



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

Project Address: 432 S Junction Road
Application Type: Public Project for a Bus Rapid Transit Junction Road Terminal
UDC is an Approving Body
Legistar File ID #: [76217](#)
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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Justin Stuehrenberg, City of Madison Metro Transit | Mike Cechvala, City of Madison Transportation Division | Jim Wolfe, City of Madison Engineering Division

Project Description: The applicant is proposing the construction of a new bus terminal which will include two buildings (one utility building and comfort station (restroom) building), four shelters (two BRT Shelters and two standard Metro shelters), overhead vehicle charging stations, a park and ride lot, and a stormwater management area.

Project History:

- The UDC previously reviewed the overall designs from the BRT design competition and recommended to the Council the preferred shelter concept. (Legistar File ID [65580](#)).
- The Common Council approved a rezoning of the property from A (Agriculture) to SE (Suburban Employment) on December 6, 2022 (Legistar File ID [74310](#)).

Approval Standards: For public projects, the UDC is an **approving body** on the proposed restroom and infrastructure building. Pursuant to MGO Section [33.24\(4\)\(d\)](#), "*The UDC shall approve plans **for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded** in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, **the City of Madison**, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City.*"

Summary of Design Considerations

Staff recommends that the UDC review the proposed development and make findings related to the criteria noted above giving consideration to the following design considerations:

- **Building Materials & Composition.** Staff requests the Commission review and make findings related to the proposed buildings. Consideration should be given to creating a collection of unique, but complementary architectural expressions, quality and durability of the proposed material palette and finish details (mechanical screen, doors, vents/flues, coping, aluminum halo lighting details, etc.) of the building.

The proposed building before the UDC is technically two buildings based on building code, but for all intents and purposes it will read as one. The material palette of the proposed building(s) will be comprised of gray and black ground face CMU. While the building will be one-story, the design includes a step down (roughly three feet) from the taller utility portion to the building to the comfort station (restroom) portion of the building. A lit aluminum halo is incorporated into the design of the taller portion of the building.

As a note, the site will also include the City's standard shelter and enhanced BRT shelter, which is based on the template previously recommended by the UDC. As a reference, the two proposed BRT shelters will be comprised of architectural steel, stonewood phenolic panel, and curtain wall glazing system. As noted above, the UDC previously reviewed this concept prior to Common Council approval in 2021.

- **Landscape.** UDC can provide advisory feedback on the landscape plan and as such, staff requests the Commission review and make findings on the proposed landscape plan and plant palette giving consideration to providing year-round color and texture, adequate screening of parking areas, softening hardscape areas, and providing shade.