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Director's Report – May 13, 2022

The paragraphs below summarize some of the key efforts and events that occurred in April and May. Much of the effort spent during these months focused on developing capital budget requests, which will be presented to committees and council in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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BRT

- Environmental Document – The final environmental document has been submitted to FTA and is under final review. Approval is expected within a few weeks.
- The Right of Way Relocation Order, which allows for the purchase of property needed for BRT stations and other improvements, was introduced into council.
- A resolution supporting a petition to the Commission of Railroads for BRT modifications at rail crossings was introduced into council
- Third party agreements are completed with all partners except for Dane County. We are working with county staff to finalize this agreement.

Parking

- Both the Parking Manager and Parking Administrative Supervisor were posted. It is likely the Administrative Supervisor will be filled first.
- The Parking Maintenance/Repair contract came in about 12% above the Engineer's estimate. This may be reflective of price increases that we will with all projects across all three divisions.
- Several options for PEO housing were reviewed. There may be an opportunity to act within the next two months. Otherwise, one long-term solution may be expanding the Sayles Street facility to house PEO vehicles and staff.
- Two long term leases for Livingston garage have been introduced into council.

Other

- Passenger Rail – Contract for the Station location study was introduced into council. This week, the Federal Rail Administration will release information on how to nominate corridors for the "Corridor Identification Program." This program will help FRA develop a project pipeline for the substantial funding available in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Madison will likely be partnering with other Cities to advocate for the extension of the Hiawatha line.

- Transportation Improvement Program process – the process is near completion. We will present the process to TPPB after the Transit Network Redesign has worked its way through the BCCs.
- TDM Ordinance – have finalized the details. We will initiate conversations with affected stakeholders so they are informed of the program. Probable introduction in late July or August.
- The Notice of Funding Opportunity for Safe Street For All – a \$5 billion program targeting Vision Zero improvements is scheduled for May. Madison is in a good position to be competitive for these grants, having just approved a Vision Zero Action Plan.

Transit Network Redesign

Multiple Amendments have been develop directly responding to comments we have received during the public involvement process. Here is the direct link to the amendments:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/documents/network-redesign/draftplan/amendmentprocess/list-TransitNetworkRedesignAmendments.pdf>

- The bullets below are the anticipated schedule of approvals.
 - May 16: Present detailed plan and amendments to the Transportation Planning and Policy Board (TPPB) - no deliberation or public comment
 - May 19: Citywide public information meeting on the plan and amendments
 - May 31: Citywide public hearing on the plan and amendments in front of the TPPB
 - June 6: TPPB deliberation and vote on the plan and recommended package of amendments
 - June 7: Common Council deliberation and vote on the plan and amendments