

Transportation Commission Annual Work Plan

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Notes:

1. Transportation Commission has a heavy workload. To enable efficient Commission meetings for the public, Commission members and City staff, staff should provide reports and exhibits for related agenda items to the Commission at least 48 hours before Commission meetings. Commission members are expected to review the materials ahead of the meetings.
2. A consent agenda may be used during the Commission meetings. Items where there are registrants wishing to speak would not be included on the consent agenda. Commissioners may request that any item proposed for the consent agenda be separated out for discussion/debate.
3. Commission meetings should be focused on action items or items which require feedback from the Commission members.
4. Staff should assume that the Commission members have reviewed the provided reports. Staff presentations should be brief, should clearly indicate what is requested of the Commission, and should include staff's recommendation. The Commission meeting time should be mainly for questions and discussions.
5. Quarterly staff reports will be scheduled at the first meeting of the second month in the quarter as much as possible, to provide some consistency for the agencies involved.
6. Commission workload will be balanced to give priority to referrals from the Common Council and other items requiring action by the Commission. As a result, recurring items shown below may potentially be deferred.

Recurring Items

QUARTER 1 July-Aug-Sept

- Organizational Meeting
The Commission to review and discuss any organizational issues (i.e., election of the Chair; etc.).
- Quarterly Traffic Safety Report
Madison Police Department staff to provide a quarterly report on traffic safety, observation, and enforcement, etc. In light of the City's commitment to the Vision Zero initiative, we should work toward enhancing the Quarterly Traffic Safety Report to include some data/analysis on crashes with significant injuries.
- Metro Transit Quarterly Report
Metro Transit staff to provide a quarterly report on performance indicators, financials, rider-revenue-fare types, customer feedback and incidents.
- Parking Quarterly Report
Parking Utility staff to provide a quarterly report on revenues, expenses, occupancy data, and major project updates.
- Commission Annual Work Plan
Quarterly review of the annual work plan, with updates approved as needed.

- **Racial Equity and Social Justice**
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- **Metro Transit Annual Financial Statement Audit Report**
Metro Transit's auditor to report on its annual financial statement audit.
- **Crossing Guard Assignment Report and Modifications**
The City's School Crossing Guard Supervisor and Traffic Engineering staff to report on crossing guard assignments throughout the City for the school year and any modifications that are necessary.
- **School Zone Safety Update**
Madison Police Department and Traffic Engineering staff to provide an annual update on school zone safety, concerns and possible solutions.
- **Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback**
City Engineering staff to provide information and updates on various transportation projects. The Commission to provide comments and feedback on right-of-way use and roadway geometrics of these projects. Major projects are to be separated out from this process and require the Commission to provide recommendations to the Board of Public Works regarding right-of-way use and roadway geometrics on individual project basis.

QUARTER 2 Oct-Nov-Dec

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- **Annual Traffic Crash Report and the Follow-Up from the Previous Year**
Traffic Engineering staff to provide an annual report on the traffic crash data for the previous year, such as quantities, types and trends. Traffic Engineering staff also to provide an update on utilizing the previous year crash report to improve pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle safety.

- Traffic Signal Priority List Preliminary Review and Selection
Traffic Engineering staff to provide an annual report on the list of traffic signal requests throughout the City, along with data collected and preliminary staff review. The Commission to provide comments on which top intersections for staff to focus on for more in-depth studies.
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- Metro Transit Service and Service Changes
Metro Transit will request approval for a Public Hearing to be scheduled in Quarter 2 (Oct-Nov-Dec) in order to receive feedback on current service provided and any proposed service changes.
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In Quarter 2 (Oct-Nov-Dec) a Public Hearing will be held to receive input and feedback from interested and/or impacted parties regarding current service and any proposed service changes.

QUARTER 3 Jan-Feb-Mar

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- Joint Meeting with Transportation Policy and Planning Board
The Commission to hold a joint meeting(s) with the Transportation Policy and Planning Board to coordinate transportation issues that relate to both committees.
- ~~Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) List Approval~~
~~*Traffic Engineering staff to provide a review of the NTMP process and an annual report on the list of traffic calming requests from neighborhoods throughout the City, along with data collected and the ranking according to previously established procedures for Commission and public comment. At a second meeting, the Commission to review and approve the ranking. The top ranked projects will be funded for construction in the current year.*~~
- Safe Streets Madison Projects Review and Approval
Goals of the Safe Streets Madison (SSM) program are to implement traffic safety measures in a fair and equitable manner to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on City streets; and to improve pedestrian and bicycle networks in a fair and equitable manner across the City. SSM consolidates four prior programs (Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, Pedestrian Bicycle Enhancements Program, Safe Routes to School Program, and Vision Zero Projects). Traffic Engineering staff to provide the Commission with proposed SSM project requests for review and approval, using the SSM Prioritization Tool.
- Traffic Signal Priority List Approval
Traffic Engineering staff to come back to the Commission with results from more in-depth studies and recommendations. The Commission to provide comments and approve the list of intersections for construction in the current year.
- New Speed Limit, Stop & Yield Signing Work
Traffic Engineering staff to report to the Commission the list of New Speed Limit, Stop & Yield Signing Work done during the last year (1/1 – 12/31). In addition, Traffic Engineering staff will provide a map showing the locations for the signing work reflected on the list.
- Metro Transit Service Changes
After the Public Hearing, Metro Transit will consider all the feedback received; and then Metro Transit will present the proposed service changes to the Commission for consideration and approval.
- B Cycle Update
B Cycle staff to provide an annual update on its membership, ridership, operations and plans for the current year and following year(s).
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QUARTER 4 Apr-May-June

