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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, June 25, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: 10 - Will Ochowicz; Sean O'Brien; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; William F. Bremer; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and Lynn A. Olson

Excused: 3 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens and Cailey A. Jamison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kliems moved to approve the minutes of the June 11 meeting, seconded by Bremer, with Martinez-Rutherford and McCahill abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [88822](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the June 25, 2025 Meeting

Mike Tarby register to speak on traffic safety and speed concerns on Williamson and Jennifer Streets. Briant Novinska-Lois representing the Marquette Neighborhood Association registered to speak on ongoing traffic safety concerns in their community

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Webber moved to approve ITEM 2, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.* [88823](#) Review and Approve the TC Handbook and Special Rules

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

After this item, the meeting proceeded to ITEM 12.

Note: Items 3 and 4 will be discussed together. Following presentations and discussion, no formal action will be requested on those items at this meeting.

3. [88388](#) Planning Division staff update - Southwest Area Plan

 Urban Planner Jeff Greger and AICP Planner Ben Zellers provided verbal reports and, along with Urban Planner Rebecca Cnare, were available for questions.
4. [88389](#) Planning Division staff update - Southeast Area Plan

 Urban Planner Jeff Greger and AICP Planner Ben Zellers provided verbal reports and, along with Urban Planner Rebecca Cnare, were available for questions.
5. [88824](#) Metro Transit Bus Stop Changes

 Chief Development Officer Mick Rusch with Metro provided verbal reports and was available for questions.

 Bremer moved to approve the recommend bus stop changes, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [88825](#) Update on Metro Transit Driver Assault Incidents

 Chief Operating Officer Brian Mulrooney with Metro provided verbal reports and was available for questions.
7. [88826](#) Update on the City of Madison's Ongoing Compliance with the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) and ADA Transition Plan Revitalization

 Disability Rights and Services Specialist Rebecca Hoyt provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch, was available for questions.
8. [88827](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

 Webber nominated Kovich as Chair, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. There were no other nominations. Webber moved to close the nominations, seconded by Ochowicz. The motions passed by voice vote/other.

 Webber nominated McCahill as Chair, seconded by Bremer. There were no other nominations. Ochowicz moved to close the nominations, seconded by Webber. The motions 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.

 Kliems shared BPW updates:
 -Agenda item related to High Point Rd.

McCahill shared PC updates:

-Development approved a large housing development at the beltline and Verona Rd. One of the conditions was related to safety of putting the building in that location (close to large roads). Ultimately it was approved by the Plan Commission.

10. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)

Kovich provided a verbal update that Christof Spieler who was selected as Madison's next Director of Transportation will be starting on July 21.

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.

LATE ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

12. [87483](#) Adopting the Updated Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct

Common Council Chief of Staff Karen Kapusta-Pofahl provided verbal reports and was available for questions.

Olson moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

After this item, the meeting went to ITEM 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Webber. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.