



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Wednesday, April 24, 2019

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd  
Room 206, Madison Municipal Building

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### A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Grant Foster; Ann E. Kovich; William F. Bremer; Kenneth M. Streit and Gary L. Poulson

**Excused:** 4 - Michael J. Tierney; Jessica S. Piatt; Brigit E. Brown and Carl D. DuRocher

### B. New Commission Member Introduction

Kovich thanked outgoing Commission members for their service. She wanted to particularly thank Rebecca Kemble who brought a lot of knowledge to the group and served on related subcommittees. Kovich announced the new alder appointees to the Commission, Grant Foster and Michael Tierney. Foster is currently the only crossover member with the Transportation Policy & Planning Board (TPPB).

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Streit, seconded by Bremer, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan DeVos, Madison, WI – DeVos spoke asking for clarification of the time between requesting a public hearing and having it. She felt that people should receive about 5 weeks notice, and wanted the TC to clearly establish such a timeline. In addition, the work plan does not include reviewing Metro service changes.

### E. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

Tierney arrived at 5:08 p.m.

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**Excused:** 3 - Jessica S. Piatt; Brigit E. Brown and Carl D. DuRocher

### F. NEW BUSINESS

- F.1. [55193](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract amendment with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. to the System Supply & Maintenance

Agreement entered into on February 10, 2016 to extend coverage for software going out of warranty in 2020 through 2021, extend coverage for Transit Master and Trapeze back-office software through 2021. This amendment will also add coverage for Trapeze OPS and associated modules. The cost of this contract amendment will not exceed \$506,000 in the Transit Utility 2020 operating budget and \$515,500 in the Transit Utility 2021 operating budget.

**A motion was made by Poulson, seconded by Streit, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- F.2. [55352](#) Amending the Parking Division 2019 Adopted Capital Budget to increase funding authorization for the South Livingston Street Garage project by \$120,000, and accepting and applying a \$33,332.50 reimbursement payment from MGE to the project budget.

**A motion was made by Streit, seconded by Bremer, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- F.3. [55447](#)

**A motion was made by Streit, seconded by Foster, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- F.4. [55268](#) Reconsideration of the Bus Stop Closure at Thornton Avenue and Rutledge Street

**Sally Weidemann, Rutledge Street, Madison spoke on behalf of her neighbor in support of reinstating this stop. There was discussion about the need to balance convenience versus things like on time performance. Streit moved not to restore the bus stop. Poulson seconded. The motion passed with five ayes: Streit, Poulson, Kovich, Bremer, Foster and one nay: Tierney.**

- F.5. [55471](#) To approve a Commissioner appointment to the Transportation Commission Special Rules Subcommittee

**There needs to be a replacement for Ald. Kemble on the Special Rules Subcommittee, and Ald. Foster had volunteered. Bremer moved that Ald. Foster be appointed. Ald. Tierney seconded. Passed by voice vote/other.**

## G. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- G.1. [55266](#) Transportation Improvement (TIP) Review

**Chris Petykowski from City Engineering provided information on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) such as what influences which projects are chosen such as safety, deterioration and requests. The TIP is for the entire infrastructure - roads, alleys, overpasses, paths, etc. He highlighted some upcoming projects over the next few years and discussed how extending the life of the infrastructure with chip/crack sealing and resurfacing is more cost effective than reconstruction.**

- G.2. [52830](#) Members of TC and TPPB update on TPPB

Since Foster is the only current cross over member, and he is newly appointed to both bodies, there was no report.

- G.3. [55118](#) Report from Special Rules Subcommittee

Poulson said the Special Rules Subcommittee has been meeting about the handbook, what should be on the TC website and included in member training. This will be presented for comment at an upcoming meeting and then revised again before adoption.

- G.4. [55267](#) Traffic Engineering and Parking Warm Weather Tour: setting a date and time

Members will be sent a poll to see when they are available for an outside tour. It will be about 2 hours, probably on an afternoon.

