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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, November 5, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Present: 13 - Will Ochowicz; Sean O'Brien; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jos Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; William F. Bremer; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems; Cailey A. Jamison and Lynn A. Olson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCahill moved to approve the minutes of the October 22 meeting, seconded by Ochowicz, with Bremer and Jess abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [90697](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the November 5, 2025 Meeting
Layne Larson registered to speak on the Pontiac Trail Reconstruction.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. [90698](#) Review Results of the Test Removal of the Peak-Hour Travel Lanes on Williamson St.
Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering Tom Mohr provided verbal reports and along with Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao and Director of Transportation Christof Spieler, was available for questions. Alder Mayer provided comments.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Briant Novinska-Lois, Cantwell Ct; Ilan Rosenbaum, Williamson St; Nicholas Davies, Richard St; Josh Olson, Romaine Rd; James Kreft, Fish Hatchery Rd;
Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Mike Tarby, Williamson St;
Support, available for questions; John Nguyen, Monroe St; Lindsey Lee, Williamson St;

Support, does not wish to speak; Adrian Brady, W Copper Cir; Joshua Wright, E Johnson St; Theresa Emmerling, Jenifer St; Nathan Chadderdon, Holiday Dr; Katharine Stanton, S Few St;

Martinez-Rutherford moved to make the removal of the peak-hour travel lanes permanent, seconded by Barros. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [90699](#)

Public Works Transportation Projects - Milwaukee St.

Traffic Engineer Sean Malloy provided verbal reports and, along with Principal Engineer Andy Zwieg, was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St; Grant Foster, Anchor Dr; Support, does not wish to speak; Rick Burke, Maple Ave;

4. [90700](#)

Update on North-South Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Capital Projects Manager Mike Cechvala with Metro Transit and Principal Transportation Planner Liz Callin provided verbal reports and, along with Christof Spieler, were available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Amanda Scheuer, Monroe St; Katharine Blood, Nygard St; Victoria Gutierrez, South St; Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Cynthia McCallum, South Shore Dr; Ben Gottlieb, James Kreft, Fish Hatchery Rd; Support, available for questions; Helen Kitchel, Potter St; Support, does not wish to speak; Matt Lohmann, Potter St; Kelly Anderle, Erin St; Jonathan Standridge, Edgewood Ave; Joanna Frasch, Ambassador Dr; Martin, E Main St; Dan Upp, S 2nd St; Carrie Rothburd, Lakeside St; Daniel Thurs, W Lakeside St; Margaret Nellis, Maywood Rd; Alex Dudek, Stevens St; Erik Anderson, State Rd; Derek Wallace, Davidson St; Beth Holden, Cliff Ct; Travis Thomas, E Wilson St; Shawna Novotny, S Park St; Sherry Novotny, S Park St; Gloria Novotny, S Park St; Skyler Novotny, S Park St; Shane Novotny, Welch St; Stephen Hurley, W Shore Dr; Diane Burgbacher, South St; David Polinkoski, S Park St; Kevin Gundlach, S Park St;

5. [90701](#)

Quarterly Traffic Safety Report

Lt. Jen Hannah provided verbal reports and was available for questions.

6. [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:

-Discussed the ADA Transition Plan and recommended for it to move forward to the Disability Rights Commission

7. [60440](#)

General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)

None

8. [60439](#)

Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information)

only; not for discussion)

**Kovich provided verbal reports on some of the upcoming agenda items.
Please see the attachment in Legistar for other upcoming future agenda items.**

ADJOURNMENT

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.