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- ~~Vision Zero Projects~~
~~*Vision Zero is a data driven strategy intended to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries on city streets by 2030. The City of Madison Vision Zero initiative strives to improve safety for all road users throughout the city and improve the identified high injury locations, all in an effort to prevent avoidable fatal crashes. Traffic Engineering staff to provide Vision Zero Projects to the Commission for review and approval typically on an annual basis.*~~
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- Taxicab Operator's License Renewals
Taxicab operator licenses typically run for a two-year period, and are eligible for renewal in odd-numbered years. Applications to renew taxicab operator's licenses should be received on or before March 31st; and the Commission shall consider these requests for license renewals and report its findings and its recommendation for approval or denial to the Common Council in time for the Council to act on all renewals by May 30th.
- Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Review
*Public Works staff to provide an annual review for the City's Transportation Improvement Plan. The Commission to provide comments and inputs. TIP Review may be presented at a Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB) Meeting, with Commission members invited to attend **or view** that **TPPB** meeting.*
- Commission Annual Work Plan
The Commission Chair and staff to develop its annual work plan. The Commission to provide comments and approve the work plan.
- Annual Special Rules and Transportation Commission Handbook Review and Update
The Commission to review and update the TC Special Rules and Handbook as appropriate, at least on an annual basis.

- Annual Report on Winter Bike Maintenance
The Commission to review an annual report on the maintenance of bicycle facilities over the winter months.
- Annual Review of Metro Transit's Safety Plan
The Commission to review the safety target performance and updates in Metro Transit's Public Transit Agency Safety Plan annually.
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Special Projects and/or Reviews for this Specific Work Plan Year

- **Madison Shared Streets and Slow Streets**
In April of 2020 the City of Madison launched a Shared Streets program, implementing “soft closures” on some local streets, closing one park drive, repurposing travel lanes to create space for biking, and widening the shoulder of the Capital City Path from Monona Terrace to Machinery Row, etc. The goal of Madison Shared Streets was to assist community members in having safe, healthy spaces for walking and biking during the COVID-19 pandemic. Street closures and lane changes were removed for the winter. A survey of the Madison Shared Streets Program indicated the program should continue. Staff reviewed the results of the survey with the Commission and presented recommendations regarding continuation of the Madison Shared Streets and Slow Streets Program in 2021. Updates on Madison Shared Streets and Slow Streets will be provided to the Commission as appropriate.
- **Joint Transportation Commission and Transportation Policy and Planning Board Traffic Calming Subcommittee**
Traffic Calming Subcommittee (“TCS”) is responsible for developing and issuing a final report to be presented to the Transportation Commission (TC) and the Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB) that identifies opportunities to improve outcomes and processes related to: traffic calming, safety enhancements, and pedestrian and bicycle system enhancements in the City of Madison (including, but not limited to, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and the Pedestrian/Bicycle Enhancement Program), with a goal of equitable distribution of resources that improves safety and encourages increased walking and biking across the city. TCS Final Report is due to the TC and TPPB no later than July 15, 2021, unless otherwise extended by both the TC and TPPB. TCS Final Report was issued July 13, 2021; it was approved at the TC meeting on July 28, 2021; it was approved at the TPPB meeting on August 2, 2021; and it was adopted by the Common Council on August 3, 2021 along with all the Priority Recommendations.
- **Safe Streets Madison Program Implementation**
Implementation of the Safe Streets Madison (SSM) program was approved at the Common Council meeting on August 3, 2021, under the direction of the City Traffic Engineer. City Traffic Engineer will bring the completed SSM program to TC for approval; and the Transportation Commission will perform an oversight role in the implementation of SSM. Program details and outreach for the SSM program will be completed in 2021, with implementation of SSM projects to occur in 2022.
- ~~**Process to Review and Prioritize Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement and Enhancement Projects**
Staff to provide an informational presentation on the process to review and prioritize pedestrian and bicycle improvement and enhancement to the Commission. In addition, staff will address how this process relates to and interacts with the Traffic Signal Priority List process and the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.~~
- **Orientation and Tours for New Commission Members**
Department of Transportation agencies to provide orientation and tours for new commission members to familiarize them with City facilities and operations.
- **Judge Doyle Square Project Update**
Staff to provide an update on the Judge Doyle Square Project as the project advances.

