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Meeting Minutes - Approved TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Govindarajan arrived at 5:05 p.m, Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:18 p.m and left at 6:16 p.m. and Kliems arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Present: 9 - MGR Govindarajan; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and William F. Bremer

Excused: 4 - Juliana R. Bennett; Denise N. Jess; Darrin S. Wasniewski and Nicki Vander Meulen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCahill moved to approve the August 9 minutes, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [79461](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the August 23, 2023 Meeting
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. [79465](#) Review of Metro Transit Financial Audit

Jodi Dobson with Baker Tilly provided verbal reports and, along with Jennifer Schiller with Metro Transit, was available for questions.

McCahill moved to accept the Audit report, seconded by Bremer. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [79462](#) Approval of Metro Transit Bus Stop Changes in the BRT Corridor

Mike Cechvala with Metro Transit provided verbal reports and, along with Mick Rusch and Sean Hedgpeth, was available for questions.

Govindarajan moved to remove the Johnson/Babcock stop from the closure list, seconded by Webber. After some discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

McCahill moved to approve keeping the currently closed stations closed and defer a decision on the rest to the 9/13 TC meeting, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [79463](#) Informational presentation and request to hold a public hearing on September 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. regarding Metro Transit Network Redesign Refinements. Public hearing will only include a staff presentation and public testimony. There will be no discussion, deliberation or vote by the Transportation Commission on this item at the public hearing on September 27th. This item will be adjourned to the next Transportation Commission meeting for discussion, deliberation and vote.

Sean Hedgpeth with Metro provided verbal reports and, along with Mick Rusch, was available for questions.

McCahill moved to approve holding the Metro Transit Network Redesign Refinements public hearing on 9/27 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Barros. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [79464](#) TC Practices of Equity and Inclusion
- Update on the Disability Summit
- Approval of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Transportation Commission Accessibility

Kovich provided a verbal introduction. Disability Rights and Services Specialist Rebecca Hoyt with the Department of Civil Rights provided verbal reports on the Disability Summit, Mick Rusch provided verbal reports on Metro, Kovich provided verbal reports about the potential ad-hoc subcommittee. Alder Figueroa Cole was available for questions.

6. [52830](#) Members of the Transportation Commission who are also members of other transportation-related Boards, Committees or Commissions provide relevant updates from those Boards, Committees or Commissions.

Kliems provided updates on the Board of Public Works:

-Hawthorne Ct Reconstruction brought for final approval. There was some discussion about the design of the sidewalk along University ave to make sure that the concerns heard about buses turning there were being taken into account

7. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)

Kovich updates:

A lot of the logistics on the tour of Metro Transit have been worked out. A doodle poll to determine the best date and time will be distributed soon.

8. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information)

only; not for discussion)

Kovich updates on potential 9/13 TC items:

Bus stop changes that we talked about tonight

Crossing guard policy assignments and modifications

Safe Streets Madison

Approval of the Metro Transit Title VI Plan

Annual review of the Metro Transit Safety Plan

Amtrak Alternatives

Potential TC handbook and TC work plan updates

Transportation Director's Report

Kliems and Bremer recommended adding an update to TC about the City's plans regarding the new public right of way accessibility guidelines released and approved by the US Access Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Bremer. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.