

City staff: Please share with TPPB members and TC members before tonight's joint meeting.

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I request that Madison's *Transportation Planning & Policy Board* (TPPB) postpone to late SEP or early OCT the scheduled JUL 21 public meeting and AUG 2 public hearing on Madison Metro's report about future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)/Metro system fare options. This will allow fuller community input regarding the fare free transit option and related staff recommendations.

As city transportation staff pointed out at a June TPPB meeting, fare-related meetings are never held during the summer months. Staff also affirmed that these fare sessions could instead be held in SEP/OCT, or later.

Also, just last week, the city added two virtual town meetings about ARPA federal funds and the 2022 city budget, on JUL 22 and 27. All of this comes on top of concerns regarding public input about BRT routing options, which have dominated media coverage for weeks. Last, the JUL 21 TPPB public meeting on fares was not announced in Sunday's Wisconsin State Journal.

Summer transit public input sessions that can be held later this year should be postponed.

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