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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Transportation Ordinance Review Committee

FROM: John W. Strange, Assistant City Attorney

RE: Draft Transportation Board/Commission Structure

At its last meeting, the Transportation Ordinance Review Committee (TORC) conducted an extensive review of the duties listed in current MGO Sec. 3.14 that fall to the Transit and Parking Commission (TPC) and Pedestrian Bicycle and Motor Vehicle Commission (PBMVC) and decided how those duties would be handled under a possible two-body Board/Commission structure consisting of a Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB) and Transportation Commission (TC).

In preparation for TORC's January 25, 2017 meeting, I revised proposed Section 33.56, TC, proposed Section 33.55, TPPB, and proposed recreated Sec. 3.14, Department of Transportation (DOT), to reflect those decisions. Those documents are attached to the Legistar file.

By reviewing the current draft of proposed Sec. 33.56, TORC can see the specific issue items that would fall to the TC under this new structure, keeping in mind that the TPPB would assume responsibility for policy issues related to any element of the transportation system. To the right of each item listed in the TC ordinance, I left a notation marking the frequency that each issue has traditionally come before either the current TPC or PBMVC.

I have also edited proposed Sec. 33.55, TPPB, and proposed recreated 3.14, DOT, to include some of the comments commissioner members have raised over the last several meetings, such as allowing alders to serve as chairperson of the TPPB, ensuring that the TC receive operational reports from the DOT, and reinforcing the importance of linking transportation and land use planning. In addition to these specific items, I inserted an appeal process for matters that come before the TPPB and TC, attempted to more clearly define how city staff will support each body, and added more specific language related to the composition of each body. In a separate document, I listed some specific reminders of these items and questions for TORC to entertain at its meeting on January 25. While these questions are not exhaustive of all that remain to complete these ordinances, they will help to advance the ordinances to a final product.

I will be prepared to discuss each ordinance more fully at the meeting. I believe that, if TORC is satisfied with the direction of the ordinances, then the ordinances are nearing a point where TORC and staff can put finishing touches on them in preparation

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for introduction to the Common Council.

In addition to substantive feedback on the current drafts of the proposed ordinances, I would encourage members to provide me with any specific wordsmithing suggestions they may have at this time so that I can incorporate any such changes prior to TORC's meeting on February 14, 2017.