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Director's Report – May 3, 2021

In a recent meeting with TPPB leadership, there was a suggestion that the Director provide a report that summarizes the issues and efforts of the Transportation Department over the past month. This is the first effort at this – I hope you find it informing.

Sincerely,

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Transit

- BRT - Met with WisDOT, Shorewood Hills, and UW Madison regarding developing 3rd party agreements for the BRT – a prerequisite to obtain a Small Starts construction agreement from the FTA. WisDOT has expressed concerns regarding BRT use of East Washington Ave on traffic operations. We are working through those concerns.
- BRT – We have received an updated construction cost estimate which we will be using to develop the Capital Budget request. We have also initiated the very beginnings of the BRT environmental process.
- BRT – Sun Prairie's council voted to participate in "BRT light" where they receive BRT service every 30 minutes.
- BRT – Interviewed several candidates for BRT Program Manager – who will help Madison manage the \$160 million investment over the next several years.
- Amtrak – we have met with both US DOT and Amtrak officials regarding providing Amtrak service to Madison, and of possible station locations within the Madison area. Amtrak service to Madison is largely dependent on passage several portions of the American Jobs Plan – which has funding for passenger rail.
- Transit Network Redesign – mostly information gathering and public engagement. Internal workshops begin in early May to develop alternatives.
- State Street - Transportation Staff interacted with downtown businesses and the Transportation Commission in discussing temporary use of State Street for business activities. The BID has since paused their request to use the street portion of State Street on summer weekends.

Transportation Demand Management

- In conjunction with SSTI and the attorney's office, we have a draft Transportation Demand Management Program that will be presented to the joint Planning Commission/Transportation Planning and Policy Board on May 13. The past and coming week, we are meeting with developers to garner input and comments on the program.

Parking Enforcement

- On April 20 the Common Council voted to move Parking Enforcement operations from MPD to the Parking Division. We have been reviewing facility and equipment needs in preparation for the capital and operation budgets. We have also met with Milwaukee Parking Enforcement, which navigated this same transition several years ago and had similar concerns expressed during council testimony. The transition team is being formed and will include broad representation. An initial meeting with enforcement staff will held the first week of May to discuss communication goals and transition team representation before finalizing the team composition and a communication plan.

Federal Monies

- The appropriations act, along with the reenactment of the FAST act, allows congressional representatives to provide community project funding recommendations (earmarks). Representative Pocan's office requested "ready" candidates that are eligible for federal funding. The information request required a 1-week turnaround – and included projects the TPPB has reviewed as part of Madison's TIP. Representative Pocan and his staff evaluated our submittals and will recommend the Atwood Avenue project in the FAST Act appropriations request.
- US DOT released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the RAISE grant (formerly called BUILD grants). Only 6% of applicants get funded. We met with City lobbyist to see which candidates have the greatest potential for success.
- Traffic Engineering applied for and received a federal grant to make safety improvements at the Gammon-Watts intersection through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The proposed project is planned to be designed in 2021 and be constructed in 2022. The total project cost estimate is \$708,039, and the federal funding is responsible for 90% of the cost. The city share was accounted for in Traffic Engineering's budget and the project was approved by Transportation Commission at its April 28 meeting as part of this year's Vision Zero projects. A Council resolution was introduced to enter into an agreement with WisDOT for design and construction of the project.

Complete, Safe, and Green Streets

- Vision Zero project list presented to TC, along with buffered bike lanes on Whitney Way. The project list was passed by TC.
- We received comments from the Vision Zero Network on Madison's application to be included as a Vision Zero city in the Network. We are addressing their comments.
- We interacted with Toole Design regarding their initial public engagement efforts, as well as preliminary exhibits showing their spatial analysis. The exhibits were interesting and informing and we look forward to showing the TPPB.
- Downtown and East Washington – There is a growing speeding and cruising problem on East Washington Ave that has probably been exacerbated by the pandemic. TE and MPD have met several times to develop counter measures, which will include targeted enforcement during weekends.
- Staff presented the 20 is Plenty proposal to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board and Board of Public Works for inputs, and received support from the committees. Transportation Commission approved the phase 1 program at its April 28 meeting and commented on the candidate

neighborhoods for Phase 1 implementation. Staff are working on refining the candidate neighborhoods. Transportation Commission plans to make a decision on the two neighborhoods for Phase 1 implementation at its May 12 meeting.

