



# 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?*

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Wednesday, April 14, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Nasra Wehelie; Grant Foster; Christopher T. McCahill; Ann E. Kovich;  
Denise N. Jess; William F. Bremer; Brigit E. Brown and Harald Kliems  
**Excused:** 1 - Kenneth M. Streit

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kliems moved to approve the minutes of the March 10 and March 24 meetings, seconded by Bremer. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. [62565](#) Public Comment for Items not on this Agenda

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Bremer disclosed that he is associated with the UW Traffic Operations and Safety Lab in ITEM 14.

### ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. [64367](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an addendum to the August 1, 2013 parking lease agreement with Hovde Building, LLC, for 40- 90 parking stalls at the Overture Center parking garage.

Parking Division Manager Sabrina Tolley provided verbal reports and was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Randy Guenther, W. Washington Av  
Support, does not wish to speak, available for questions; Victor Villacrez, W. Johnson St

Kliems moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Foster. After much discussion, the motion passed by

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the following roll call vote

**Absent:** 1 - Kenneth M. Streit

**Ayes:** 5 - Nasra Wehelie; Grant Foster; Christopher T. McCahill; Denise N. Jess and Harald Kliems

**Noes:** 2 - William F. Bremer and Brigit E. Brown

**Non Voting:** 1 - Ann E. Kovich

3. [64637](#) Amending the 2020 Capital Budget to transfer \$170,000 of existing borrowing authority between major program for Wayfinding Signage and major program for the Monona Terrace/John Nolen Drive Lighting Study project, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a competitively-selected contract for Purchase of Services (Engineering) with KL Engineering to provide professional traffic engineering consultant design services for the Monona Terrace/John Nolen Drive Lighting Study project.

**City Traffic Engineer Yang Tao provided verbal reports and was available for questions. Bremer moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval, seconded by Kliems. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.**

4. [65038](#) Request from Central Business Improvement District (BID) to close State Street on Weekends over the Summer

**Yang Tao provided verbal reports and was available for questions. Metro General Manager Justin Stuehrenberg provided Metro's perspective and, along with Transportation Planner Mike Cechvala, was available for questions. Tiffany Kenney of the Madison Central Business Improvement District, after speaking in support, was also available for questions.**

**Registrants as follows: Oppose, wish to speak; Tom Wilson, Clark Ct; Dayna Long, University Av; Oliver Trousdale, Fordem Av; Tessa Echeveria, Coolidge St;**

**Support, wish to speak: Peggy Gunderson, Mifflin St; Tiffany Kenney, Washington Av; Dennis Shannon, Beechwood Ci, Middleton; Victor Villacrez, Johnson St; Morgan Ramaker, Washington Av; Hawk Sullivan, Maher Av**  
**Support, does not wish to speak, available for questions; Stacey Scannell, State St**

**Oppose, does not wish to speak, available for questions; Caide Jackson, Franklin St**

**Support, does not wish to speak; Jessica Wagner, Johnson St; Anne Morrison, Keyes Av; Jacob Harris, Washington Av**

**Oppose, does not wish to speak; Jennifer Edwards, Norris Ct; Megan Bruun, Blair St; Tasha Gjesdahl, Franklin St; John Cook, Sommers Av; Dylan Hackler, Livingston St; Nicholas Davies; Richard St; Elisabeth Gokey, South St; Andrew Paepke, Talmadge St; Dylan Bryne, Baldwin St; Amy Henderson, Hoard St, Ian Disjardin, Johnson St**

**Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway spoke on the importance of public transit and encouraged support for Metro in their request to not remove buses from the 100-300 blocks of State Street, clarified future Bus Rapid Transit plans, and was available for questions.**

Alder Verveer voiced his support and was available for questions.

Foster moved to refer to a later TC meeting with a proposal on closing the 400-600 blocks of State Street with a solid plan and answers to the questions discussed at this meeting, seconded by McCahill. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

Wehelie leaves at 7:33 p.m. A new roll call is shown to reflect this:

**Present:** 7 - Grant Foster; Christopher T. McCahill; Ann E. Kovich; Denise N. Jess; William F. Bremer; Brigit E. Brown and Harald Kliems  
**Excused:** 2 - Nasra Wehelie; Kenneth M. Streit

5. [65043](#) Interim High Injury Network map review and acceptance

Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway and Engineer Alexandra Heinritz with Traffic Engineering provided verbal reports and were available for questions. Kliems moved to approve, seconded by Bremer. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [64987](#) 2021 Vision Zero Projects review and approval

McCahill moved to refer to the April 28 meeting, seconded by Jess. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

At this time, the meeting proceeded to ITEM 14.

7. [64983](#) Plans for Helena and Jenifer Streets, and Jannah Village Platting in 2021 Transportation Public Works Transportation Projects

Engineer Jim Wolfe with Engineering provided verbal reports on the plans for Helena and Jenifer Streets and was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Kyle Hanson, Helena St  
Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Thomas Bauman, Jenifer St

Foster moved to approve Helena Street design recommended by staff but no speed humps on Jenifer Street, seconded by Bremer. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

Engineer John Sapp provided verbal reports on Jannah Village Platting and, along with Engineer Sean Malloy with Traffic Engineering, was available for questions. Foster suggested narrowing Blissful Drive and adding 10-foot one-way bike paths on either side of it.

8. [65039](#) Staff Update on Special Pedestrian Phase Recall Timing Installed at Various Signalized Intersections during the COVID Pandemic and Plan to Revert to Normal Timing in Phases

Traffic Engineer Graham Heitz provided verbal reports and, along with Yang Tao and Justin Stuehrenberg, was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Oppose, wish to speak; Alexander Harding, Wyota Av;  
Connor Stone, Sherman Te; Kyle Hanson, Helena St  
Oppose, do not wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St; Rachael Wendt,

**Kenneth St**

Staff will hold off on reverting to normal timing on as many as possible, making some permanent, and do studies before removing recall from an intersection. Staff will report back with an update.

9. [64984](#) Draft Request for Proposals - Racial Equity, Bias, and Inclusion Training
- Kovich provided an introduction to the topic and asked for a motion to suspend the rules to allow members of the TPPB to participate in the discussion. Kliems moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Brown. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other. There was much discussion on how to move forward.**
10. [52830](#) Members of TC and TPPB update on TPPB
- McCahill and Foster spoke on modifications to BRT terminal locations and an upcoming Complete Green Streets initiative at the next TPPB meeting.**
11. [61410](#) Update on Traffic Calming Subcommittee
- Kovich provided verbal updates.**
- [62232](#) Traffic Calming Subcommittee Materials
12. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
- Taxi Cab permit appeal subcommittee created comprising Kovich, Streit and Jess  
Still 2 vacancies on the TC**
13. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)
- Many items on next agenda  
Closure of 400-600 block of State Street**
- [56179](#) Transportation Commission Work Plan
- [58750](#) Tentative Agenda Items for next TC Meeting, (for information only; not for discussion)

**LATE ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED**

14. [65045](#) High Injury Network Project Proposal from UW Traffic Operations and Safety Lab
- Yang Tao and Renee Callaway provided verbal reports and were available for questions.**
- At this time, the meeting proceeded to ITEM 7.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Foster moved to adjourn, seconded by McCahill. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS (most recent meeting minutes electronically attached, if available)****07828**

Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB)  
Greater Madison MPO (MPO)  
Dane County's Specialized Transportation Commission (STC)  
Downtown Coordinating Committee (DCC)  
Joint Campus Area Committee (JCAC)