

CITY OF MADISON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ACTION ITEM DETAIL – OCTOBER 14, 2020

ACTION TITLE: Approving/Ratifying of Metro Transit Bus Stop Changes/Closures

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ACTION SUMMARY

This action would ratify bus stop changes that have occurred since the creation of the Transportation Commission (TC), but which were not approved by the TC.

BACKGROUND

The Madison General Ordinance references various approval authorities for bus stop changes, including Transportation Commission (TC) and Traffic Engineering (TE). Because it was not clear that TC needed to approve bus stop changes, some alterations were made without their explicit approval, and this action is intended to retroactively approve those changes, so that all current stop locations have been formally approved.

DISCUSSION

Changes to bus stops largely consisted of changes to bring stop spacing in line with bus stop spacing guidance in the city adopted Transit Development Plan, which is attached, and to add ADA accessible boarding pads.

Appropriate stop spacing is important to maintain so that travel time and access are appropriately balanced. Too many stops slow the bus considerably, so that fewer people use it, while spacing that is too far might reduce the number of people able to walk there, also depressing ridership. The currently adopted stop spacing standards of 3/16 to ¼ of a mile are appropriate and match the generally accepted optimal spacing in the industry.

Feedback that has been received to date will be provided in a separate document.