



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, November 8, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Vander Meulen arrived at 5:03 p.m. and left at 8:16 p.m, Bennett arrived at 5:04 p.m. and left at 6:04 p.m, and Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:06 p.m.

**Present:** 11 - Juliana R. Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems; Nicki Vander Meulen and William F. Bremer

**Excused:** 2 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford and Darrin S. Wasniewski

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kliems moved to refer the minutes from the 10/25 TC meeting to the next TC meeting, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [80703](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the November 8, 2023 Meeting  
None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. [80605](#) Approving geometry, plans, and specifications and authorizing the Board of Public Works to advertise and receive bids for Mineral Point Road Widened Sidewalk. (District 9, District 11, District 19)

Director of Transportation Tom Lynch and Ian Brown with Forestry provided verbal reports and, along with Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway was available for questions. Alder Figueroa Cole and Alder Tishler made comments.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Craig Weinhold, Dartmouth Rd;

Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St

Kliems moved to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s):  
Approval of the plans and specs, but that the widened sidewalk be constructed along Mineral Point Road with a width of 8 to 10 feet with the exception of the length along Nautilus Park, until the City can provide another adequate facility at the park, seconded by Barros. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [80704](#)

Vander Meulen requested that we move to ITEM 5 at this time, there were no objections so the meeting proceeded to ITEM 5 and came to this item afterwards.

Parking Division Manager Stefanie Cox provided verbal reports and was available for questions.  
Kliems moved to approve TC resolution 61, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [80706](#)

Traffic Signal Priority List Review and Selection

Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao, Traffic Engineer Signal and Lighting Section Head Dave Hansen, and Traffic Engineer Jerry Schippa provided verbal reports and, along with Director of Transportation Tom Lynch and Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch, were available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Oppose, available for questions: Elaina Remime, Cottage Grove Rd; Todd Astroth, Harbour Town Dr

Bremer moved to Approve the Traffic Signal Priority List as presented, and that Cedar and Park St be added to that list for further study, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [80712](#)

Middle School Time Changes and Crossing Guard Policy

Ped Bike Administrator Renee Callaway with Traffic Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Director of Transportation Tom Lynch and Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao, was available for questions. Alder Evers and Alder Tishler made comments.

Vander Meulen made a motion to recommend emergency funding at the cost of one crossing guard (approximately \$7,500) each for O'Keeffe, Black Hawk, Whitehorse, Sennett, and Sherman for a one year period, with the City working with the School Board on a permanent solution after one year; and the costs and staffing of the crossing guards should be shared with the School District, seconded by Harrington-McKinney. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** 2 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Nicki Vander Meulen

**Noes:** 4 - Robbie Webber; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and William F. Bremer

**Abstentions:** 2 - Denise N. Jess and Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens

**Excused:** 3 - Juliana R. Bennett; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford and Darrin S. Wasniewski

**Non Voting:** 2 - MGR Govindarajan and Ann E. Kovich

- 6. [80500](#) Update on the TC Social Gathering  
  
**Kovich provided verbal updates:  
An email and invitation have been sent out. The poll showed that November 30 at 5:30pm was the most popular option and the gathering will be held at the Post on S Carroll St.**
  
- 7. [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.  
  
**None**
  
- 8. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)  
  
**None**
  
- 9. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)  
  
**Ann mentioned some of the following tentative items for the next TC meeting on 11/29:  
-Metro Transit Ridership Update  
-Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - 2024 Resurfacing Projects  
-Update from Transportation Commission Appeal Subcommittee Hearing Related to a Taxicab License Denial  
-Reminder to Commission Members of the Annual Statement of Interest Form Completion Requirement  
-Update on TC Social Gathering**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by McCahill. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.**