

Section 33.56 Transportation Commission

- (1) Organization. A Transportation Commission is hereby created for the City of Madison.
- (2) Purpose. The purpose of the Transportation Commission is to address specific transportation issues related to the items listed in sub (4) below in a manner that is consistent with the transportation policies and plans adopted by the Transportation Policy and Planning Board or the Common Council.
- (3) Commission Composition.
 - (a) Members. The Transportation Commission shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members to serve without compensation consisting of two (2) members of the Common Council, five (5) residents of the City of Madison, and one (1) alternate.
 - (b) Appointment and Terms of Common Council Members. Common Council members of the Transportation Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Terms for Common Council members shall coincide with their terms on the Common Council. Appointments for such terms shall be made at the organizational meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April preceding the end of each Common Council member's term or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment. In appointing Common Council members to the Transportation Commission, the Mayor shall consider the need for representation of the various geographic areas of the City. Furthermore, at least one Common Council Member of the Transportation Commission must also be a member of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board.
 - (c) Appointment and Terms of Resident Members. Resident Members of the Transportation Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Terms of resident members shall be for a period of three (3) years commencing on the first day of May. Appointments for such terms shall be made at the organizational meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April preceding the end of each resident member's term or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment. In appointing resident members to the Transportation Commission, the Mayor shall consider members with prior experience addressing transportation issues or specific familiarity with individual elements of the city's transportation system.

- (4) Executive Secretary. The Traffic & Parking Manager and City Transit Manager shall serve together as executive secretary of the Commission and shall ensure that the Board is sufficiently staffed. In the event the City hires a Director of Transportation pursuant to MGO Sec. 3.14(5), the Director of Transportation shall be the executive secretary of the Board.
- (5) Powers and Duties. The Transportation Commission shall consider issues pertaining to:
- (a) Transit.
- (i) transit service standards (low);
 - (ii) transit route additions, extensions or contractions (medium);
 - (iii) transit changes in schedules and hours of service (medium);
 - (iv) rules necessary to ensure safety for bus passengers (low);
 - (v) regional transit contracts (services and pass programs) (high);
 - (vi) bus routes and stops (high);
 - (vii) charter service, taxis, limousines, courtesy cars, hotel buses, jitney services hire-and-drive service, ride-sharing, car-sharing, transportation network companies, subscription bus service, park and ride facilities, and any other issues pertaining to the operation of the City's transit and services (medium);
 - (viii) transit for people with disabilities (medium); and
 - (ix) other items referred by the Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board, Traffic Engineer & Parking Manager, or Transit Manager.
- (b) Parking.
- (i) rules necessary to ensure safe and proper operation of parking facilities (rare);
 - (ii) Revenue collection technology and systems (rare); and
 - (iii) Other items referred by the Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board, Traffic Engineer & Parking Manager, or Transit Manager.
- (c) Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle.
- (i) pedestrian and bicycle safety, enforcement, and facility maintenance programs (medium);
 - (ii) school crossings (medium);
 - (iii) safety programs and projects (medium);
 - (iv) traffic signals (medium);
 - (v) Crossing guard assignments (low);

- (vi) Traffic Calming (medium);
- (vii) Street Project Review (high);
- (viii) Development Review (rare); and
- (ix) Other items referred by the Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board, Traffic Engineer & Parking Manager, or Transit Manager.

(d) The Transportation Commission shall make decisions regarding specific issues in the City related to the items listed above and may establish rules and procedures necessary to carry out the purpose and provisions of this ordinance.

(6) Appeal. The mayor or any alderperson may appeal to the Common Council any final decision of the Transportation Commission related to one of the items listed in sub. (5) above. For purposes of this ordinance, final decisions do not include recommendations made to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board or Common Council. For any appeal, the appellant(s) shall file a petition of appeal with the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the Transportation Commission's final decision. The petition shall state the decision being appealed, the reasons for appeal, and the relief being requested. Once the petition is filed, the City Clerk shall set the appeal for a public hearing on the next Council agenda that is at least seven (7) days after receipt of the appeal. After a public hearing, the Common Council may, by favorable two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members, reverse or modify the decision of the Transportation Commission with or without conditions, or refer the matter back to the Transportation Commission with or without instructions, if it finds that the decision is inconsistent with the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan, is inconsistent with any transportation policy or plan adopted by the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, or is contrary to the public health, safety or welfare.