

CITY OF MADISON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ACTION ITEM DETAIL – AUGUST 23, 2023

ACTION TITLE: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility

PRESENTER: Ann Kovich

ACTION SUMMARY

Review and approve forming an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility.

BACKGROUND

It was brought to the attention of the TC Chair in 2022 that certain TC materials were not readily accessible to all Commission members or members of the public. As a result, the Chair met with staff to begin addressing the issues and concerns. With the recreation of the TC, it is the appropriate time to create the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility in order to continue the discussion regarding ways TC could be more accessible to members of the Commission and the public, while remaining efficient and effective.

DESCRIPTION

Attached is a memo which describes the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility.

EQUITY GOAL IMPACTS

Merriam-Webster defines “equity” as “fairness or justice in the way people are treated.” In order to be fair or just, people need access to opportunities, networks, information, resources, support, etc. So accessibility is a key factor to be considered in TC’s commitment to racial equity and social justice.

FISCAL & PROCUREMENT DETAILS

No current additional fiscal impact is identified; however, there can be additional costs related to expanded public/community outreach, enhanced language access, etc.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility

- Authority:** The Transportation Commission (“TC”) creates the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility pursuant to Sec. 33.01(4)(c), Madison General Ordinances.
- Purpose:** This Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility (“Ad Hoc Subcommittee”) shall be responsible for developing and issuing recommendations to TC that identify ways to improve TC accessibility for its members and the general public. This Ad Hoc Subcommittee should also consider the impact of any recommendations on TC’s efficiency and effectiveness, as well as any impact on City staff.
- Members:** This Ad Hoc Subcommittee shall consist of 5 members. Members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Transportation Commission.
- Staff:** This Ad Hoc Subcommittee will be staffed by the Traffic Engineering Division, the Metro Transit Division, the Parking Division, City Engineering, the Department of Civil Rights – Division of Equity and Social Justice (the Disability Rights and Services Program and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative), and other City staff as appropriate and available.
- Duties:** This Ad Hoc Subcommittee shall provide final written recommendations to TC regarding potential ways to improve TC accessibility. This Ad Hoc Subcommittee is encouraged to provide verbal or written updates to TC on its progress.
- Dissolution:** This Ad Hoc Subcommittee shall dissolve automatically upon acceptance of the final recommendations by TC.