



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**Project Address:** 402 South Point Road  
**Application Type:** Public Building for the City of Madison Far West Public Works Operations Center  
**UDC is an Approving Body**  
**Legistar File ID #:** [91919](#)  
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## Background Information

**Applicant | Contact:** Nick Badura, Sketchworks Architecture

**Project Description:** The applicant is proposing the construction of a 142,000 square-foot multi-purpose building to house fleet service bays, storage garage for the Streets Division vehicles, and administrative offices for the City of Madison Public Works Division.

Staff note that the proposed public project does also include a “Percent for Art” component. For more information related to the public art component and to participate in the discussion, please refer to the February 10, 2026, [press release](#).

**Approval Standards:** The UDC is an approving body on this request. Pursuant to MGO Section 33.24(4)(d), “*The UDC shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City.*”

Staff note that the UDC’s approving authority is limited to the buildings themselves; any comments related to landscaping would only be advisory in nature.

## Summary of Design Considerations

Staff requests the Commission’s feedback and findings as required for public buildings. While staff do not have specific concerns with regard to the proposed buildings, potential design considerations for the Commission’s review and comment are identified below:

- **Building Design and Materials**, including as it relates to creating a cohesive building design. Consideration should be given to utilizing a consistent level of design and detailing across all visible elevations (i.e., window design/detailing, accent panels, garage doors, simplifying overall material palette, etc.) and minimizing blank walls, especially those elevations visible from public ways and adjacent properties.

Staff note that the building material palette appears to include two types of roll-up garage doors with differing levels of transparency, while only one is reflected in the elevation drawings. Staff recommend the commission address the roll-up doors in their formal action.