

Section 33.55 Transportation Policy and Planning Board

- (1) Organization. A Transportation Policy and Planning Board is hereby created for the City of Madison.

- (2) Purpose. The Common Council recognizes that for the City of Madison to be a safe and healthy place for all of its residents and visitors to live, work, do business, learn and play, it must develop and maintain a comprehensive transportation system that is safe, efficient, economical, equitable, and sustainable. The Common Council also recognizes the critical role of each mode of transportation, including bicycles, pedestrians, transit, traffic, parking, and street, curb and right-of-way, and the importance of ensuring that each mode functions as an integral part of the overall transportation system. Finally, the Common Council recognizes the importance of the City of Madison transportation system in the movement of people and goods throughout the greater Madison region, and that the successful future growth of the City and region depends, in part, on a transportation system that is responsive to the needs of current and future users. The purpose of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board is therefore to:
 - (a) Develop and recommend to the Common Council multi-modal transportation policies and plans that ensure the City's transportation system is safe, efficient, economical, equitable, and sustainable, and that each mode functions as an integral and coordinated part of the entire transportation system;
 - (b) Ensure that the City's transportation policies and plans are consistent with the City's comprehensive plan and other relevant plans, and work with relevant boards, commissions, employees, and the Common Council to eliminate any identified conflicts;
 - (c) Work to eliminate the disparities that people of color experience and low income experience with respect to the City's transportation policies, programs, services and destinations;
 - (d) Carry out the specific duties enumerated below.

- (3) Board Composition.
 - (a) The Transportation Policy and Planning Board shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members. Of the seven voting members, four (4) shall be alders, one (1) shall be a Regional Representative (elected official from a political subdivision that contracts with Metro Transit for transit services), and two (2) shall be residents of the City of Madison.

- (b.) Appointment and Terms of Common Council Members. Common Council members of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Terms for Common Council members shall coincide with their terms on the Common Council. Appointments for such terms shall be made at the organizational meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April preceding the end of each Common Council member's term or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment. In appointing Common Council members to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, the Mayor shall consider the need for representation of the various geographic areas of the City.
- (c.) Appointment and Term of Regional Representative. The Regional Representative shall be an elected official of a political subdivision that contracts with Metro Transit for transit services. Political subdivisions that contract with Metro Transit for transit services shall submit nominations for the Regional Representative to the Mayor no later than February 1st of each year that an appointment is necessary. From the nominations submitted, the Mayor shall appoint the Regional Representative subject to confirmation by the Common Council. The Regional Representative shall serve two (2) year terms commencing on the 1st day of May in each year that an appointment is necessary. If the Regional Representative resigns or is not re-elected to his or her elected office before his or her two-year term on the Transportation Policy and Planning Board ends, the Mayor shall appoint a new Regional Representative to complete the two-year term. The same Regional Representative may not serve two consecutive full two-year terms.
- (d.) Appointment and Term of Resident Members. Resident Members of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board shall be residents of the City of Madison at the time of appointment and throughout the Member's term. Resident Members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Terms of resident members shall be for a period of three (3) years commencing on the 1st day of May. Appointments for such terms shall be made at the organizational meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April preceding the end of each resident member's term or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment.
- (4) Duties. The Transportation Policy and Planning Board shall:
- (a) Adopt a comprehensive long-range multi-modal transportation plan that is consistent with the purposes set out by this ordinance every ten (10) years in conjunction with the city's adoption of the city's comprehensive plan;

- (b) Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding other multi-modal transportation policies and plans to ensure that the City's transportation system remains safe, efficient, economical, equitable, and sustainable and that each mode of transportation functions as an integral and coordinated part of the overall transportation system;
- (c) Provide direction as needed to the Department of Transportation, Transportation Commission, City Traffic Engineer & Parking Manager, City Transit Manager, Director of Community and Planning and Economic Development, and Director of Public Works regarding the implementation of the transportation policies and plans developed by the Board and adopted by the Common Council;
- (d) Set transit fares and off-street parking rates;
- (e) Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding proposed ordinances related to all modes of the City's transportation system;
- (f) Recommend that the Common Council establish a Disabled Parking Council of at least seven (7) members, on an ad hoc basis, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 346.50(3m), if any proposed ordinance imposes a 3-hour or less limitation on parking of a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person.