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Date October 18, 2021

Communication from Anne Pham advising of her resignation from the Transportation Safety Committee, Seat 4, effective immediately.

Moved by Boesen to receive, file, and accept resignation with appreciation for her service.

Replacement to be appointed by Council Member Mandelbaum.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, P. KAY CMELIK, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

P. Kay Cmelik

City Clerk

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From: Anne Pham <annepham.ap@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Schomer, Michelle I. <MISchomer@dmgov.org>; Davis, John A. <JADavis@dmgov.org>;
Mandelbaum, Josh T. <JoshMandelbaum@dmgov.org>
Subject: Re: UPDATE: Transportation Safety Committee Meeting Arrangements

All,

Due to the directive of a face-to-face meeting with no option for calling in, I highly doubt I will be able to attend further meetings of the Transportation Safety Committee held at 7:30am on Tuesday mornings. This restriction severely limits a majority of the population of Des Moines to those who either don't have kids to shuttle to school/daycare and/or have a flexible work schedule and/or have an additional partner with such flexibility. As committees and commissions have dwindled in participation across the board, I do not see this as lack of willingness, but lack of accommodation for what I feel is a large sector of the Des Moines population who equally deserve a seat at the table but are faced with unintended barriers to do so - working mothers. I live in central DSM, but work on the northwest side of town. While I can juggle a lot of things, it logistically makes no sense to schedule an extra hour of travel (half hour each way) into an already full morning. As a Transportation Safety Committee member, it also seems counterintuitive to make transportation a hindrance and a requirement.

I would be happy to explore options to continue service on this committee, but understand that as the way the requirements are currently, it cannot work for me.

Thank you,

Anne Pham