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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, December 13, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Kliems arrived at 6:09 p.m, Harrington-McKinney left at 7:32 p.m. and Govindarajan left at 7:44 p.m.

Present: 9 - MGR Govindarajan; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Darrin S. Wasniewski; Christopher T. McCahill and Harald Kliems

Absent: 1 - Juliana R. Bennett

Excused: 3 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Nicki Vander Meulen and William F. Bremer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCahill moved to approve the minutes for the November 29 meeting, seconded by Harrington-McKinney. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [81237](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the December 13, 2023 Meeting
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.* [81238](#) Director's Report

McCahill moved to approve, seconded by Govindarajan. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [77560](#) Planning Division staff update - West Area Plan

Urban Planner Linda Horvath and Planner Ben Zellers provided verbal reports and, along with Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway with Traffic Engineering and Assistant City Engineer Chris Petykowski, were available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Oppose, wish to speak; Gwen Long, Sauk Creek Dr; Dawn Marie Zimmerman, Sauk Creek Dr; Britta Wunderlich-Herr, E Geneva Cir; Jim Long, Sauk Creek Dr; Susan Bruegman, Sauk Creek Dr; Louis Cornelius, Sauk Creek Cir; Edward Hummel, Whitacre Rd; Debra Oakes, Old Sauk Rd; Faith Fitzpatrick, Sprint Ct; Jenny Iskandar, St Lawrence Cir; Paul Herr, E Geneva Cir

Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St Oppose, does not wish to speak; Jennifer Rygiewicz, Farmington Way; J Hirsch, Cedar Creek Trl; Duane Hunter, W Oakbrook Cr; Judy Bluel, Oak Creek Trl; Richard Russell, W Oakbreek Cir; Jane Meyer, Randolph Rd; Cecilia Ackerman, Oak Creek Trl; Claire Forrester, Farmington Way; Jesse Lassiter, Red Fox Trl; Jose Lafuente, Red Fox Trl; Elizabeth Mijaria de Lafuente, Red Fox Trl; Sandy Dolister, E Geneva Cir; Toni Brown, Widgeon Way; Ginny White, Oak Creek Trl; Larry White, Oak Creek Trl; Randall Dunham, Farmington Way; Susanne Dunham, Farmington Way; Peggy Scallion, Lake Mendota Dr

Support, does not wish to speak; Melanie Foxcroft, Hammersley Rd

Webber moved to Support the connections with the possibility of some sort of traffic calming that would maintain the connections but slow the traffic, seconded by McCahill, with Kliems abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Jess moved to Support leaving the shared use path connection in the Sauk Creek Greenway in the Plan, but recommend enormous caution and study with exploration of other alternatives; and TC feels that an east-west connection is enormously important, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [81239](#) Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - E. Wilson St. and E. Doty St.

Engineer Fadi El Musa Gonzalez with Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Renee Callaway and Assistant City Traffic Engineer Tom Mohr, was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Matt Gawlik, S Franklin St

5. [81240](#) Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Knutson Dr.

Engineer Andy Zweig with Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Engineer Nashaly Gutierrez with Engineering, was available for questions. Alder Myadze made comments.

Kliems moved to Recommend moving forward with Option 1A, seconded by Jess. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [81241](#) Update on Metro Transit Accessibility and Paratransit

Chief Development Officer Mick Rusch with Metro and Operations Manager Phil Gadke with Metro provided verbal reports and, along with Marketing and Customer Service Manager Jessy Stammer in Metro, was available for questions.

7. [80985](#) Update from Transportation Commission Appeal Subcommittee Hearing Related to a Taxicab License Denial
Kovich, Wasniewski and Jess provided verbal updates.

Giselle Dunn appealed the denial of her taxi-cab license. After the hearing, we first heard from Captain Winter from MPD and then from the appellant. Giselle Dunn offered convincing testimony and sound reasons for why she had earned this opportunity. In her closing statement, Captain Winter recommended that the denial be reversed. The subcommittee met and unanimously voted to reverse the denial and approve the taxi-cab license.
8. [80986](#) Reminder to Commission Members of the Annual Statement of Interest Form Completion Requirement
Kovich provided a verbal reminder that if the statement of interest is not filled out by the deadline, you are no longer able to participate or vote on any matter before the body. And then if you continue not file, the Council can actually remove you from the commission. So please remember to file each year.
9. [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.
**Kliems update on BPW:
-Approved all of the Bikeways projects.**

**Webber update on JCAC:
-Lake Street Parking Garage is going to close on 12/27.
-They're still working on trying to figure out what to do around the limnology building to reduce conflicts between bicyclists, pedestrians, people using the limnology building, and various vehicles that need to access the doors there.
-Thinks that the campus drive path to observatory along willow creek might be open now**
10. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)

**Kovich verbal updates:
-Attended the TC social gathering on 11/30. There were 8 TC members who attended along with several staff members. If everyone is interested, we could look into planning another one during the Summer, where we may have more attendance.
-Just for your information, the TC recommendations related to the Mineral Point Road Widened Sidewalk project and the TDM ordinance amendments were adopted by the Common Council.**
11. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)

Ann mentioned some of the following tentative items for the next TC meeting on 1/17/24:

- Agreement with Dane County for Group Access Service
- Agreement with Dane County to provide Volunteer Driver Escort Services
- Agreement with Dane County to provide Metro Transit with State 85.21 funding
- Badger Bike Taxi Cab pedal cab license
- USDOT 2023 - 2024 ATTAIN Grant
- Parking Lease Agreement with Wilson Residential Investors LLC
- Approval of Revisions to the Transportation Demand Management Program
- Approval of Metro Transit Network Redesign Refinements
- Review and Update Metro's Leased Advertising Space Policy
- Amtrak Alternatives
- Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Rutledge St.

ADJOURNMENT

Webber moved to adjourn, seconded by Kliems. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.