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## **MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024** **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 2024.

### **Date, Time, & Location of Meeting:**

On Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety held a meeting at City Hall in Room 201A. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

### **Members in Attendance:**

Chairman La Spata (1<sup>st</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Hopkins (2<sup>nd</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Robinson (4<sup>th</sup> Ward) – virtual  
Alderman Yancy (5<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Chico (10<sup>th</sup> Ward) – virtual  
Alderman Quinn (13<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
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Vice Chairman Cruz (30<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Martin (47<sup>th</sup> Ward)

**Absent Members:** Alderman Curtis (18<sup>th</sup> Ward), Alderman Knudsen (43<sup>rd</sup> Ward), Alderman Lawson (44<sup>th</sup> Ward), Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth (48<sup>th</sup> Ward)

**Non-Members in Attendance:** Alderman Vasquez (40<sup>th</sup> Ward)

The Chairman accepted motions from Ald. Yancy to allow for remote participation by Ald. Chico and from Ald. Martin to allow for remote participation by Ald. Robinson, which were approved by the same role call as was used to establish quorum.

### **Public Comment:**

There were seven spoken public comments and one written public comment for this meeting.

Spoken Public Comment was provided by the following individuals (in order of appearance):

- Peter C. (online): spoke against stop signs being installed without accompanying traffic study; stated that he's sent CDOT dozens of correspondences since May 2024 and hasn't received a response; stated that unnecessary stops and unwarranted stop signs endanger drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists
- Mr. Blakemore: shared frustration about how alders came to the meeting for quorum and left to another committee meeting soon after; spoke in opposition to residential permit parking
- Lola W.: shared concerns around quorum and alder attendance; started a petition regarding 2700 block of North California where bike lanes have led to a reduction in parking spaces, which she said is negatively impacting businesses on that block; wants solutions that work for drivers and bikers
- Jessica J.: shared how, as a pedestrian, she cannot enjoy walking down the street; upset about visible presence of migrants
- Doris L.: stated it is disrespectful that committee members aren't present during public comment; upset about visible presence of migrants outside Lake Shore Hotel in Hyde Park
- Zoe L.: shared that that stoplight at 29<sup>th</sup> and King Drive needs to be longer as there are a lot of students in that area so more time is needed for the stoplight; upset about migrant presence in the city
- Tiwon S.: spoke about attending the Free2Move meeting at the DuSable Museum and shared he has been a victim of a pretextual stop himself; feels targeted by CPD over the past few years and wants support in achieving some resolution with that

### **Approval of July 2024 Rule 45 Report:**

Ald. Hopkins 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 21 pages and included 400 matters:

- 353 ordinances related to disabled parking permits,
- 27 ordinances related to traffic warning signs and/or signals,
- 9 ordinances related to residential parking permit zones,
- 9 ordinances related to parking restrictions, and
- 2 ordinances related to parking meters

Direct Introductions on pages 1-4 Passed without Department recommendations. Ald. Hopkins moved to approve all Direct Introduction ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on page 5-15 Passed as Recommended by the appropriate Department(s). Ald. Martin moved to approve all Recommended ordinances on pages 5-15, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 16-21 Passed with No Recommendation. These items were submitted as aldermanic overrides or received no recommendations from City Departments. Ald. Martin moved to approve all No Recommendation ordinances on pages 16-19 and items 1 through 8 on page 20, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

A Substitute Ordinance [SOr2024-0010325] was submitted by the ward office for Item 9 on page 20. Ald. Hopkins moved to accept the Substitute Ordinance, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. Ald. Martin moved to approve the Substitute Ordinance, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

Ald. Hopkins moved to approve items 10-15 on page 20 and all matters on page 21, 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.

Having no further business before the committee, Chairman La Spata requested a motion to adjourn. Ald. Hopkins so moved, and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.