Capital Budget

- All three divisions are preparing cost estimates for inclusion in the Capital Budget requests. This includes updating the BRT budget, a city-wide 20 is plenty initiative, equipment upgrade for TE field operations, and costs associated with the transition of PEO's to the Parking Division.

TPPB Schedule and Potential Agenda Topics

5/3/21

TPPB Date	Potential Agenda Topics
1/4/21	Easement Administrative Approval – list of examples of how it applies Approve BRT LPA Revisions - Mike Transportation Department 2020 Report - Comp Plan Review 2021 DOT Work Plan ? Review and Approve Traffic Calming Report Summary and Request for Extension
1/18/21	Cancelled
2/1	Taxi Licensing Fees RP3 Ordinance – legal options (possible) Metro Network Redesign PI strategy (check with UA and JWA) - Update on CGS and VZ PI Strategy (internal)
2/15	Robert Burck Thank you Capital Improvement Ranking Process – comment process – attach MNPLS Rescheduling of June meetings 2021 DOT Work Plan 2021 TPPB Work Plan – major policy goals Future Parking Policy Desire Discussion (start with position paper) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenney Lapham • Madison Yards Volunteers – Network Redesign Effort State Street discussion
3/1	Metro Network Redesign Workshop (1.5 hours) Intercity Bus Terminal/Lake St lot RFP
3/3	Metro Network Redesign – Stakeholder Meeting – 3 members
3/15	PEO Transfer to Parking (?) Crossing Guard Referral Voges Road Referral Westtown - Odana Area Plan
3/24	<i>Joint meeting with TC</i> Status of Action Items from Previous Joint Meetings TC Ordinance Review Traffic Calming Update Updates on Complete Streets, VZ, Metro Redesign, Parking Utility, BRT Funding/Reserves 2022 Budget Preview
4/5/21	Accepting Comprehensive Plan Update Interim VZ HIN and UW HIN proposal Draft VZ 2020 Project List – to TC Action Plan deadline extension BRT - FTA Shared Development opportunity BRT – West Terminal, East Terminal Review Toole’s Downtown Bike Pkg Report status Equity Options for Commission/Board – to TC

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4/19/21	CGS update, including Public Engagement pre-design, Gap analysis Methodology, Schedule Parking Subcommittee membership <i>Last Board with existing alders</i>
5/3/21	Amend VZ action plan deadline - 5 min Amend CDA Capital Budget – Park St Garage – 30 min Director’s Report – 5 min TIP – 45 min Metro Fare Study – 60 min
5/13/21	<i>Planning Commission Work Session</i> TDM Program comment session – possible interim on-street parking recommendations On-street parking modifications (??) to complement TDM
5/17/21	Complete Green Streets – Outreach design – TPPB schedule – Prelim Gap analysis Draft DOT Capital Project Requests TPPB Handbook? TPPB Workplan ?
6/14/21	<i>Rescheduled meeting</i> Director’s Report Possible interim parking ordinance changes to complement TDM Ordinance BRT Update – possible financial plan Traffic Calming Report Possible Electric bus plan
6/28/21	<i>Rescheduled meeting</i> Update on VZ engagement input and procedure Working Draft VZ Action Plan Organizational meeting
7/19/21 <i>Tom gone</i>	Director’s Report Metro Redesign Alternatives Report Presentation Complete Green Streets – PI input – possible modal hierarchy – possible decision process
8/2/21	Director’s Report Possible TDM Ordinance Review Ebike parking
8/16/21	VZ Update BRT Update –financial plan update
9/20/21	Director’s Report Capital Budget Requests Draft VZ Action Plan
10/4/21	Director’s Report Potential TDM Ordinance update/approval
10/18/21	Complete Green Streets – possible Typology -
11/1/21	<u>Director’s Report</u>
11/15/21	Longer term on-street parking recommendations??
12/6/21	Director’s Report Final VZ Action Plan

TPPB Date	Potential Agenda Topics
12/20/21	Metro Redesign Draft Plan
	<u>Other Topics</u> Fare Free Transit Report Downtown Bike Parking review Low Stress Bike Network Gap Analysis Review of Existing Transportation Plans and Policies Regular updates on CGS, MNP, VZ, BRT, TDM, RPO/RP3