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Director's Report – July 12, 2023

The paragraphs below summarize some of the key efforts and events that occurred in the past several months. With the E-W Bus Rapid Transit in construction, and applications due for the N-S Bus Rapid Transit due in August, it is a busy season.

Sincerely,

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### BRT

- The E-W BRT construction is well underway, yet will take many months. Construction will stretch into late spring of 2024. Revenue service is expected to begin in October of 2024.
- For N-S BRT, the FTA admitted the City into the Project Development phase in early July.
  - This is a prerequisite for submitting an application into the Small Starts.
  - The city will be submitting an application in August 2023 for the N-S BRT.
  - Public engagement will start in Fall of 2023. A geometric design focus will be on Park Street.
  - Traffic modeling completed in this fall will help determine what typical sections can be applied.

### Amtrak

- Staff has been working on a screening matrix, despite currently not having a staff Project Manager.
- Tentatively planning for a TC briefing in late August, with Public meeting in September.

### Metro Transit

- In late June Metro Transit was awarded \$38 million for the 2023 Buses and Bus Facilities/Low-No Grant. This grant will be used to purchase 16 more articulated electric buses, install on-route bus chargers, and replace roofs at the two metro transit garages.
- Metro Transit rolled out the Transit Network Redesign, with fewer complications than anticipated. The July 12 TC meeting will review small adjustments to the routes to address some observed issues.

### Major Initiatives

- Complete Green Street – MGO 16.23 revisions go before Council on Tuesday 7/11/2023
- Traffic Engineering submitted another application for the Safe Streets for All program this week.

### **Parking**

- Development agreement for State Street Campus Mixed Use Development approved by Common Council. Working on many details so that it can be bid this fall.

### **WisDOT Projects**

- County AB interchange is planned for opening October 2023. A graphic of the interchange is shown at this website. [https://projects.511wi.gov/us1218-countyab/wp-content/uploads/sites/986/PIM2\\_CTH-AB-Project-Overview-FINAL-2022-06-21.pdf](https://projects.511wi.gov/us1218-countyab/wp-content/uploads/sites/986/PIM2_CTH-AB-Project-Overview-FINAL-2022-06-21.pdf)
- I-39/90/94 Project – WisDOT continues in the data collection and beginning alternative development. They are coordinating with stakeholders on two potential new interchanges, one at Hoepker Road, and one as an extension of Milwaukee Street. A city briefing is included in [legistar 78691](#)
- Stoughton Road Projects – WisDOT would like to have a preferred alternative for North Stoughton Rd this fall. There are many concepts for intersections, which are planned for discussion at the June 26 TC meeting.

### **Other**

- Staffing - We will soon enlist a new Transportation Planner to replace Phil Gritzmacher. Mike Cechvala will be taking a slightly different role within Metro, but will largely be involved in the same projects.