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1	Council Office	06/13/2007	Fiscal Note Required / Approval	Comptroller's Office/Approval Group		06/13/2007		
1	Comptroller's Office/Approval Group	06/13/2007	Approved Fiscal Note By The Comptroller's Office	Council Office		06/13/2007		
	Notes:	<i>Knepp</i>						
1	Council Office	06/13/2007	Refer for Introduction					
	Notes:	<i>Common Council Meeting 7/3/07</i>						
1	COMMON COUNCIL	06/19/2007	Refer to a future Meeting to Adopt		07/03/2007			
	Notes:	<i>Adopt at the 7/3/07 Common Council Meeting.</i>						
1	COMMON COUNCIL	07/03/2007	Refer	Mayor's Office	07/17/2007	07/17/2007	Pass	
	Verbose Action:	for a substitute to be drafted.						
	Notes:	<i>1 Registrant(s) in support not wishing to speak. Due back at the 7/17/07 Common Council Meeting.</i>						

2	Mayor's Office	07/17/2007	Fiscal Note Required / Approval	Comptroller's Office/Approval Group		07/17/2007	
2	Comptroller's Office/Approval Group	07/17/2007	Approved Fiscal Note By The Comptroller's Office (SUBSTITUTES)	Mayor's Office		07/17/2007	
	Notes: Knepp						
2	COMMON COUNCIL	07/17/2007	Refer	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE	08/07/2007	07/18/2007	Pass
	Notes: 1 Registrant(s) in support wishing to speak; 1 Registrant(s) in opposition wishing to speak.						
	<i>Additional Referral(s): Transit and Parking Commission, Long Range Transportation Planning Commission, Long Range Metropolitan Planning Ad-Hoc Committee, Common Council Meeting 8/7/07.</i>						
2	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE	07/17/2007	Refer	TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION	08/07/2007	07/19/2007	
2	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE	07/17/2007	Refer	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION	08/07/2007	07/19/2007	
2	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE	07/17/2007	Refer	LONG RANGE METRO TRANSIT PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE	08/07/2007	07/23/2007	
2	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE	07/18/2007	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER				Pass
	Notes: Jesse Kaysen commented that specific language on the type of transit service be clarified to emphasize the funding of Metro Transit system, inclusive of ADA complementary paratransit service. She asked that the fifth resolved clause be modified to read as follows: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Regional Transportation Authority would be a comprehensive, countywide, regional transportation system, which would provide transportation infrastructure to the entire region, with funding to be apportioned as follows; 33% for the first phase of Transport 2020, 25% for Metro Transit Service (including ADA-complementary paratransit) Busses, 25% for town, village, city and county road maintenance, and 17% for Paratransit services, Rail and Bus enhancements, and Bicycle Facilities; and" Lori Kay asked that "University of Wisconsin-Madison" be explicitly spelled out in the resolution (two locations on page 2). Dick Wagner/Kristine Euclide moved to recommend approval of the resolution, and to reflect Ms. Kaysen's and Ms. Kay's suggested language. Chairman McDonell asked for a motion to support the resolution. Nine members voted in approval of the resolution, one member voted against the approval of the resolution and two members abstained from voting.						
2	TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION	07/19/2007	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE		07/18/2007	Pass
	Notes: TPC members made the following recommendations: * Add "-Madison" to the two references made to the "University of Wisconsin". * In the paragraph referring to funding apportionment, the reference made to "Madison Transit Busses" should be changed to say "Madison Transit Services".						

Some members also expressed concerns that the specific percentages in the funding apportionment could limit future options.

Members also expressed reservations about the development of a "transportation authority" that includes funding for roadways as opposed to the development of a "transit authority" specific to funding transit.

2	LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION	07/19/2007	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATIO N TASK FORCE	07/18/2007	Pass
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Notes: *Sup. Al Matano suggested the following modification to the first "whereas" clause on the second page:*

"WHEREAS, the City of Madison will continue to support efforts to expand the Madison Metro Bus System to outlying cities and villages within Dane County, such as, but not limited to Monona, Sun Prairie, Waunakee, Stoughton and Cross Plains; and"

Mike Rewey suggested modifying the fifth "resolved" clause to read:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Regional Transportation Authority would be a comprehensive, countywide, regional transportation system, which would provide transportation infrastructure to the entire region, with funding to be apportioned as follows; 33% for the first phase of Transport 2020, 25% for Metro Transit Services Busses, 25% for town, village, city and county road maintenance, and 17% for Paratransit services, Rail and Bus enhancements, and Bicycle Facilities; and"

Rewey also supported the Transport 2020 Implementation Task Force recommendation to add "-Madison" to UW references in the resolution.

The LRTPC then unanimously recommend approval of resolution ID 06762, with the amendments noted above, on a motion submitted by Judy Bowser/Bob Schaefer.

2	LONG RANGE METRO TRANSIT PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE	07/23/2007	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATIO N TASK FORCE	07/18/2007	Pass
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Notes: *The Long Range Metro Transit Planning Ad Hoc Committee recommended that resolution file #06762 pass with the following changes:*

- *"Metro Transit" should be used as the name of the City transit utility throughout the resolution.*
- *References to the University of Wisconsin should specify "University of Wisconsin - Madison" throughout the resolution.*

The clauses below should add the following language as indicated:

- *In the WHEREAS clause, add the word "municipalities" to be more inclusive*
- *In the WHEREAS clause, add the phrase "and to improve service in the existing service area" so that a focus will be put on not only expanding Metro Transit service, but also improving existing service*
- *In the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause, say that 25% of funding will go to Metro Transit "services" rather than buses*

