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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?*

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Bremer exited the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Present: 11 - MGR Govindarajan; 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: 2 - Juliana R. Bennett and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

HONORING RESOLUTIONS

1. [87802](#) Resolution Honoring Tom Lynch for Service

Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao, Parking Director Stefanie Cox, Chief Development Officer Mick Rusch with Metro, Principal Transportation Planner Liz Callin, and Chair Kovich provided verbal reports and were available for questions. Director of Transportation Tom Lynch commented.

Registrants as follows: Support, does not with to speak; Jacob Moskowitz, Holly Ave

Kliems moved to Approve TC Resolution 65, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCahill moved to approve the minutes of the March 19 meeting, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. [87801](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the April 9, 2025 Meeting

Bonnie Roe registered to speak on bus driver and passenger safety.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Kliems moved to approve ITEMS 3 and 4, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 3.* [87625](#) Repealing and recreating Section 12.905 to update the mass transit ways in the City of Madison to reflect current road uses and designate the bus rapid transit routes as mass transit ways.
- Kliems moved to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 4.* [87487](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute agreements with the Village of Shorewood Hills for the operation and maintenance of traffic control signals and street lights at various locations.
- Kliems moved to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 5.* [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.
- Webber moved to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO RE-REFER - REPORT OF OFFICER, to the next Transportation Commission meeting on 4/23/25, seconded by Govindarajan. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 6.* [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 was available for questions.
- Kliems moved to **Refer to the next Transportation Commission meeting on 4/23/25, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
7. [87624](#) Amending Sections 1.08 and 11.09 to provide Metro staff the authority to issue citations for nonpayment of bus fare.
- 6 p.m. occurred during discussion for this item, so the meeting proceeded to ITEM 9, the scheduled public hearing, and returned to this item afterwards.
- Mick Rusch and Eric Finch provided verbal reports and were available for questions.
- McCahill moved to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS: (adopt the second substitute) - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:**

Absent: 2 - Juliana R. Bennett and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Ayes: 8 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems; Cailey A. Jamison and Lynn A. Olson

Noes: 1 - MGR Govindarajan

Excused: 1 - William F. Bremer

Non Voting: 1 - Ann E. Kovich

8. [87804](#) Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - South High Point Road (Midpoint Meadows to Raymond Road)
- Deputy City Engineer Chris Petykowski and Chad Wagner provided verbal reports and, along with Traffic Engineer Sean Malloy, and Engineer Mario Galindez, was available for questions.**
9. [87805](#) Metro Transit August Service Changes - Public Hearing at 6:00, followed by review, debate, and approval
- Mick Rusch and Planning Manager Sean Hedgpeth with Metro provided verbal reports and were available for questions.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; May Meshkinyar, E Washington Ave; Matt Gawlik, S Franklin St; Jamie Aulik, Lincoln St**
Oppose, wish to speak; Iris Hidding, Andes Dr
Support, available for questions; Jason Jewell, W Main St
Support, does not wish to speak; Mary MacGowan, Odana Rd; Paul Magnus, S Livingston St; Nat Ku, N Butler St; Joseph Osbotn, Madison St; Joel Yauk, Waldorf Blvd; Elliot Haugen, W Dayton St
Oppose, does not wish to speak; Jason Slaybaugh, Fitchburg
- Olson moved to approve the route D2 to Verona, seconded by Bremer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
10. [87806](#) Crossing Guard Policy Update
- Ped/Bike Administrator Kevin Luecke provided verbal reports and, along with Crossing Guard Supervisors Alex Stewart and Niko Magallon, and Yang Tao, was available for questions.**
11. [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.
- Kliems shared BPW updates:**
-Pflaum Rd was on the agenda last week. Harald made sure to bring up all of the concerns that were brought up previously at TC. BPW approved the overall curb geometry, but with the understanding that the actual lane markings will come back to TC at a later point.
12. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
- Kovich provided verbal updates that Metro Transit General Manager Justin Stuehrenberg will be leaving the City of Madison on May 30. TC will be doing**

a honoring resolution for Justin at a future meeting.

13. [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.

ADJOURNMENT

Jess moved to adjourn, seconded by Kliems. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.