



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?*

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:21 p.m. and left at 8:16 p.m. and Vander Meulen arrived at 5:21 p.m. and left at 5:45 p.m.

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

Excused: 2 - Robbie Webber and Darrin S. Wasniewski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCahill moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford, with Bremer abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [81569](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the January 17, 2024 Meeting
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch disclosed that his wife works at Epic and that he owns Epic stock. So anything relating to the buses that are contracted with them, he would not offer any legal advice on and the other attorneys from OCA are available if needed.

TC member Harald Kliems disclosed that he is the president of Madison Bikes and they have advertised with Metro before and although they did not get the free non-profit rate that is there, they might have gotten a reduced rate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bennett moved to approve ITEMS 2 - 8, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2.* [81300](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Dane County to provide Group Access Service for the City of Madison for the calendar year 2024.
- Bennett moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 3.* [81302](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Dane County to provide Volunteer Driver Escort Services for the City of Madison for the calendar year 2024.
- Bennett moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 4.* [81304](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Dane County for the purpose of providing Metro Transit with State 85.21 funding given to Dane County for the provision of accessible transportation for eligible persons within Metro Transit's service area in the calendar year 2024.
- Bennett moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 5.* [81391](#) Approving the Application for a pedal-cab service operator license for Badger Bike Taxi Cab.
- Bennett moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 6.* [81392](#) SUBSTITUTE - Supporting and approving the City of Madison's application to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) towards FY 2023-2024 ATTAIN grant program, the acceptance of the grant, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a grant agreement with USDOT or its designee, if awarded the grant.
- Bennett moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 7.* [81393](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a parking lease agreement with Wilson Residential Investors LLC, for 30 parking stalls at the Wilson Lot located at 499 E Wilson St. (District 4)
- Bennett moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 8.* [81570](#) Approval of Revisions to the Transportation Demand Management Program
- Bennett moved to Approve, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
9. [81571](#) Approval of Metro Transit Network Redesign Refinements
- Planning and Scheduling Manager Sean Hedgpeth with Metro provided verbal reports and, along with Chief Development Officer Mick Rusch with Metro, was available for questions.**

Registrants as follows: Neither support nor oppose, does not wish to speak;
Bernadette Benoit, W Mifflin St

Kliems moved to Approve the changes as proposed, seconded by Bremer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [81572](#) Review and Update Metro's Transit Leased Advertising Space Policy

Kovich provided verbal reports that Staff had requested additional time to prepare this item and recommended moving it to a future item.

Bennett moved to Refer this item to a future Transportation Commission meeting, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

11. [81573](#) Passenger Rail Station Identification Study

Planner Liz Callin with Transportation and Arun Rao with Amtrak provided verbal reports and, along with Director of Transportation Tom Lynch and Capital Project Manager Mike Cechvala with Metro, were available for questions. Alder Rummel and Alder Figueroa Cole made comments.

Registrants as follows: Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Grace Houdek, Tokay Blvd; Benny Gabriel Ramirez Gomez, Fisher St Support, wish to speak; Alfred Matano, Ross St

12. [81574](#) Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Rutledge St.

Engineer Nashaly Gutierrez provided verbal reports and, along with Engineer Andy Zweig, Engineer Jeremy Nash with Traffic Engineering, Parking Division Manager Stefanie Cox, Tom Lynch and Mike Cechvala, was available for questions. Alder Rummel made comments.

13. [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.

Kliems update on BPW:

-Approved plans and specifications for the E Wilson and Doty st project, with a request to look at keeping the offstreet cycle track along Wilson street at rate and not dip it down between two of the intersections.

-Phase 3 of the Lake Mendota Drive project, which was talked about a long time ago at TC, this was the final phase and was approved.

14. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)

None

15. [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 1/31:

-Updating the Madison Engineering Division Street Naming Policy for New Streets and Street Name Changes

- Endorsing and Prioritizing Improvement of Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity as Part of the WisDOT I-39/90/94 Study and Reconstruction
- Creating the City of Madison Honorary Street Name Program
- Adopting the Lake Mendota Waterfront Master Plan
- Vision Zero Annual Report
- Update on Metro Transit Fare Technology and Fare Collection Strategy
- Update on Complete Green Streets Policy and Fire Lanes
- Northeast Area Plan
- State St Pedestrian Mall update

ADJOURNMENT

Martinez-Rutherford moved to adjourn, seconded by Kliems. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.