



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, September 13, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Barros arrived at 5:05 p.m, Harrington-McKinney arrived at 6:26 p.m, and Govindarajan arrived at 5:09 p.m, left at 7:05 p.m. and then rejoined at 8:10 p.m.

**Present:** 10 - Juliana R. Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Darrin S. Wasniewski; Harald Kliems and William F. Bremer

**Excused:** 3 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Christopher T. McCahill and Nicki Vander Meulen

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bremer moved to approve the minutes of the August 23 meeting, seconded by Webber, with Wasniewski abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [79768](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the September 13, 2023 Meeting  
None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

Webber moved to approve ITEMS 2 and 4, seconded by Wasniewski. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.\* [79769](#) Director's Report  
  
Webber moved to Approve the report, seconded by Wasniewski. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 3.\* [79772](#) Approval of the Metro Transit Title VI Plan

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

The public registrant for this item was wishing to speak for ITEM 5, so they are listed under that item.

Kliems moved to approve the Title VI plan, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 4.\* [79773](#) Annual Review of Metro Transit's Safety Plan

Webber moved to Approve, seconded by Wasniewski. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [79770](#) Safe Streets Madison

Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway with Traffic Engineering and Assistant City Traffic Engineer Tom Mohr provided verbal reports and, along with Transit Planner Mike Cechvala with Metro, City Traffic Engineer Yang Tao, and Transportation Director Tom Lynch, were available for questions. Alder's Rummel, Madison and Figueroa Cole made comments.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Alex Hagen, North Owen Drive; Nicholas Davies, Richard St; Sabrina Madison, American Pkwy; Moses Milchberg, E. Johnson St; Oppose, Wish to speak; Robert Klebba, E. Gorham St; Roger Kruk, S. Midvale Blvd; Juan Colas, S. Midvale Blvd; Tedward Erker, E. Mifflin St; Oppose, Available for questions; Amy Colas, S. Midvale Blvd; Daneil McFarlin, S. Midvale Blvd; Support, Available for questions; Lisa Charron, E. Wilson St; Neither Support nor Oppose, available for questions; Liz Vowles, Eugenia Ave; Support, does not wish to speak; Julian Irwin, E. Wilson St

Kliems moved Approval of the Safe Streets Madison projects including the following changes:

#7 – N. Baldwin Street – Delay this project to the next TC meeting; also need to hold a public hearing regarding removal of RP3 parking;  
#17 – S. Baldwin Street – Add a 4-way stop at the E. Wilson Street intersection;  
#25 – Eastmorland – Ontario/Buckingham/Dawes – move forward with the traffic circle, but do not move forward with the speed humps;  
#29 – Midvale Blvd – Need to hold a public hearing regarding the removal of RP3 Parking  
#40 – Monroe & Regent – Delay this project;  
#42 – E. Wilson Street Bike Boulevard – Delay this project so more research can be done on the number of speed humps and an alternative to using speed humps on a bike boulevard;

Seconded by Barros. After much discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [79771](#) Approval of Metro Transit Bus Stop Changes in the BRT Corridor

Sean Hedpeth and Mike Cechvala with Metro provided verbal reports and were

available for questions.

Bremer moved to approve the stop changes to go into effect in December, seconded by Wasniewskii, with Govindarajan abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [79775](#) Annual Review and Approval of TC Handbook and Special Rules

Chair Kovich provided verbal reports and was available for questions.

Webber moved to Approve the TC handbook and special rules as written, seconded by Jess.

Bennett moved an amendment motion to remove the last special rule on public hearings, seconded by Govindarajan. The amendment passed by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes: 6 - Juliana Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Harald Kliems; Darrin Wasniewski; Pepe Barros; Bill Bremer**  
**Noes: 2 - Robbie Webber; Denise Jess**  
**Abstain: 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney**  
**Non-Voting: 1 - Ann Kovich**

The original motion with amendment then carried by unanimous consent. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [79776](#) Update on Metro Transit Tour and Approval of Creating the Ad Hoc Tour Subcommittee

Chair Kovich provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch, was available for questions.

Govindarajan moved to approve the creation of the Ad-Hoc Transportation Commission Tour Subcommittee, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [79774](#) Update on the 2024 Department of Transportation Capital Budget

Tom Lynch provided verbal reports on Metro and Transportation and was available for questions.

Parking Division Manager Stefanie Cox provided verbal reports on Parking and was available for questions.

Yang Tao provided verbal reports on Traffic Engineering and was available for questions.

10. [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.

Webber update on JCAC:

-Few updates on transportation things, mostly involving either extensions or changes to some of the bicycle facilities. They're doing a master plan for the Lakeshore natural area which includes the Lakeshore path. Discussion about paving and lighting in that area. Extension of the campus drive path. Discussion about improving the facility around the limnology building. Lots of

updates on buildings.

**Kliems update on BPW:**

**-Approved plans and specifications for the State Street Campus Garage Mixed-Use Project**

- 11. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)

**None**

- 12. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)

**Ann mentioned the following tentative items for the next meeting on 9/27:**

**-Leg File 79887 - Approve Application for 2023-2025 Commercial Quadricycle License of Capital Pedicycle DBA Trolley Pub**

**-Leg File 79868 - Parking Lease Agreement with Hovde Building, LLC for 25-75 Parking Stalls at Overture Parking Garage**

**-Approving the Scoring System of the Accessible Taxi Cab Grant**

**-Staff presentation and public hearing on Metro Transit Network Redesign refinements**

**-Safe Streets Madison - N. Baldwin St. Project**

**-Update from the Ad Hoc Tour Subcommittee and Discussion about Scheduling Individual Tours**

**-Update on TC Social Gathering**

**-Proposed 2024 TC Meeting Dates**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Wasniewski moved to adjourn, seconded by Barros. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.**