

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 decide the transportation issues listed in sub. (5) below in a manner that is consistent with the transportation policies and plans adopted by the Common Council.
- (3) Commission Composition.
 - (a) Members. The Transportation Commission shall have nine (9) voting members to serve without compensation consisting of two (2) members of the Common Council, seven (7) residents of the City of Madison, and two (2) alternate residents of the City of Madison. Each member of the Commission must be capable of and committed to holding a multi-element, system-wide perspective on transportation issues. Moreover, one (1) Common Council or resident member must be knowledgeable of equity issues and the needs of marginalized communities; one (1) Common Council or resident member must be knowledgeable of issues facing people with disabilities; one (1) Common Council or resident member must be knowledgeable of issues facing users of the city's on- and off-street parking system; one (1) Common Council or resident member whose primary mode of transportation in the City is the bicycle; one (1) Common Council or resident member whose primary transportation in the City is walking; and one (1) Common Council or resident member whose primary mode of transportation in the city is transit. For any remaining resident appointments, preference should be given to appointing people of color and people of low income; one (1) additional member whose primary mode of transportation in the city is the bicycle; and one (1) additional member whose primary mode of transportation in the city is transit. Finally, at least one Common Council member and one resident member must also be a member of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board.
 - (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 or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment.
 - (c) Appointment and Terms of Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members. Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members of the Transportation Commission shall be residents of the City of Madison at the time of appointment and throughout the Member's term. Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council, and shall have a term of three (3) years.
 - (d) Role of Alternate Members. The first alternate member shall act with full power when any other member of the Transportation Commission is absent or is unable to act because of a conflict of interest. The second alternate member shall so act only when the first alternate refuses or is absent or when more than one member of the commission is so unable or is absent. In addition, alternates may participate in Transportation Commission discussion and serve on subcommittees or as commission representative on other City boards, commissions, or committees at any time.
- (4) Executive Secretary. The Director of Transportation shall designate either the City Transit Manager, the City Traffic Engineer, or the Parking Division Manager to serve as executive secretary of the Transportation Commission. Each designation shall last for two years at which point the Director of Transportation shall consider alternating the appointment to the other division manager. (Am. by [ORD-18-00108](#), 10-23-18)

- (5) Powers and Duties. The Transportation Commission shall decide the transportation issues listed below in a manner that is consistent with the transportation policies and plans adopted by the Common Council:

(a) Transit.

1. Transit service standards;
2. Transit fares;
3. Transit route additions, extensions or contractions;
4. Transit changes in schedules and hours of service;
5. Rules necessary to ensure safety for bus passengers;
6. Regional transit contracts (services and pass programs);
7. Bus routes and stops;
8. 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;
9. Transit for people with disabilities; and
10. Other items referred by the Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board, or Director of Transportation.

(b) Parking.

1. Off-street parking rates;
2. Provide recommendations to the Common Council regarding on-street parking rates.
3. Rules necessary to ensure safe and proper operation of parking facilities;
4. Revenue collection technology and systems; and
5. Other items referred by the Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board, or Director of Transportation.

(c) Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle.

1. Pedestrian and bicycle safety, enforcement, and facility maintenance programs;
2. School crossings;
3. Safety programs and projects;
4. Traffic signals;
5. Crossing guard assignments;
6. Traffic calming;
7. Provide recommendations to the Board of Public Works regarding right-of-way use and geometric design on arterial and collector street projects;
8. Development Review; and
9. Other items referred by the Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board, or Director of Transportation.

- (6) Appeal. The Mayor, any alderperson, or any member of the Transportation Commission 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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.

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