**H. 6:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING: to hear public comment on proposed Metro service changes**

- H.1. [55472](#) Public Hearing on proposed service changes to Routes 6, 11, 23, 25, 26, 29, 31, 34, 39, 84, and Bus Stop Changes on East Washington/Dickinson, and Supplemental School Service to Cherokee and Jefferson middle schools to take effect in August.

Drew Beck, Transit Planning & Scheduling Manager, provided information about proposed route changes.

Susan DeVos, Madison, suggested postponing a decision on the Route 11 changes, particularly until a decision about use of the square can be made. (Full written comments will be included with the agenda for the discussion at the 5/8/19 meeting.)

Richard Rosas, Columbus Ln, Madison, spoke in support of the changes, particularly Route 23 to Sun Prairie.

Lori Price, Andrews Drive, Sun Prairie, spoke in support of the Sun Prairie route but was in favor of more service along Main Street and older areas of the city that would tend to have seniors and lower income families.

Sara White, W. Wilson St, Madison, asked the Commission to always remember to consider people with disabilities and transit dependent people doing things like job searches using the bus when making service changes as well as decisions about bus stops.

Sarah Bocher, Baldwin St, Madison, spoke in favor of the Sun Prairie route but against elimination of Route 39 and reconfiguration of Route 31.

Jonathan Mertzig, Odana Road, Madison, thanked the Commission and Metro for listening in the past and making changes that were favorable for Route 55. He spoke in favor of the proposed changes to Route 6 but was concerned about the effects of some of the other changes

Bruce Powers, St. Paul Ave, Madison, spoke in support of the Sun Prairie route.

Rich Zietko, E. Washington Ave, Madison, expressed concern about the Route 6 and people who work beyond Metro service hours. He recommended the San Francisco model where there is always some service with staggered stops to make transfers easier. He also spoke in support of the Sun Prairie route but echoed earlier testimony about wishing it served more than just newer areas.

Michael Goodman, Maple Wood Ln, Madison, spoke mostly in support of the changes. The Sun Prairie route is good but too limited. Route 26 is generally good but Metro should be careful how it affects transfers.

Tariq Saqqaf, Neighborhood Resource Team Coordinator, Office of the Mayor spoke in opposition to the changes of Route 31. He was concerned that there wasn't enough focus on who the change worked for vs. did not work for. The Route 31 was in reaction to the work of students who wanted service for after school activities; the change will negatively affect them in favor of all day service. It's important to check with the people most affected.

Ronesha Strozier, Valorie Ln, Madison, chose where she lives based on available bus service. She works at DATCAP and is concerned that changes to Routes 31, 34 and 39 will no longer provide good service for her and Sennett/LaFollette students.

Monica Lauby, Angel Crestway, Madison spoke in opposition to changes to Routes 31, 34 and 39, especially in how it will affect direct access from the transfer point and Buckeye Road to Madison College.

Nicole Maxwell, Leon Street, registered in support of the Sun Prairie route.

David Price, Andrews Dr, Sun Prairie, registered in general support.

Foster suggested looking at improving pedestrian facilities/crossings when safety is the reason to eliminate a stop such as at Dickinson Street. He also asked staff to do more outreach to the East Madison Community Center and Roethke Terrace.

Metro staff were asked to brainstorm more ideas for changes after hearing this public input and bring alternatives to the next meeting for discussion. Tariq Saqqaf was also asked to attend.

**I. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES - for information only; no action required  
(Most recent meeting minutes electronically attached, if available)**

[07828](#)

Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB)  
Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (TPB)  
Dane County's Specialized Transportation Commission (STC)  
Downtown Coordinating Committee (DCC)  
Joint Campus Area Committee (JCAC)

**J. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
(for information only; not for discussion)**

**J.1. General announcements by Chair**

Kovich asked that staff share information about the May 14th BRT Public Meeting with all TC and TPPB members.

**J.2. Commission member suggestions for items on future agendas**

Kovich reminded members to look at the work plan that is attached to each agenda to determine if there are agenda items they would like to see at future meetings.

[55121](#)

Draft Transportation Commission Work Plan

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Poulson, seconded by Streit, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.