



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, May 24, 2011

5:00 PM

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month;  
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)  
(After 6 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Present:** 5 -

Ald. Lisa Subeck; Ald. Bridget R. Maniaci; Susan M. De Vos; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

**Excused:** 4 -

Ald. Jill Johnson; Ron J. Prince; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Charles W. Strawser III

### A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 28, 2011

A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Ald. Maniaci, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Subeck was not in attendance at the April meeting and abstained from the vote.

### B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

### C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

### D. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES

Crandall arrived at 5:08 after the approval of minutes and Johnson arrived at 5:24 during item D.1. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

**Present:** 7 -

Ald. Lisa Subeck; Ald. Bridget R. Maniaci; Ald. Jill Johnson; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

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#### D.1. [22571](#)

Madison Police Department Traffic Reports, 1st Quarter 2011

Lt. Bitterman presented the 1st quarter 2011 Police Department traffic report. There was a 26% overall decrease in hazardous offenses. Speeding citations were down by 50%. The decreases are likely mainly due to the necessity of police presence at the capitol during protests. The test unit was pulled from their normal duty for about a month. There was one significant crash at Northport and Dryden resulting in the death of a pedestrian.

Note: at the meeting Bitterman mistakenly responded that the driver had not been charged. He corrected that statement and notified the Commission that the driver of the vehicle was in fact arrested and charged with multiple felonies, including Homicide by Intoxicated Use of a Motor Vehicle, Hit and Run Involving Death, Fourth Offense OWI, and Operating While Revoked.

Maniaci asked if there is any ability to enforce bicycle licensing. Bitterman stated no, police do not have access to the database while in the field to look up bicycle licenses. It would be difficult to enforce and to determine the owner of a parked unlicensed bicycle. There is a report that was done on bike licensing that addressed the issue of enforcement. Ross will send Maniaci a copy of the report.

**E. PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M. - ANNUAL PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

- E.1. [22575](#)** Public Hearing for Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects the City should Consider in the 2012-2014 Capital Budget to increase opportunities for walking and bicycling in Madison

The public hearing opened at 6:00 p.m.

**Registrants:**

**Amanda White, 106 E Doty, 53703** submitted written comments on behalf of the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin (see attached).

**Mark Shahan, 607 Piper Dr, 53711** spoke in support of several pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects. Shahan stated that a list of planned projects and schedules should be provided for the public along with the public hearing announcement. Also, a list tracking what people have recommended in the past and a prioritized list of projects should be kept and available to the public. Shahan stated that the City should continue to work on the Sherman Flyer. The Perry Street overpass is needed to connect people to places of work. The Capital City extension from Buckeye to east City limits needs to be completed. Junction Ridge overpass to connect Pioneer Neighborhood. The Pedestrian Plan needs to be updated. Shahan stated that he will submit his recommendations to the Commission in writing as well.

**Ron Shutvet, 925 Lake Court, 53715** spoke and submitted written recommendations for pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects along the John Nolen Drive corridor (see attached).

**Michael Rewey, 5522 Comanche Way, 53704** spoke and submitted written recommendations for projects he would like to see (see attached). Rewey stated that improvements to current bike boulevards should be looked before adding more. Rewey suggested hiring a consultant to convert the bike route network into a destination based network as suggested in the Platinum report.

**Travis Youman, 617 Clear Spring Ct, Monona 53716** spoke in support of creating contiguous bike routes. Monona Drive and Atwood is a heavily traveled corridor and there is no bike lane or path at that location. There will be a full bike lane on Monona from Winnequah to Cottage Grove Road and there is about a half mile gap between where the bike lane ends and the Capital

City Trail and would like to see the City of Madison create a connection between that gap.

Jo Scheder, 2633 East Lawn Ct, 53704 recommended a direct route to connect the northeast side of town to downtown, near Tenney Park. Scheder also recommended that paths for biking be destination based to commute, run errands, and reach specific destinations.

Sam Crossley, 423 Washburn Pl, 53703 spoke in support of creating better bicycle access to the north side of town. Crossly recommended that a bike polo court be built in Madison and could be built along a bike corridor to be visible to bicyclists. Webber suggested that Crossley also present his proposal to the Parks Commission.

Nathan Ottinger, 1233 E. Mifflin St., 53703 suggested that E. Mifflin St. be made one lane in one direction with a divided bike lane. The asphalt along the bike path near Monona Terrace needs to be repaired. The buses need more bike racks to promote winter biking and community to allow more capacity. The buses only fit two bikes and many people may be deterred from biking in the winter because they may not be able to get their bike on the bus. Bike lanes are needed on University past Shorewood Hills to Middleton. Webber stated that bike lanes are planned when reconstruction is done.

