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MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026 **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 May 2026.

Date, Time, & Location of Meeting:

On Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety held a meeting at City Hall, Room 201A. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chairman La Spata (1st Ward)
Alderman Hopkins (2nd Ward)
Alderman Robinson (4th Ward) - virtual
Alderman Yancy (5th Ward)
Alderman Chico (10th Ward)
Alderman Moore (17th Ward)
Alderman Quinn (13th Ward)
Alderman Burnett (27th 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 Curtis (18th Ward), Alderman Ervin (28th Ward)

The Chair accepted a motion from Ald. Martin to allow for remote participation by Ald. Robinson, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

Public Comment: There were 3 spoken public comments for this meeting.

- **Mr. Blakemore:** Expressed disappointment by the lack of public participation relative to previous meetings this year; upset about the overlapping meeting times for committee meetings, stating that it make public participation more difficult; against cyclists
- **David S.:** Shared how traffic is very bad on Milwaukee between Kedzie and Damen due to the new configuration, stating it is hard for anyone to get around including emergency vehicles; suggested that the lack of parking could negatively impact businesses and that this is indicative of how changes to Grand Avenue will not work; worried that businesses will close and resident will move due to lack of parking
- **Mikki O.:** Opposed to the installation of protected bike lanes on Grand Avenue, stating that reducing lanes and installing bike lanes will increase congestion and harm businesses; advocated for the expansion of the Hubbard bike path instead to connect to existing bike paths; alluded to the Archer Avenue project to say the Grand Avenue project can be halted and undone still

Approval of April 2026 Rule 45 Report:

Ald. Cruz 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 11 pages and included 181 matters:

- 147 ordinances related to disabled parking permits,
- 12 ordinances related to traffic warning signs and/or signals,
- 10 ordinances related to parking restrictions,
- 6 ordinances related to residential parking permit zones, and
- 6 ordinances related to parking meters

Direct Introductions on pages 1-3 Passed without Department recommendations. Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth 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 4-7 Passed as Recommended by the appropriate Department(s). Substitute Ordinances were submitted by the respective wards for Item 3 [SO2026-0023680] and Item 6 [SO2026-0024392] on page 4. Ald. Lawson moved to accept all Substitute Ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. Ald. Yancy moved to approve all items on pages 4-7, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 8-11 Passed with No Recommendation. These items were submitted as aldermanic overrides or received no recommendations from City Departments. Ald. Martin moved to approve all items on pages 8-11, 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, Chair La Spata requested a motion to adjourn. Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved, and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.