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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 7, 2026

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Present: 12 - Will Ochowicz; Sean O'Brien; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; William F. Bremer; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems; Cailey A. Jamison and Lynn A. Olson

Excused: 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ochowicz moved to approve the minutes of the December 3 meeting, seconded by O'Brien. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [91382](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the January 7, 2026 Meeting
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Kliems disclosed that they are on the Board of Directors of Madison Bikes, who was part of one of the advisory groups that WisDOT had reached out to and we also signed a letter with other organizations providing input to the Beltline project.

Webber disclosed that they are on the Board of Directors for Madison Bikes and is also on one of the advisory committees for the Beltline project.

Ochowicz disclosed that they are one of the Leads for Madison is for People who signed a letter regarding the Beltline expansion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bremer moved to approve ITEM 2, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.* [91115](#) Authorizing the Department of Transportation to apply for a \$6.75 million Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant from the Federal Railroad Administration and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resulting grant agreement to accept the grant (District 4, District 6, District 12, District 15, District 17).
Bremer moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 3.* [91383](#) Capitol East Area Paid Parking Test Zone
Bremer moved to Refer ITEM 3 to a future meeting, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [91384](#) WisDOT Beltline Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Discussion
Director of Transportation Christof Spieler provided verbal reports and, along with Principal Transportation Planner Liz Callin, WisDOT Project Manager Jeff Berens, WisDOT Southwest Region Communications Manager Michael Bie, and Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao, was available for questions.
**Registrants as follows: Oppose, wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St; Jack Plasterer, Stockton Ct
Support, wish to speak; Marco Marquez, E Wilson St
Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Ronda Conner, Burr Oak Ln; James Kreft, Fish Hatchery Rd; Don Ferber, Allis Ave
Oppose, available for questions; Matthew Wise, S Segoe Rd
Oppose, does not wish to speak; John Judge, Eagle Heights; Jonah Grant, Morrison St; David Stecher, S Eau Claire Ave**
5. [91386](#) Public Works Transportation Projects - Perry St. Connection
Item 5 was withdrawn as it did not need TC review at this time. At this point, the meeting proceeded to ITEM 9.
6. [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.
None
7. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
Kovich provided a verbal update that the 2026 Transportation Commission schedule was distributed by email and that email placeholder meetings will be sent out soon.
8. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)
Kovich provided verbal updates on some of the upcoming items. Please see the attachment in Legistar for other upcoming future agenda items.

LATE ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

9. [91397](#) Public Works Transportation Projects - Cannonball Path Ph6 (Fish Hatchery Rd ROW)

Engineer Aaron Canton provided verbal reports and, along with Traffic Engineer Jerry Schippa and Yang Tao, was available for questions.

After this item, the meeting went back to ITEM 6.

ADJOURNMENT

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Webber. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.