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Director's Report – Oct 4, 2021

East Washington Ave continues to be a concern and a focus area. Recent efforts show promise. While the Federal funding bills are in limbo, our City budget process continues on with several significant initiatives for transportation.

Sincerely,

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Other

- Bi-partisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (\$1.2 trillion) and the Senate's \$3.5 trillion bill are both on pause until the end of October. With the uncertainty associated with both bills, there is greater uncertainty if Madison's earmark requests will be inserted into the bills. (Atwood Ave and Autumn Ridge overpass).

BRT

- Next phase of the Design Contract, taking the project to roughly 90% is before the TPPB October 4, and will be before council October 5th.
- BRT Public Information Meeting on 9/29 with about 50 attendees. Next meeting on Oct 7 will focus on East Side, Oct 14 on West Side, and Oct 20 on Central.
- Several meetings with WisDOT over BRT operations on East Washington. I think we are close to an agreement and an acceptance of some delay in favor of transit operations.
- Next steps include finishing the Environmental Document (which includes sign-off by State Historical Society) and obtaining Third Party agreements with Village of Shorewood Hills, Dane County, and Sun Prairie.

Transit - Other

- Public Information meeting on Network Redesign held on September 23.
- Network Redesign – The project documents are posted on the web at the following locations. They are informative and worth reading.
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/documents/network-redesign/Alternatives-Report-pt1.pdf>
 - https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/documents/network-redesign/Alternatives-Report_Appendicies.pdf
- General direction of the next stage of the Network Redesign is before TPPB on Oct 4.

Transportation Demand Management

- Point value and category revisions have been developed and are before TPPB on Oct 4.

Parking Garages

- There is a potential developer/hotelier to occupy the site formally housing the Government East garage. Parking agreement went before TC on Sept 22, and is before Council on Oct 5th.

Vision Zero

- Twenty is Plenty – Signs are up in Pilot neighborhoods. Full City implementation is in 2022 Capital Budget.
- Vision Zero Action Plan is being revised, with evaluation metrics and greater discussion of VMT reduction in safety. Will be presented at the Oct 4 TPPB.
- East Washington – Streetlight data shows that speed reduction has made a difference reducing speeds exceeding 40 mph.
- Piloted tubular marker threshold treatment for 4 hours on East Washington Ave and saw a 9mph mean speed reduction. Will pursue several more implementations.