

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

REPORT OF:	Transportation Commission	Presented 2/6/96
TITLE:	MDOT Staff/Administrative Recommendations	Referred TC*; ADA Paratransit; PBS; Plan C; Jt. TC/PC; BOE; CCOC Org.; Mayor's Office
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TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

The TC at its 1/23/96 meeting followed-up on its review of the organizational issues as it related to operations and policy for the Madison Department of Transportation and transportation policies. Several proposals/options for agency and commission organization were discussed.

The attached 1/18/96 Staff Report became the focus of the discussion which centered more on policy issues and transportation planning, specifically long-range planning, than it did on specific organizational structures. The Commission endorsed the "Staff/Administrative Recommendations", specifically:

- 1) The Director of Transportation position should be frozen and not filled for 12-18 months. In fact, the position could even be removed from the budget since future options still under consideration would likely not involve a Transportation Department with a Director.
- 2) The Commission strongly supported the Team Management concept on an interim (year to 18 month) basis.
- 3) The Commission strongly support the addition of a transportation planner position. Although advantages of maintaining the position in Traffic Engineering were discussed and supported by some, the Commission decided to remain silent on whether the position was best located in Traffic Engineering or Planning Department at this time. They understood follow up discussions with Planning were needed. Reference was made by Traffic Engineering staff on the need to define the transportation planner position in relation to traffic engineering and transportation planning functions. Accordingly, defining the relationship between duties of a transportation planner and traffic engineering and planning functions is to be a part of follow-up efforts.

Referring to the "Commission/Policy Recommendations", contained in the staff report, the Commission:

- 1) Supports the change in responsibility for the Pedestrian-Bicycle Subcommittee to add responsibility for traffic activities. These would include all activities currently supported by the Traffic Engineering Division. The Commission also recommended that the membership for the body include pedestrian and bicycle advocates. The rationale for this was concern that Pedestrian-Bicycle activities/responsibilities must not be harmed with the added responsibilities of traffic. The Commission wanted to see all modes identified in the name of the committee.
- 2) Supports creating a separate Parking/Transit Commission to oversee these utilities as identified in the report.
- 3) In regard to the Joint Transportation Commission/Plan Commission Subcommittee, supports an additional charge to that Joint Subcommittee expanding its role to include advice on long-range transportation planning with emphasis on integration of land use and transportation planning. This role would be advisory to the Plan Commission. Included was a recommendation that the membership should be increased.

The Commission has prepared this report and has referred it and the referenced staff report to affected commissions for their comment, which will be attached to this report and may be incorporated in the final recommendation to the Council.

Accordingly it is recommended that the Common Council adopt this report with the understanding that the Transportation Commission will proceed to develop specific proposals to implement recommendations contained in this and the attached staff report, subject to input provided by affected review committees [ADA Paratransit Oversight Subcommittee, Pedestrian-Bicycle Subcommittee, Plan Commission, Joint TC/PC Subcommittee, Board of Estimates, CCOC (Org. Committee), and Mayor's Office]. Ordinance changes will need to be drafted as a part of this effort.

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