



## Department of Transportation

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### Director's Report – August 1, 2022

The paragraphs below summarize some of the key efforts and events that occurred in the last month. All divisions submitted their operating budget requests – a relatively large effort to manage costs and anticipate 2023 needs.

Sincerely,

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### BRT

- Received the last remaining intergovernmental agreements needed from Dane County and Shorewood Hills.
- We are hoping to advertise the first “Early Works” project August 25. Goal is to have work begin in late October.
- Received plan set for Main BRT bid package. Hope to advertise this bid package Nov 3.
- As mentioned in the last report, Madison was recently awarded about \$670,000 from FTA’s Areas of Persistent Poverty program. We will use this grant to begin planning for the N-S BRT line, which we hope to enter into project development in 23/24.

### Resolutions in Common Council

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| 72430 | Contract with AECOM to design improvements associated with the network redesign.   |
| 72431 | Contract with AECOM to provide final design services for BRT, continuing through construction.   |
| 72606 | Authorizing Transportation to pursue the “Reconnecting Communities” planning grant opportunity for \$1 million, and provide the required 20% match.  |
| 72885 | Introduction – Authorizing a small modification to the BRT right of way plat, which is used to purchase property for BRT stations/curb ramps   |
| 72605 | Authorizing the City to apply for funding through the RR Crossing Elimination Program and committing to the 20% local match. We will be applying for up to \$5 million to fund RR crossing safety improvements.                      |
| 72647 | Supporting the Transportation Alternatives Program for Safe Routes to School grant application   |
| 72645 | Authorizing the City to apply for funding through the Safe Streets for All program, and committing to providing the 20% match if selected. This grant program targets Vision Zero improvements, and we will be pursuing \$20 million |

We are working through the logistics of pursuing all of these grant opportunities.

### **Parking**

- Both the Parking Manager and Parking Administrative Supervisor have closed. A candidate has been selected for the Administrative Supervisor, and we are nearing selection for the Parking Manager.
- Continuing to work with the Mortensen developer regarding parking layout and intercity bus terminal flow. We also met with two inter-city bus operators to understand design factors. We are proposing a reduction in parking spaces in order to simplify traffic flow and separate the public and private parking.
- Several options for PEO housing were reviewed. Using a portion of the Town of Madison facilities on Fish Hatchery Road shows the most promise. This site location is contingent upon successful negotiations with the City of Fitchburg.
- Garage occupancy during special events is down. Wilson St occupancy during Concerts on the Square is ranging from 25% to 40%

### **WisDOT Projects**

- I-39/90/94 Project – As mentioned in the last report, WisDOT had a kickoff meeting with local officials. This project could include the construction of a Hoepker interchange, which serves the east UW Health hospital and the American Center. WisDOT is hoping to have a preferred alternative spring 2024, approved environmental document fall of 2024, with Transportation Projects Approval and enumeration in 2025. Construction would start in 2027.
- Stoughton Road Projects – WisDOT is beginning two Stoughton Road projects, one from Hwy 30 north, and one from the Beltline to Hwy 30. They had an internal kickoff meeting for the north section this past week, and soon they will share a schedule for meeting with local stakeholders. Of concern to Madison is a human scale intersection at the Stoughton Rd/East Washington intersection.

### **Other**

- DMI Whats Up Downtown breakfast – gave a discussion on auto subsidies, TDM, and current project. Some of which will be shared at the TPPB meeting.
- TDM Ordinance – have finalized the details. We will initiate conversations with affected stakeholders so they are informed of the program.