



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Thursday, October 30, 2014

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

LRTPC Chair Robbie Webber called the 10-30-14 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee to order.

Note: Ald. Chris Schmidt is not in the Legistar system at this time, and is not shown as present (although he was present).

**Present:** 10 - Ken Golden; Margaret Bergamini; Robbie Webber; Marsha A. Rummel; Eric W. Sundquist; Steven M. Fix; Steve King; Susan M. De Vos; Al Matano and Mark N. Shahan

**Excused:** 1 - Bradley A. Cantrell

### 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 31, 2014 MEETING

**A motion was made by Golden, seconded by Fix, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak to items not on the agenda.

### 4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals reported by Committee members.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 5 [34441](#) Directing city staff to develop an implementation plan to promote transit-oriented housing options for older adults.

Susan DeVos said that she cannot support the resolution, if age is used as a criteria. She said that transit-oriented housing benefits everyone irrespective of age, and should consequently be promoted without age limits. She added that for public planning to involve discrimination, even well-intentioned discrimination, is wrong. She said she has personally known individuals who could have benefitted from living in communities restricted to older individuals but could not because they were not old enough.

Ald. Marsha Rummel said that it is a challenge to build these facilities. Margaret Bergamini said that Metro faces a problem with senior housing outside of the service area, although there is an expectation that service will be provided to them.

The Committee then voted 10-1 to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 34441 (Susan DeVos abstained), on a motion submitted by Steve Fix/Sup. Al Matano.

**A motion was made by Fix, seconded by Matano, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Ken Golden; Margaret Bergamini; Robbie Webber; Marsha A. Rummel; Eric W. Sundquist; Steven M. Fix; Steve King; Al Matano and Mark N. Shahan

**Abstentions:** 1 - Susan M. De Vos

**Excused:** 1 - Bradley A. Cantrell

6 [35566](#)

Accepting the Madison Transit Corridor (BRT) Study Report, endorsing the recommendations contained in the Report as a conceptual component of the City's strategy for addressing future transportation system planning and development, and to authorize moving forward to the next phase of project development, environmental evaluation and project implementation.

Eric Sundquist submitted a change to the resolution's title, in order to help clean up the language and make it more clear on what is being recommended. Eric Sundquist/Ken Golden submitted a motion to recommended approval of the resolution, as amended (see changes below)

“To accept the Madison Transit Corridor (BRT) Study Report, endorsing BRT as a high-capacity transit concept that could help the City achieve its long-term strategic transportation planning and urban development goals, and to authorize moving forward to the next phase of project development, environmental evaluation and project implementation.”

Sup. Al Matano reminded staff to make sure the “be it finally resolved” clause is also modified, as the title.

The Committee then voted unanimously recommend adoption of Resolution ID 35566, on the motion submitted by Eric Sundquist/Ken Golden.

**This Resolution was Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (Madison in Motion)**

7 [21087](#)

**review AND DISCUSSION OF annual report describing trends in traffic and mass transit volumes IN THE CITY OF MADISON, including, aggregate vehicle-miles traveled (VMT)**

To be completed

Bill Schaefer (Madison Area Transportation Planning Board) summarized the new vehicle miles of travel (VMT) data for the City of Madison.

Committee members had several questions about the methodology. Ken Golden pointed out that WisDOT's Beltline projections are for higher volumes of traffic, and seem inconsistent with the VMT data. Robbie Webber said that the peak hour is the main problem, not the daily volumes.

Mark Shahan recalled that considering a south reliever route did not alleviate the problems on the Beltline and said that it would be a good idea to have WisDOT come to a meeting to discuss these issues. Eric Sundquist said that VMT data should be included in City policy, and that it can help with decisions on how much parking to require of new developments. He suggested a presentation from Chris McCahill on VMT trends and how it could affect Madison policies.

Margaret Bergamini said that the region is becoming more dispersed, and that there are now many areas of employment concentration. She added that there are also numerous work shifts to be served by the transportation system, which is a challenge for Metro Transit. Ald. Steve King said that it is difficult to get employers to provide future employment forecasts. Ken Golden pointed out that VMT has been falling in the City but noted that employment in the downtown area has also fallen. He said that office vacancy rates may be part of the reason traffic has been reduced in parts of the City. Margaret Bergamini added that increased telecommuting could also be a factor.

The Committee thanked Mr. Schaefer and asked that follow-up agenda items include further review of VMT trends and Beltline planning.

**8      [08484](#)      INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**- Note: No Discussion of Specific Items**

There were no announcements or information submitted by the Chair or Committee members.

**9      [08486](#)      SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

David Trowbridge noted that the next meeting would likely be held Thursday December 11th, outlook invite pending

**10      ADJOURNMENT**

**The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:35 p.m.**