

AGENDA # 4

City of Madison, Wisconsin

REPORT OF: LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PRESENTED: 12/13/21

TITLE: Section 106 Consulting Party Review -
Proposed Bus Rapid Transit Project

REFERRED:

REREFERRED:

REPORTED BACK:

AUTHOR: Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner

ADOPTED:

POF:

DATED: 12/22/21

ID NUMBER: 67237

Members present were: Richard Arnesen, Katie Kaliszewski, David McLean, and Maurice Taylor. Excused were: Anna Andrzejewski and Arvina Martin.

SUMMARY:

Greg Rainka, registering in support and wishing to speak

Mike Cechvala, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions

Graham Carey, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions

Adele Hall, registering neither in support nor in opposition and available to answer questions

Bailey provided an overview of the Section 106 review process, noting that at their September meeting, the Landmarks Commission reviewed the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and historic properties within that area. The consultants have now submitted a draft assessment of effects, which makes a finding that there is No Adverse Effect to the historic properties within the APE. She showed renderings of the proposed stations within the APE and asked the commission for comments. She said that she agreed with the consultants' assessment of No Adverse Effect. Regarding the East Campus Mall station with two platforms, Cechvala clarified that the western portion of the divided station has a normal-sized shelter and the eastern portion does not. The project team introduced themselves.

Taylor asked for the dimensions of the proposed stations. Cechvala said the length of the platforms and shelters are generally 60', though some are shorter like those on State Street. They said the width of platforms varies but are typically 10' or as wide as the median allows; the height will be similar to a typical bus shelter with a roof height of 12' plus decorative tops that add another 2-3'. Taylor asked how they compare to existing bus shelters, and Cechvala said they are of similar height with a couple feet of additional height from the decorative tops. Cechvala said that current shelters are 20-25' long, so the new shelters will be longer than that at 50-60'.

McLean asked about transparency of the shelters and whether they used transparent materials or they were open. Cechvala said there is transparent glass-like material in some of the bays and the ends have more structure to them, but they were trying to keep them as transparent as possible. They said that side-running stations generally have a transparent material on the back, and the median stations have one or two panels on each side to screen from the wind.

Kaliszewski said that the format of the report looked good, and the exhibits were clear. She agreed with the consultants' finding that there is No Adverse Effect on the historic properties in question. McLean agreed. Arnesen said he had no concerns. Taylor agreed.

Kaliszewski thanked the consultants and City staff for presenting the project and asked them to notify the Landmarks Commission if anything changes with the project.

ACTION:

No action was taken.