



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, April 23, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. Jess arrived at 5:08 p.m, Olson arrived at 5:09 p.m, Rutherford arrived at 5:39 p.m, and Barros arrived at 5:05 p.m. and exited at 6:01 p.m.

**Present:** 12 - Will Ochowicz; Sean O'Brien; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; William F. Bremer; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems; Cailey A. Jamison and Lynn A. Olson

**Absent:** 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCahill moved to approve the minutes of the April 9 meeting, seconded by Bremer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [87997](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the April 23, 2025 Meeting

Douglas Davis registered to speak on the Pflaum Road Resurfacing Project.  
Iris Hidding registered to speak on the Metro Transit D2 Route update.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

Webber moved to approve ITEM 4, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.\* [87626](#) Authorizing the General Manager of Metro Transit to enter into agreements with businesses and organizations for the bulk provision of passes for employees, students, or other affiliated individuals to Metro Transit fixed route and paratransit services.

Chief Development Officer Mick Rusch with Metro provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch, was available for questions.

Webber moved to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 3.\*      [87803](#)      Review and approve updated Code of Conduct/Transit Exclusion Policy (Rules of Conduct and Inappropriate Conduct Transit Exclusion Procedure)
- Eric Finch provided verbal reports and, along with Mick Rusch, was available for questions.

Ochowicz moved to approve, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 4.\*      [87998](#)      Metro Transit Bus Stop Changes at W. Washington Ave. and the Southwest Commuter Path
- Webber moved to approve, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5.      [87878](#)      Relating to 2025-2027 Taxicab Operators' License Renewals, pursuant to Section 11.06, Madison General Ordinances.

Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao provided verbal reports and, along with Chief Operating Officer Brian Mulrooney with Metro, was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Support, available for questions; Bill Carter, Pennsylvania Ave; Erik Brekke, Gilson St; Jennifer Hardesty, McFarland; Brian Beechem, Cincinnati, OH

Bremer moved to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6.      [87838](#)      Amending Sections 24.02 and 1.08 of the Madison General Ordinances to add Disorderly Conduct directed at a city transit operator.

Mick Rusch, Brian Mulrooney, City Attorney Mike Haas provided verbal reports and, along with Deputy Mayor Reuben Sanon, were available for questions. Alder Knox provided comments.

Martinez-Rutherford moved to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**, seconded by Bremer. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

**Absent:** 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney

**Ayes:** 9 - Will Ochowicz; Sean O'Brien; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; William F. Bremer; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and Lynn A. Olson

**Noes:** 1 - Cailey A. Jamison

**Excused:** 1 - Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens

**Non Voting:** 1 - Ann E. Kovich

7. [87999](#) North-South BRT Update
- Capital Projects Manager Mike Cechvala with Metro provided verbal reports and, along with Transportation Principal Planner Liz Callin, was available for questions. Alder Knox provided comments.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Graeme Mason, Fitchburg**
8. [88000](#) Safe Streets Madison Projects
- Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering Tom Mohr provided verbal reports and was available for questions.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, does not wish to speak; Alexandre Minot, Canterbury Rd; Soren Faulhaber, Emerald St; Dan Pensinger, Forsythia Pl**  
**Public registrant Amanda Hagen had registered to speak in support, but had trouble connecting to the meeting and sent in written comments instead.**
- Bremer moved to approve the requested projects for Safe Streets Madison, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
9. [52830](#) Members of the Transportation Commission who are also members of other transportation-related Boards, Committees or Commissions provide relevant updates from those Boards, Committees or Commissions.
- Webber shared JCAC updates:**  
**-Item on proposing lighting the Southwest past, not the controversial part, this is the part that goes from Breese to the East to Park St. Yang Tao commented to provide more details.**
- Kliems shared BPW updates:**  
**-Reconstruction of Buffalo Trail, Barron Court, and Green Lake Pass, which are small residential streets. This did not come to TC as it was in compliance with Complete Green Streets. There was a question about which street width would be appropriate.**
10. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
- Kovich provided verbal updates including a reminder that Justin Stuehrenberg will be retiring May 30 and there will be an Honoring resolution at the next TC meeting. Also, there will be a Transportation Subcommittee meeting in the future regarding a recent appeal for a taxi-cab denial.**
11. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)
- Kovich provided verbal updates on some of the upcoming items. Please see the attachment in Legistar for other upcoming future agenda items. Olson suggested adding a future agenda item related to BRT progress in solving the gap issue as well as the need to verbally call into the car when a ramp is needed. Bremer suggested adding an item regarding the transition plan status as well as an item relating to an In-person TC gathering involving a**

transportation related tour or field trip.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Webber. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.