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Director's Report – October 24, 2022

The paragraphs below summarize some of the key efforts and events that occurred in the last month. We are getting very close to BRT construction, with a likely groundbreaking in December. Implementing a modern rapid transit system is a monumental accomplishment that Madison has been pursuing for over 20 years.

Sincerely,

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BRT

- We will be advertising the BRT main package on October 27 with bids being received Dec 6th. Significant effort was made by consultants and staff to make this deadline. Wow.
- The construction industry is experiencing considerable inflationary pressures in every sector. We are anticipating that BRT also will see this pressure and are seeking ways to address it.
- There will likely be a BRT groundbreaking for the "Early Works" project in mid-December. More information will be provided once it is available.
- Our staff and consultant team continue to on items necessary to enter a project agreement with Federal Transit Administration. This includes resolving some issues with Railroad crossings, Risk Assessments, Operating Plans, etc.

Parking

- The Parking Manager has been reposted. We are hoping for a large group of candidates. Pl
- Continuing to work with stakeholders regarding issues with the State Street Campus garage and intercity bus terminal.
- There will be a transition with PEO leadership, as the supervisor has accepted another position within Transportation. In the coming months there will be several actions to continue to move the PEOs from MPD to the Parking Division. Soon we hope to be able to use the Town of Madison building as a centralized location.

Federal Funding

- Staff submitted a Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant to FRA for \$5 million on October 11 for crossing safety improvements as well as fencing.
- Staff submitted a Reconnecting Communities Grant to USDOT for roughly \$1 million on October 13 for the Perry Street crossing over the Beltline.

- TE is considering submitting for the US DOT SMART grant – Due November 18.
- Transportation is continuing to monitor the FRA's Corridor Identification Program – with an expected submittal due sometime this winter. Getting into this program will be critical to bringing passenger rail back to Madison.

WisDOT Projects

- I-39/90/94 Project – WisDOT continues in the data collection phase. They are coordinating with stakeholders on two potential new interchanges, one at Hoepker Road, and one as an extension of Milwaukee Street. The WisDOT website is here: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/399094/default.aspx>
- Stoughton Road Projects – WisDOT had a public involvement meeting on Oct 13. No alternatives have been developed yet. More can be learned about them at this website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us51-corridor/default.aspx>

Other

- Transportation Demand Management Ordinance – the draft ordinance is completed and will be introduced along with the program into CC on Nov 1.
- Complete Green Streets – Staff has been working on many of the detailed table dimensions. Plan narrative still needs more effort. We are hoping to introduce the program mid-November/early December.
- Amtrak – The consultant is collecting information. We are hoping to have a kickoff public involvement meeting in early December.