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No appropriation required.

Title

Creating an Ad Hoc Metro Paratransit Medicaid Waiver Funding & Policy Review Committee.

Body

PREAMBLE

The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requires Metro Transit to provide paratransit services complimentary to its fixed route service. For over 20 years, Metro Transit has been able to provide paratransit services above and beyond the minimum standards and criteria required by the ADA primarily because of its partnership with Dane County and the Medicaid Waiver (commonly refer to as “MA Waiver”) Program.

MA Waiver is a Community Integration Program (CIP) that supports developmentally disabled individuals to live and work in communities as opposed to state institutions (ie., they “waive” out of the state institutions, thus giving rise to the name MA “Waiver”). Pursuant to Chapter 49 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, MA Waiver programs provide funding through county Departments of Human Services for community services to qualified persons with developmental disabilities. The Common Council annually adopts resolutions that authorize the Mayor and Clerk to contract with Dane County for the funding and provision of Metro paratransit services for people with developmental disabilities to fully participate in community living through the MA Waiver Program . This arrangement has allowed state funding to be passed through Dane County to Metro Transit such that Metro Transit is currently reimbursed for 60% of the actual cost of Waiver participants’ paratransit rides. Metro Transit currently charges \$3.25 per paratransit ride compared to an actual cost of \$33. MA Waiver funding accounts for over \$3.7 million of Metro Transit’s approximately \$9 million paratransit budget.

The state is in the process of changing the administration of the MA Waiver program through the implementation of the Family Care program such that the same funding would be required to private, for profit entities, such as insurance companies and managed care organizations, rather than directly to governmental entities. It is unknown whether these for profit entities will use this funding for Metro Transit’s paratransit services or, if they do, whether reimbursement rates will equal 60% of the actual cost of the paratransit service. Because of the nuanced and specialized nature of MA Waiver Programs, and the potential impact this change will have on Metro Transit’s paratransit services, an ad hoc committee is necessary to exam the potentially far-reaching impacts of this change.

WHEREAS, For 20 years the City has contracted with Dane County to receive MA Waiver funding for individual trips by approved Waiver participants; and

WHEREAS, approved MA Waiver participants are also found eligible for Metro ADA Paratransit services by Metro; and,

WHEREAS, the City and Metro currently are reimbursed 60% of the actual cost of the ride as part of the cost sharing intergovernmental agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City and Metro charge a cash fare of \$3.25 per paratransit ride compared to an actual cost of \$33; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement has allowed Metro Transit to provide paratransit services above and beyond what is required by the ADA;

WHEREAS, the current MA Waiver Agreement with Dane County will expire on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in either 2017 or 2018, Metro Transit and Dane County will no longer be able to continue this partnership because the State of Wisconsin intends to change the administration of MA Waiver funding by implementing the Family Care Program, which will require funding to go to private, for-profit entities, such as insurance companies and health maintenance organizations; and,

WHEREAS, after the state changes the program, cost sharing will not be allowed under the for-profit model; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated loss of \$3.7 million in MA Waiver funding could prohibit Metro Transit from providing the level of paratransit services the community has received for the past 20 years; and;

WHEREAS, the Transit & Parking Commission is requesting that an ad hoc committee examine the impacts of the State's decision to change the administration of the MA Waiver Program, and formulate paratransit policy recommendations pertaining to issues such as the level of paratransit services Metro Transit will be able to provide after the anticipated loss of funding and the fare that will be charged for those services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council creates an Ad Hoc Metro Paratransit Medicaid Waiver Funding & Policy Review Committee to propose recommendations for consideration to the Transit & Parking Commission; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee shall consist of the following alders

- **Rebecca Kemble**
- **Tim Gruber**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee shall consist of the following members of the Transit & Parking Commission:

- **Margaret Bergamini**
- **Ken Golden**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee shall consist of the following members of the ADA Transit Subcommittee to the Transit & Parking Commission:

- **Carl DuRocher**
- **Mary Jacobs**
- **Susan De Vos**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee shall consist of the following citizen members and Metro paratransit customers:

- **Jesse Kaysen**, Former chairperson of the Transit & Parking Commission, former chairperson of the ADA Transit Subcommittee, and Metro paratransit eligible rider.
- **Dr. James Cobb**, Former chairperson of the Transit & Parking Commission,

former chairperson of the ADA Transit Subcommittee, retired Medicaid policy analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and Metro paratransit eligible rider.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall rely on Madison Metro staff and resources, including Chuck Kamp, Crystal Martin, Nancy Senn, and Ann Schroeder; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by mayoral appointment, subject to confirmation by the Common Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than September 15, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall provide recommendations to the Transit & Parking Commission; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the above appointments shall end and Committee dissolved when the Transit & Parking Commission takes action on the Committee's recommendations.