Fourth Avenue Design Update: This is a cost-share project with the City and the AAATA. Staff and the consultants from SmithGroup provided an overview of the project, the concept plan next steps, and the proposed schedule. Key elements include widening the sidewalks from 12’ to 16’, improving the comfort of transit customers, installing larger bus shelters, the infrastructure in support of the future affordable housing development at 350 S. Fifth Avenue, improved lighting, and the addition of crosswalks. Infrastructure work will include upsizing the watermain to the north and installation of expanded storm water infiltration. The final layout and project elements will be determined through the remainder of the design process. The team conducted a public engagement session at the BTC, distributing surveys, providing information about the project to transit customers, and getting their feedback.

State Street Construction Update: Staff and the consultants from Wade Trim provided updates. Watermain work between North University and Liberty is anticipated to be completed this week. Next steps include streetlight electrical work and brick installation. The watermain work between North University and Huron is expected to be done in the next few weeks, followed by the storm sewer work. As of now, the project is on schedule.

TIF Project Schedule Updates: Ms. Thomson and Ms. Miller met virtually with representatives from the Grand Rapids and Traverse City DDA’s. Ms. Miller shared a comparison between the two cities and Ann Arbor in terms of size, responsibilities, and funding sources. There is similarities in the message and values, and the use of TIF revenue. There are also common challenges in the misconception about the role of the DDA and TIF use. Questions were asked and answered.

Engineering As-Needed Services Resolution: Staff recommended bringing to the Board a resolution to approve an agreement with Wade Trim Associates for engineering and as-needed services. There was consensus among the Committee members to bring it to the Board.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelley A. Graves, Board Secretary