

## **Section 33.55      Transportation Policy and Planning Board**

- (1) Organization. A Transportation Policy and Planning Board is hereby created for the City of Madison.
  
- (2) Purpose. The Common Council recognizes that for the City of Madison to be a safe and healthy place for all of its residents and visitors to live, work, do business, learn, and play, it must develop and maintain a transportation system that is safe, efficient, economical, equitable, and sustainable. The Common Council also recognizes the importance of ensuring that the city's transportation system compliments and is consistent with the city's land use system. Finally, the Common Council recognizes the critical role that the city's transportation system plays in the movement of people and goods throughout the greater Madison region, and that the successful future growth of the city and region depends, in part, on a transportation system that is responsive to the needs of current and future users. The purpose of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board is therefore to:
  - (a) Consider transportation policy issues pertaining to each element of the city's transportation system, including bicycles; bus, freight, and automobile traffic; parking; pedestrians; rail; street, curb and right-of-way use; transit; and other transportation elements as may be identified by the Common Council by resolution;
  - (b) Develop transportation policies and plans that ensure the city's transportation system is safe, efficient, economical, equitable, and sustainable;
  - (c) Develop transportation policies and plans that are consistent with the City's land use policies and plans, and work with relevant boards, commissions, employees, and the Common Council to eliminate any identified conflicts;
  - (d) Develop transportation policies and plans that ensure the city's transportation system will continue to effectively move people and goods through the city and greater Madison region;
  - (e) Work to eliminate the disparities that people of color experience and low income experience with respect to the City's transportation policies, programs, services and destinations; and
  - (f) Carry out the specific duties enumerated below.
  
- (3) Board Composition. The Transportation Policy and Planning Board shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members to serve without compensation consisting of four (4) members of the Common Council, one (1) Regional

Representative (an elected official of a political subdivision that contracts with Metro Transit for transit services), two (2) residents of the City of Madison, and one (1) alternate who may be either a Common Council member or resident.

- (a) Appointment and Terms of Common Council Members. Common Council members of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board 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 preceding the end of each Common Council member's term or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment. In appointing Common Council members to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, the Mayor shall consider the need for representation of the various geographic areas of the City. Furthermore, at least one Common Council Member of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board must also be a member of the Transportation Commission.
- (b) Appointment and Term of Regional Representative. The Regional Representative shall be an elected official of a political subdivision that contracts with Metro Transit for transit services. Political subdivisions that contract with Metro Transit for transit services shall submit nominations for the Regional Representative to the Mayor no later than the third Tuesday in April of each year that an appointment is necessary. From the nominations submitted, the Mayor shall appoint the Regional Representative subject to confirmation by the Common Council. The Regional Representative shall serve two (2) year terms commencing on the 1st day of May in each year that an appointment is necessary. If the Regional Representative resigns or is not re-elected to his or her elected office before his or her two-year term on the Transportation Policy and Planning Board ends, the Mayor shall appoint a new Regional Representative to complete the two-year term. The same Regional Representative may not serve two consecutive full two-year terms.
- (c) Appointment and Terms of Resident Members. Resident Members of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board shall be residents of the City of Madison at the time of appointment and throughout the Member's term. Resident Members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Common Council. Appointments shall be made at the organizational meeting of the Common Council on the third Tuesday in April preceding the end of each resident member's term or as soon thereafter as the Mayor makes the appointment. Terms of resident members shall be for a period of three (3) years commencing on the 1st day of May.

- (d) Appointment and Term of Alternate Member. The Alternate Member shall be either a Common Council Member or Resident whose appointment and term shall be the same as described in sub. (a) or (c) above.
- (4) Board Procedures. The Board shall follow the procedures contained in MGO Sec. 33.01, except that notwithstanding MGO Sec. 33.01(7)(b) a Common Council member may serve as chairperson, co-chairperson, or vice-chairperson of the Board.
- (5) Executive Secretary. The Traffic & Parking Manager and City Transit Manager shall serve together as executive secretary of the Board and, with the assistance of the Director of Planning, Community & Economic Development and the City Engineer or designees, shall ensure that the Board has the resources necessary to address the transportation issues the Board considers. In the event the City hires a Director of Transportation pursuant to MGO Sec. 3.14(5), the Director of Transportation shall be the executive secretary of the Board.
- (6) Powers and Duties. The Transportation Policy and Planning Board shall:
- (a) Develop and recommend for adoption by the Common Council the transportation element of the City's comprehensive plan;
  - (b) Consider, develop, and adopt transportation policies and plans for all elements of the City's transportation system that are consistent with the purpose set forth in sub. (2) above;
  - (c) Set transit fares and off-street parking rates;
  - (d) Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding proposed ordinances related to all elements of the City's transportation system;
  - (e) Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding the proposed budgets of each division of the Department of Transportation;
  - (f) Provide reports to the Common Council by December 15 of each year listing any transportation issues, policies, or plans that have been adopted by the Board in the previous year.
  - (g) Recommend that the Common Council establish a Disabled Parking Council of at least seven (7) members, on an ad hoc basis, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 346.50(3m), if any proposed ordinance imposes a 3-hour or less limitation on parking of a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person.
- (7) Appeal. The mayor or any alderperson may appeal to the Common Council the decision of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board to adopt a

transportation policy or plan, or set a transit fare or off-street parking rate. The appellant(s) shall file a petition of appeal with the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board'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 (2/3) vote of its members, reverse or modify the decision of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board with or without conditions, or refer the matter back to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board with or without instructions, if it finds that the decision is inconsistent with the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan or is contrary to the public health, safety or welfare.