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MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 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 September 2026.

Date, Time, & Location of Meeting:

On Tuesday, September 15, 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) - virtual
Alderman Robinson (4th Ward)
Alderman Yancy (5th Ward) - virtual
Alderman Chico (10th Ward)
Alderman Moore (17th Ward)
Alderman Curtis (18th Ward)
Alderman Burnett (27th Ward)
Alderman Ervin (28th Ward) - virtual
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 Quinn (13th Ward),

Non-Members in Attendance: Alderman Vasquez (40th Ward)

The Chair accepted a motion from Ald. Burnett to allow for remote participation by Aids. Hopkins, Yancy, and Ervin, which was approved by the same role call as was used to establish quorum.

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

- **Mr. Blakemore:** Expressed anger about the late start to the meeting and with alders calling in to the meeting to attend virtually; Shared that he is against residential permit parking zones in city and that Chicago is not designed for cyclists
- **Jim M.:** Active Transportation Alliance; Expressed hope that the Smart Streets program will be made permanent; spoke about a letter by the organization about traffic safety that received 20 alder sign-ons

Approval of July 2026 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 27 pages and included 539 matters:

- 490 ordinances related to disabled parking permits,
- 28 ordinances related to traffic warning signs and/or signals,
- 14 ordinances related to residential parking permit zones,
- 2 ordinances related to parking restrictions,
- 2 ordinance related to parking meters,
- 2 ordinances related to municipal code amendments, and
- 1 subject matter hearing

Direct Introductions on pages 2-5 Passed without Department recommendations. Ald. Curtis 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 6-21 Passed as Recommended by the appropriate Department(s). A Substitute Ordinance was submitted by the respective ward for Item 7 [SO2026-0027197] on page 6. Ald. Martin 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 all items on pages 6-21, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 22-27 Passed with No Recommendation. These items were submitted as aldermanic overrides or received no recommendations from City Departments. A Substitute Ordinance was submitted by the respective ward for Item 11 [SO2026-0026671] on page 26. Ald. Lawson moved to accept all Substitute Ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. Ald. Martin moved to approve all items on pages 22-27, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

Item 2 on page 1 [O2026-0027125] was a mayoral introduction: Amendment of Municipal Code Section 9-48-050 regarding bus terminal loading and unloading zones. Ald. Lawson asked about the applicability of the ordinance to charter buses, as it may relate to sporting events at Wrigley Field in his ward. With no further questions from committee members, Ald. Lawson moved to approve Item 2 on page 1, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

There was a subject matter hearing on the Smart Streets Pilot Program, in accordance with Municipal Code of Chicago 9-108-070 [SO2023-874]. No votes on this topic were taken.

The presentation on the program was led by Sean Wiedel (Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Department of Transportation) and Riley Bowlin (Deputy Director, Office of the City Clerk). Key information shared during the presentation included evolution and expansion of the program, ticketing rates, revenue generated, and technological considerations that arose during the pilot.

Alders Vasquez, La Spata, Lawson, Martin, and Manaa-Hoppenworth had questions related to the Smart Loading Zones part of the original program, which was not developed; how the program could be made permanent and expanded, in terms of geography, ticketed violations, and number of cameras in use; and challenges that the departments faced in getting the program started and in expanding it, including technological issues, cost, administrative processes related to ticketing; and the collection rate for tickets issued through the program. The subject matter hearing concluded with Ald. La Spata and Ald. Vasquez expressing their intention to introduce legislation to make the program permanent and city-wide.

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. Martin so moved, and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.