



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
TRANSIT AND PARKING
COMMISSION

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5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)
(After 6 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

**JOINT MEETING OF THE TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION AND THE LONG
RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LEG. FILE
#06762**

A. CALL TO ORDER

L RTPC Vice-Chair Tim Wong called the joint meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Present: Brian L. Solomon, Robbie Webber, Carl D. Durocher, Tim Wong, Sharon L. McCabe and Kevin L. Hoag

Absent: Jed Sanborn

Excused: Amanda F. White, Gary Poulson, Kenneth M. Streit and Duane F. Hinz

L RTPC Members Present: Michael Basford, Judy Bowser, Al Matano, Mike Rewey, Bob Schaefer

Staff Present: Rebecca Cnare (Mayor's Office), Ann Gullickson (Madison Metro), Linda Horvath (Planning Division), Chuck Kamp (Madison Metro)

Others Present: Margaret Bergamini (Associated Students of Madison), Dave Cieslewicz (Mayor), Vikki Kratz (Isthmus), Patrick McDonnell (441 North Paterson St.), Royce Williams (2437 Fox Ave.), Bruce Wilson (Madison Area Bus Advocates)

B. NEW BUSINESS ITEM

B.1. JOINT DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE FILE #06762

[NOTE: The following section of these Minutes was prepared by David Trowbridge (Planning Division), Staff for the Long-Range Transportation Planning Commission, and represents the portion of the meeting when TPC and L RTPC met jointly to hear presentations and discuss the item.]

Two members of the public wished to speak on this agenda item. Patrick McDonnell said that he supported the creation of an RTA as an essential structure for implementing a mix of transportation modes in this region.

Royce Williams said that he serves on the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He said that he supports the RTA but would rather see the MPO as the boundary, not Dane County. he also objected the percentage breakdowns in the resolution, noting that this should be up to the future RTA members. Williams also said that the impact on Metro was unclear and that this should be discussed more.

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz then provided his thoughts on the RTA and said that the resolution is only a starting point for detailed discussions. He agreed that Metro funding challenges are a key need that the RTA should address. He said that, in the current Metro funding structure, fare increases and service cuts are necessary if property taxes cannot keep up with rising costs of a growing City and transit system.

Cieslewicz said that vehicle miles of travel are increasing tremendously and projected to continue to do so. He said that an RTA is the best way to address these regional challenges. He urged LRTPC and TPC support for the resolution, which will accomplish three primary objectives: (1) allow detailed discussions and negotiations to move forward locally, (2) send a message to the State Legislature that this community is serious about addressing its transportation challenges regionally, and (3) allow the federal New Starts Application for Transport 2020 to move forward. He said that a broad coalition of support will be necessary.

Kevin Hoag said that he supports the RTA concept, but he felt that the funding breakdown seems odd to include roadways. Mayor Cieslewicz said that that is for roadway maintenance and not expansion. Mike Rewey pointed out that other modes, such as bicycles and buses, use streets and roadways and benefit from good maintenance.

Michael Basford said that other cities and villages need to be brought into this coalition, and that providing some RTA funding for roadway maintenance will help in that endeavor.

After questions for the Mayor had been answered, LRTPC Vice Chair Tim Wong asked both Commissions for general discussion on the resolution.

Bob Schaefer did not support including the funding percentages in the resolution, noting that the categories lack clarity and specificity. Ald. Robbie Webber said that the categories and percentages are only a starting point for detailed negotiations, and that the resolution is not an ordinance. She also said that it is important to keep the City of Madison resolution as consistent as possible with the Dane County resolution, and that the funding percentages were an important part of the County's resolution.

Michael Basford said that the funding breakdowns help inform the public about the general use of the sales tax revenue, and this will be important to communicate given that a referendum will be necessary in the future.

TPC member Brian Solomon said that the resolution should be approved essentially as it currently is worded, with only minor edits. He said that the details can come later, and that now is the time to send a message to the State Legislature that this community is serious about forming an RTA. He also said that the resolution will help keep the federal process moving forward.

TPC Chair Carl Durocher said that the provision of a dedicated revenue source for transit is very important and that he supports that. However, he said that including some of the funds for streets and roadways could be a bad precedent, and could open the door to a future where too many funds are used for that purpose. Durocher also said that sales taxes are somewhat regressive and that

an income tax would be more progressive, although he noted that politically it would be next-to-impossible to enact.

RECESSING AND RECONVENING OF TRANSIT & PARKING COMMISSION

[NOTE: The following portion of the Minutes was prepared by Anne Benishek-Clark, Recording Secretary for the TPC.]

At the conclusion of discussion at the Joint Meeting, the Transit and Parking Commission recessed briefly at 6:15 PM and was reconvened by Chair Carl Durocher at 6:17 PM, to meet separately to discuss and take action on the resolution.

Please note: A Roll Call is shown here to reflect that Solomon excused himself from the meeting at 6:05 PM, before the Transit and Parking Commission met separately to discuss and take action on Leg. File 06762. However, he expressed support for the resolution before he left. (See Solomon's remarks in the joint discussion reported above.)

Present: Robbie Webber, Carl D. Durocher, Tim Wong, Sharon L. McCabe and Kevin L. Hoag

Absent: Jed Sanborn

Excused: Brian L. Solomon, Amanda F. White, Gary Poulson, Kenneth M. Streit and Duane F. Hinz

- B.1. [06762](#) 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.

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Hoag, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

McCabe asked if the resolution could be amended to incorporate the recommendations of Transport 2020, as follows:

- 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”.

She and other members also expressed concerns that the specific percentages in the funding apportionment could limit future options. Along with raising these issues, Durocher had early stated his reservations about the development of a “transportation authority” that included funding for roadways, as opposed to the development of a “transit authority” specific to funding transit.

Webber suggested that these recommendations and concerns be noted in the Action Note of the Legislative File, rather than creating a substitute with specific language changes. She said that Action Note would clearly reflect the intention of the TPC to the City Council without making permanent changes to the resolution at an early stage in the process.

Wong, seconded by Hoag, moved to recommend adoption of the resolution, but adding the suggested changes and expressing the stated concerns in its recommendations to the Council.

The motion passed by acclamation.

C. ADJOURNMENT

By motion of Hoag/Wong, the meeting of the Transit and Parking Commission adjourned at 6:25 PM.