendations of the group, and the process by which the working group chose those recommendations.

The following departmental staff who participated in the working group were present for questions:

Department of Finance (DOF): Michael Belsky (Comptroller), Joel Flores (First Deputy Director), Kiran Khokha (Deputy Director)

Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT): Vig Krishnamurthy (Managing Deputy Commissioner) Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH): Anthony Rizzo (Deputy Director of Administrative Adjudication), Randi Holzman (Senior Administrative Law Officer)

Alders Lawson, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Martin, and O'Shea shared comments and asked questions following the presentation. Questions and comments were about the rates of ticketing for speed cameras and rates of payment for tickets, how ticketing trends inform or influence the work of CDOT, timeline for implementation of the recommendations, the use of the revenue generated by the speed cameras, and the need for continued, greater investments in traffic calming measures + infrastructure.

Having no further business before the committee, Chair La Spata requested a motion to adjourn. Ald. Martin so moved, and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.