

CITY OF MADISON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ACTION ITEM DETAIL – MAY 11, 2022

ACTION TITLE: Removal of bus pullouts from Atwood Ave plans

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ACTION SUMMARY

Three bus pullouts are included in the previous approval of geometry for the Atwood Ave reconstruction project. This would restore two of them to in-lane stops.

BACKGROUND

Nationally there has been a strong shift from using bus pullouts to having buses stop in-lane. Bus pullouts are often difficult and time consuming for buses to exit, imparting significant delays on bus operation and bus passengers. Further, the sight lines are sometimes problematic which can create safety hazards upon pulling out.

Metro and TE have recently established an internal working policy to only use bus pullouts at time points (where the bus may wait), far side of single-lane signalized intersections, or in other unique circumstances as agreed.

DESCRIPTION

Staff is recommending that the Eastbound bus pullouts at Oakridge Ave and Margaret St be modified as in-lane stops in the Atwood Ave reconstruction plans as shown in the attached documents. The pullout at Walter St would remain due to being far side of a single lane signalized intersection.

EQUITY GOAL IMPACTS

Stopping in lane will reduce delays to bus riders, who citywide are more likely to be people of color or of lower income than people driving cars.

FISCAL & PROCUREMENT DETAILS

The plans will need to be adjusted, but the change should not make a meaningful change in construction cost.