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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, September 27, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Martinez-Rutherford, Harrington-McKinney, and Barros arrived shortly after the meeting started.

Present: 12 - Juliana R. Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Darrin S. Wasniewski; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and William F. Bremer

Excused: 1 - Nicki Vander Meulen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kliems moved to approve the minutes of the September 13 meeting, seconded by Wasniewski. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [80011](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the September 27, 2023 Meeting

Linda Krueger of S. Midvale blvd registered for this item opposing but not wishing to speak, and had sent in a public comment saved as attachment 7.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.* [79887](#) Approving the Application for 2023-2025 Commercial Quadricycle Licensure of Capitol Pedicycle DBA Trolley Pub

Webber moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER , seconded by Bremer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 3.* [79868](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a parking lease agreement with Hovde Building, LLC, for 25 - 75 parking stalls at the Overture Center parking garage. (District 4)
- Parking Division Manager Stefanie Cox was available for questions.**
- Kliems moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt, seconded by Wasniewski, with Webber abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
4. [80017](#) Approving the Scoring System of the Accessible Taxi Cab Grant
- Transportation Operations Analyst Keith Pollock with Traffic Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch was available for questions.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, available for questions; William Carter, Pennsylvania Ave Support, does not wish to speak; Tashi Tseten, Quincy Ave.**
- Jess made a motion to approve the Scoring System for the Accessible Taxi Cab Grant adding the following: Asking applicants: "Do they have a plan for diversity cultural awareness training?" Incorporate factors about how the City evaluates compliance with the contract into the regular reports they are required to submit to the City, seconded by Harrington-McKinney. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [80012](#) Approval of the Metro Transit Network Redesign Refinements. THIS ITEM WAS ADJOURNED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSION DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION AND VOTE ONLY - NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT THE OCTOBER 11, 2023 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING ON THIS ITEM.
- It wasn't 6 p.m. yet so the meeting proceeded to ITEM 6 and came back to this item at the appropriate time.**
- Mick Rusch and Transit Schedule Planner Bjorn Swenson with Metro provided verbal reports and were available for questions.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Mitch Duerr, E. Washington Ave; Graeme Mason, Fitchrona Rd; Steve Arnold, Targhee St; Rita Bick, W. Lakelawn Pl; Ajinkya Kokandakar, Sheboygan Ave; Anders Voss, Hayes Rd; Oppose, wish to speak; Laura Bickel, Temkin Ave; Neither support nor oppose, available for questions; Bennett Davishoff, Wicklow Rd, Deerfield; Neither support nor oppose, does not wish to speak; Celia Hiorns, State St; Kyla Smith, S. Charter St; Madisen Faull, E. Gorham St; Sharon Knauf, Columbus Ln**
- Kliems moved to close the public hearing and have discussion at the 10/11 TC meeting, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
6. [80013](#) Safe Streets Madison - N. Baldwin St. Project

Interim Assistant City Traffic Engineer Tom Mohr provided verbal reports and, along with Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway with Traffic Engineering, was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Jeff Reinke, Curtis Ct; Robert Klebba, E. Gorham St; Support, wish to speak; Andrew Leaf, N. Baldwin St; Support, does not wish to speak; Ryan Schmudlach, N. Baldwin St; Adam Wood, N. Few St;

Wasniewski moved to approve the Safe Streets Madison - N. Baldwin St. Project as recommended by staff, seconded by Barros. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [80014](#) Update from the Ad Hoc Tour Subcommittee and Discussion about Scheduling Individual Tours
- Kovich provided an introduction. Chair of the Ad-Hoc TC Tour Subcommittee Bill Bremer and Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch provided verbal reports and were available for questions.**
8. [80015](#) Update on Transportation Commission Social Gathering
- Ann Kovich provided verbal reports and was available for questions.**
9. [80016](#) Proposed 2024 Transportation Commission Meeting Dates
- Kovich provided verbal reports and was available for questions.**
- Kliems moved to approve the 2024 TC meeting schedule as proposed, seconded by Wasniewski. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
10. [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:
-Approving final design for the Sheboygan/Segoe project**
11. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
- Kovich shared updates:
-Sent an email about the resolution that passed CC proclaiming October 15, 2023 to be White Cane Safety Day and acknowledging the importance of pedestrian safety year-round.
-Forwarded an email for the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired which has some good resources as well.**
- Jess added that they were able to thank the council on putting these policies in place which allow staff to be able to make much quicker changes to solve problems without having to jump through as many hoops as before.**
12. [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 10/11 TC meeting:

- Leg File 79865 - Amending variance ordinances to transfer parking enforcement from MPD to Madison DOT Parking Division
- Leg File 79973 - Amending variance ordinances to change the title of City Traffic Engineer to the Director of Traffic Engineering and to update the title of the Parking Division Manager
- Leg File 80073 - Vacating and discontinuing multiple unimproved public street right-of-ways within the plat of University Research Park
- Leg File 80074 - Approving the roadway geometry for the reconstruction of John Nolen Drive from North Shore Drive to S Broom St
- Public hearing to remove RP3 parking from N. Baldwin Street (E. Johnson St. to E. Dayton St.) will be held at 6:00 p.m. - plus discussion and vote
- Approval of Metro Transit Network Redesign refinements
- Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Harvey Street Sidewalk Extension (Hill St. to Blackhawk Ave.)
- Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Starkweather Plat
- 2024 List of Public Works Transportation Projects

ADJOURNMENT

Wasniewski moved to adjourn, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.