Tim Grilley, 1317 Spaight St, 53703 spoke in support of greater connectivity between bike routes, specifically connecting the Southwest path heading west to Middleton, and between the Southwest path and University Ave, near the UW hospital.

Natalia Hacerola, 1442 Morrison St, 53703 stated that bicycling could be made more appealing by making bicycling faster than driving. Hacerola recommended creating a pedestrian bridge from Broom St to State St to reduce pedestrian and bicycle congestion in this area. Hacerola suggested allowing bicycles to yield rather than require them to come to a complete stop at stop signs and to allow bicyclists to bike on the sidewalks. Webber stated that it is legal to bike on the sidewalk as long as a building does not directly abut the sidewalk.

Isaac Hacerola, 1442 Morrison St, 53703 recommended a connection from the Southwest Commuter Path with the University corridor, with a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over University at Randall or Campus Drive. A connection on University heading west from Allen Blvd. to connect to paths in Middleton is also needed. Hacerola suggested moving the bike lane to the other side of N Shore for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross at Broom. Currently, when the walk signal is on to cross John Nolan, the cars from N Shore Drive have a green arrow so pedestrians have to wait for another light cycle to cross.

Barbara Wilson, 623 E. Mifflin St, 53703 recommended the addition of more bicycle boulevards in Madison. Wilson stated that some bicyclists travel too fast along the bike paths and should be riding in traffic rather than on the paths at those speeds. Signage along the path could improve safety. Wilson stated that the new bike lights are confusing for both bicyclists and motor vehicles and that education for the public is needed.

The public hearing closed at 7:32 p.m. Comments from the public hearing will be compiled and shared with Planning, Engineering, and the Mayor's Office.

**F. PRESENTATIONS**

**F.1. [22573](#)** Presentation on B-Cycle Locations

Madison B-Cycle manager, Bryon Conger presented an update on the B-Cycle station locations and membership rates. The pricing structure is created to promote short-term use of the bicycles rather than use as a full day rental. Two stations are operational with the goal of having six stations installed by the weekend. Maniaci asked if the stations would be installed for the Congress for New Urbanism which had been the goal. Conger stated that the stations will not be completed, but there will hopefully be six stations installed.

Bikes will be able to be rented between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. March 15th through December 15th. Maniaci asked why the stations were not open twenty-four hours, and stated that these are the same hours as the buses run. Maniaci stated that this creates competition with the bus system rather than enhancing transportation options. Maniaci stated that people who work in the service industry and work night hours can take the bus into work, but do not have transportation to return home after work. Maniaci suggested allowing people with annual memberships to be able to take a bike out at any time of day, whereas a person who does not have a membership would only be able to rent a bike between the hours of 5 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Maniaci stated that people may park and lock their own bikes to the B-Cycle stations in areas where there is limited parking, and asked what ability B-Cycle has to cut locks or have bicycles removed from their stations. Typically, removal of a bike requires that a bike be tagged for 48 hours to give the owner notice.

Next month's meeting agenda will contain the following items related to bicycle parking downtown:

- Discuss legal issues of bike parking on public and private property
- Process for removing bicycles parked at B-Cycle racks
- Moped parking
- Discuss possible solutions to lack of adequate bike parking downtown

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**G.1. [22275](#)** Rescinding RES-11-00106 and Reauthorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a five-year agreement with Trek Bicycle Corporation for the operation of a City-sponsored bicycle-sharing program in the City of Madison.

**A motion was made by Crandall, seconded by Holloway, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**G.2. [22448](#)** Amending Sec. 12.128(12) of the Madison General Ordinances to restrict parking within four feet of a mailbox between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

**A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Ald. Johnson, to Return to Lead**

with the Recommendation for Approval to the PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**H. REPORTS**

**H.1. 15487** Reports of other Committees/Commissions (verbal reports for information only)

Plan Commission  
Long Range Transportation Planning Committee  
Joint West Campus Area Committee  
Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee

**L RTPC met last week and looked at the MPO work plan. They discussed efforts to work with the legislature to give Dane County the ability to have an RTA. The Committee referred the Sustainability Plan.**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

I.1. General Announcements by Executive Secretary - None

I.2. General Announcements by Chair

**Commission members should be prepared with comments on the Madison Sustainability Plan for the June meeting.**

I.3. Commission member items for future agendas

**Crandall requested a report on bike boxes, including feedback received by Traffic Engineering from the public.**

**Johnson requested a report on how and when the B-Cycle program will be evaluated.**

**Downtown Bike Parking:**

- **Discuss legal issues of bike parking on public and private property**
- **Process for removing bicycles parked at B-Cycle racks**
- **Moped parking**
- **Discuss possible solutions to lack of adequate bike parking downtown**

**ADJOURNMENT**