- Parking Enforcement Operational Transfer
Staff to provide updates on the transition of the Parking Enforcement operational transfer from the Madison Police Department to the Parking Division. Decision items related to parking enforcement contracts will be brought to the Commission for review/approval as they arise during the transition, including a new City towing contract.
- Racial Equity, Bias and Inclusion Training
In conjunction with the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, the Commission has identified and is addressing challenges faced by these transportation bodies regarding equity, diversity and inclusion. After discussions at joint meetings, the Commission offered to take the lead on organizing and holding training to begin addressing these challenges. RFP was drafted and approved by the Commission, requesting proposals for workshops on Racial Equity, Bias and Inclusion. Training is planned for the fall of 2021, with members from both bodies invited to attend.
- ~~Safety Issues Related to Bicyclists, Motorists and Pedestrians Wearing Earbuds or Talking on Cell Phones~~
~~*This safety issue was brought forward by a member of the public as it relates to bicyclists wearing ear buds or talking on cell phones. This same safety issue applies to motorists and pedestrians, as well. Commissioners will discuss how to inform the public about this danger (i.e. how to promote safer cycling, driving and walking).*~~
- MOAPS (Madison Ordinance Analysis of Parking Strategies)
Transportation Policy and Planning Board will be reviewing and approving the work plan for this Staff Team as it relates to the City's on-street parking system, policies and goals; reviewing the Staff Team's recommendations; and then recommending ordinance and policy changes to the Common Council. Staff will provide informational updates to the Commission on MOAPS, and seek input and feedback from the Commission as appropriate.
- Madison's Smart City Initiative (Smart Madison for Shared Prosperity Project)
Staff to provide an informational presentation and overview of the City of Madison's Smart City Initiative (Smart Madison for Shared Prosperity Project) to the Commission. Innovation with growth is necessary to address equity, mobility, safety and environmental concerns. Smart Madison Project aims to build a next-generation smart people and data focused transportation system. Staff will also provide updates to the Commission as appropriate.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update
Department of Transportation staff to provide updates on the current BRT project to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB). Commission members will be invited to attend or view the TPPB meetings in order to receive the updates. Updates are provided when the project reaches major milestones, when input is needed from the Commission, and when it is appropriate for other reasons.
- Additional Joint Meeting(s) with Transportation Policy and Planning Board
In addition to the planned Quarter 1 joint meeting with the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, additional joint meeting(s) to be held as issues arise and as situation warrants.
- ~~Traffic Safety Education~~
~~*TC members have asked MPD Traffic Safety to make recommendations regarding traffic safety education messages that could be placed on the back of Metro Transit buses. In addition, TC members wish to explore how best to provide additional education about crosswalk rules and safety.*~~

- Vision Zero Education and Outreach

As the Vision Zero Action Plan is developed, it will be brought to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB) for review and feedback. Commission members will be invited to attend or view these TPPB meetings in order to receive updates. As noted in the latest draft of the Vision Zero Action Plan, the Vision Zero approach to traffic safety emphasizes community engagement and social equity; and it will include strategies for Vision Zero Education and Outreach which will address Safe Data, Safe Streets, Safe People, Safe Vehicles, and Safety Focused Enforcement.

Non-recurring Items Which May Appear

- Review of Transportation Impact of Private Developments
- Bus Service Route, Stop and Fare Changes
- Transit for People with Disabilities
- Review/Approval of Transit Contracts
- Parking Rate Changes
- Parking Revenue Collection Technology and Systems
- Review of On-Street Parking Restriction Changes
- Fatal/Severe Crash Review and Staff Reports to Keep the Commission Informed on Public Safety
- Stop Sign Appeals
- Speed Limit Changes
- Street Vacations
- Taxi, Pedal Cab and other For-Hire Transportation Service Operations
- Relocation Orders to Acquire Land for Transportation Purposes
- Early Review of Arterial/Collector Street and Bicycle Path Projects
- Major Highway/Street Projects
- Place Making
- Pavement Marking Including Intersection Marking
- Update on other Transportation Corridor Studies
- Informational Presentations on Key Transportation Topics
- Referrals from Common Council, Transportation Policy and Planning Board and other City Committees
- Referrals from Department of Transportation Divisions
- Other special projects or items that may occur from time to time