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Director's Report – March 14, 2022

The paragraphs below summarize some of the key efforts performed in February and March.

Sincerely,

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BRT

- Funding – The appropriations bill pass on March 10th included funding for the CIG program. Madison E-W BRT was recommended for funding under this program, pending appropriation approval. Once the environmental document is complete and third party agreements are in place, we can begin developing a funding agreement with FTA.
- Plans– The 60% plans are nearing completion and will probably be introduced to council at the end of March.
- Environmental Document – The environmental document is nearing completion.
- Buses – Metro is working NewFlyer to develop the BRT bus order, which will need to be placed this summer. There will be an option to make the order fully electric if we are able to get additional federal funding to cover the cost.
- Third party agreements are completed with all partners except for Dane County. We are working with county staff to finalize this agreement.

Parking

- Staff evaluation of State Street Campus Garage proposals to be included at March 22 Finance Committee meeting.
- Working on two long-term leases, one for Livingston and one for Wilson St garages.
- In the process of hiring for several positions, including eventually a new Parking Manager.
- The City is pursuing an option for housing PEOs on Pennsylvania St. We should know if this location holds promise in a couple of weeks.

Other

- Stoughton Road – WisDOT is negotiating a contract with their two consultants. Once the study process begins, we will be involved
- Hoepker Road and Milwaukee Street interchanges – WisDOT will be investigating the feasibility and efficacy of these two interchanges

- Glacial Drumlin Trail Extension – WDNR is pursuing a land purchase that may enable extending the Glacial Drumlin trail underneath the Interstate. This would help fill in the only link missing from the Mississippi to Milwaukee. Madison staff are assisting to the extent possible. If the agreement goes through, Madison may advance its stage 5 of the Capital City Trail to 2022/23 in order to take advantage of the opportunity.
- Park Street – met with WisDOT to discuss a portion of Park St (Olin Ave to the RR) they are planning on reconstructing in 2027/28. There are transportation elements from the South Madison Plan that were discussed.
- Passenger Rail – An RFP was released for consulting services to help Madison select an Amtrak station location.
- Transportation Improvement Program process – continued to work on developing a process. There are several challenges that are causing us to refine/revise the proposed process. Will discuss at the 3/14 TPPB meeting.
- TDM Ordinance – working on last details of the ordinance with city attorney’s office. Hope to introduce at the 3/28 council meeting.

Transit - Other

- Network Redesign team released a Planned network and is now having a series of public meetings.
- The team is now working on a series of amendments to address localized service concerns.
- Metro released an RFP for an engineering consultant to help with changes associated with the TNR, once it is approved.

Vision Zero

- Vision Zero Action plan is making its way through the committee structure.
- Safe Streets Madison is presenting numerous projects to the Transportation Commission.
- National League of Cities just featured Madison’s Vision Zero program.
<https://www.nlc.org/article/2022/03/08/how-madison-wi-is-prioritizing-safer-roads/>