WHEREAS, the City of Madison will continue to support efforts to expand the Madison Metro Transit Bus System to outlying cities and municipalities within Dane County, such as, but not limited to Monona, Sun Prairie, Waunakee, Stoughton and Cross Plains; and to improve service in the existing service area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Regional Transportation Authority would be a comprehensive, countywide, regional transportation system, which would provide transportation infrastructure to the entire region, with funding to be apportioned as follows; 33% for the first phase of Transport 2020, 25% for Metro Transit Services, 25% for town, village, city and county road maintenance, and 17% for Paratransit services, Rail and Bus enhancements, and Bicycle Facilities; and

Absent: Thomas
 Excused: White, Clarke and Aulik
 Aye: Opitz, Heifetz, Wilberg, Lunsway and Rhodes Conway
 No: Sanborn

Abstain: Durocher and De Vos

Text of Legislative File 06762

..Fiscal Note

This policy resolution has no direct budgetary implications.

..Title

SUBSTITUTE - Supporting the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority that enables the expansion of multi-modal public transit in the Madison metropolitan area and supporting State legislation that would enable the formation of Regional Transportation Authorities.

..Body

WHEREAS, the Madison metropolitan area has experienced marked population growth in recent years, estimated at 23 percent since 1990 by the U.S. Census Bureau, putting increased pressure on the region's transportation network and many travel corridors; and

WHEREAS, efficient transportation is essential if the City of Madison and Dane County are to meet their community and economic development goals and maintain the region's high quality of life; and

~~WHEREAS, traffic congestion affects thousands of commuters from the City of Madison and other Dane County communities who must travel to and from work and other destinations; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the travel corridor through the Isthmus, the heart of the greater Madison metropolitan area, has experienced increasing traffic congestion, safety problems and pedestrian and bicycle challenges; and~~

WHEREAS, almost two-thirds of the county's population lives in the area being studied by Transport 2020, 80 percent work there, and the study area also includes many of the region's largest cultural and special events destinations; and

WHEREAS, roadway expansion in the Isthmus is not feasible due to costs, impacts and neighborhood concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dane County, the City of Madison and area communities have been working cooperatively for several years on regional transportation issues; and

~~WHEREAS, Transport 2020 has been investigating options for improving transportation for all people who use and depend on this important regional travel corridor; and~~

WHEREAS, an initial route has been designated for commuter rail running from Middleton to Reiner Road in the Town of Sun Prairie; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has made a significant investment in mass transit through the Madison Metro bus system, which serves not only the city but also several of the adjacent communities, as well as users of park-and-ride services from a larger geographic area; and

~~WHEREAS, area communities and the County have cooperated for many years in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is the designated policy body responsible for cooperative, comprehensive regional transportation planning and decision making for the Madison metropolitan area; and~~

~~WHEREAS, current problems with the existing structure for providing transit service include: integration of public mass transit services provided by different municipalities; coordination of city paratransit and County specialized transportation services; and coordination of Metro fixed route and shared ride taxi services; and~~

WHEREAS, the City of Madison will continue to support efforts to expand the Madison Metro Bus System to outlying cities within Dane County, such as, but not limited to Monona, Sun Prairie, Waunakee, Stoughton and Cross Plains; and

WHEREAS, because of the inter-relationships of many of these key transportation issues, the need to carry out planning at a regional level, and the need to develop adequate funding sources on a broader level, the County needs to create a regional transportation entity; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin, Downtown Madison, Inc. and the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce have expressed support for joint regional efforts for transit improvements;

~~WHEREAS, other communities around the state also seek to have new tools for regional transit, and the Alliance of Cities and the Wisconsin Counties Association, among others, are supporting efforts for enabling legislation for local areas;~~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Madison, by way of this resolution, hereby affirms our commitment to legislation at the state level that would enable the formation of Regional Transportation Authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison hereby supports the work of the Transport 2020 Implementation Task Force, including its recent selection of a phase I corridor or minimal operating segment and urges Transport 2020 to move forward with its work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison recognizes that to fully serve the transit needs of the Madison Metropolitan Area, any local Regional Transportation Authority shall include participation by the City of Madison, Dane County, other local municipalities from throughout Dane County, and community partners including the University of Wisconsin and the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Transportation Authority enabling legislation shall allow for up to but no more than a half-cent sales tax, which would go to the citizens for a countywide referendum and would be contingent on receiving federal transit funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Regional Transportation Authority would be a comprehensive, countywide, regional transportation system, which would provide transportation infrastructure to the entire region, with funding to be apportioned as follows; 33% for the first phase of Transport 2020, 25% for Metro Transit Busses, 25% for town, village, city and county road maintenance, and 17% for Paratransit services, Rail and Bus enhancements, and Bicycle Facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison and Dane County will work together to support Federal Transportation Administration applications for bus and rail enhancements, when those applications are ready, starting with the New Starts Application for Commuter Rail, as recommended by the Transport 2020 process, to be submitted to the Federal Transportation Administration by the end of summer 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon adoption of a Regional Transportation Authority, the City of Madison agrees to work with neighboring communities on the expansion of Madison Metro Bus service both to neighboring communities and within the City of Madison; and

~~NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison Common Council hereby supports the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority that enables the expansion of multi-modal public transit in the Madison metropolitan area; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison requests, by way of this resolution, and makes a part of its legislative agenda, legislation at the state level that would enable the formation of Regional Transportation Authorities; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison Common Council recognizes that to fully serve the transit needs of the Madison metropolitan area, any local Regional Transportation Authority should include participation by the City of Madison, Dane County, other local municipalities and community partners including the University of Wisconsin and the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.~~

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Jim Doyle, Dane County's state legislative delegation, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and U.S. Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl.