



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?*

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:09 p.m.

- Present:** 10 - Juliana R. Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Christopher T. McCahill and William F. Bremer
- Excused:** 2 - Darrin S. Wasniewski and Harald Kliems

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bremer moved to approve the minutes of the July 17 meeting, seconded by Webber, with Martinez-Rutherford abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [84428](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the July 31, 2024 Meeting
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Robbie Webber disclosed that Madison Bikes is in no way benefiting from anything on the agenda, nor has the organization taken any position on any of the items on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bremer moved to approve ITEM 2, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.* [84373](#) SECOND SUBSTITUTE - Authorizing City of Madison, on behalf of the Greater Madison MPO, to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for up to ~~\$900,000~~ \$1,300,000 for the Greater Madison MPO Regional Safe Streets- Community Safety Enhancement

~~Partnership project, amending the 2025 adopted operating budget, to accept grant funding, if awarded, and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the resulting grant agreement.~~

Bremer moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to adopt, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Registrants as follows: Support, available for questions; Alexandra Andros, State St

Note: Items 3 and 4 are related and will be considered as one agenda item.

3. [84382](#) Adopting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan related to the Northeast Area Plan.

Planner Dan McAuliffe with Planning provided verbal reports and, along with Director of Transportation Tom Lynch, was available for questions. Alder Madison made comments.

Webber moved to Return to Lead with the following Recommendations: Move approval of the Plan as presented in Legistar with the addition of the recommendations of planning staff as shown in the memo to TC, including the bike path south of Hwy 30 crossing 51 and the grade-separated intersection of Lexington and Commercial and Hwy 51, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [84379](#) Adopting the Northeast Area Plan, adopting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and archiving underlying plans.

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5. [84580](#) Public hearing to discuss Metro Transit New Service to Monona and Metro's Service Equity Analysis - 6:00 pm, followed by discussion, deliberation and vote

Chief Development Officer Mick Rusch and Planning Manager Sean Hedgpeth with Metro provided verbal reports and were available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Kristie GoForth, Gordon Ave; Don Ferber, Allis Ave Support, wish to speak; Charles Buggs, Saint Teresa Terr; Adrienne Faerber, Labelle Ln, Monona

Oppose, wish to speak; Jill Nyland, Valor Way

Support, does not wish to speak; Matthew Bittorf, Femrite Dr, Monona

Bremer moved to Approve the implementation of the new route 38 service to

Monona in March 2025 and Accepting the metro service equity analysis, which was conducted for the Transit service changes implemented on all metro routes since the June 2023 redesign , seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Note: Items 6 and 7 are related and will be considered as one agenda item.

6. [84383](#) Adopting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan related to the West Area Plan.

Planner Ben Zellers provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering Renee Callaway, Assistant City Engineer Chris Petykowski, Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao, and Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch was available for questions.

Webber moved to table this item until after the Metro public hearing that was scheduled for 6:00 pm concluded, seconded by Barros. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; George Meyer, Randolph Dr; Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Daniel Hussey, Widgeon Way; Oppose, wish to speak; Jayne Meyer, Randolph Dr; Toni Brown, Widgeon Way; Susan Bruegman, Sauk Creek Dr; Gwen Long, Sauk Creek Dr; Jenny Iskandar, St Lawrence Cir; Bonnie Roe, Somerset Ln; Rebecca Bittner, Sauk Creek Dr; Joann Pritchett, Bayberry Trl; Jim Long, Sauk Creek Dr Support, does not wish to speak; Nickolas Verban, South Owen Dr Oppose, does not wish to speak; Janet Hirsch, Cedar Creek Trl; Jay Ford, Marathon Dr; Ginny White, Oak Creek Trl; Larry White, Oak Creek Trl; Judy Bluel, Oak Creek Trl; Andrea Straus, East Oakbridge Way; Sharon Schoolmeesters, Farmington Way; Walt Stevenson, S. Kenosha Dr; Grace Kwon, Hartleigh Ct; Justin Levinson, Red Fox Trl; Andrew Pierz, Brule Cir; Debra Drewsen, Farmington Way; Ellen Schneiderman, Brule Cir; Jay Ford, Marathon Dr; Julianne Zweifel, Brule St; Greg Grigoriev, Widgeon Way; Amy Kell, Oak Creek Trl; Mark Hanson, Plover Cir; Josh Paul, Sauk Creek Dr; Jennifer Rygiewicz, Farmington Way; Peggy Scallon, Lake Mendota Dr; Nino Amato, Oak Creek Trl; Kathy Losby, Charles Ln; Ted Losby, Charles Ln; Jesse Lassiter, Red Fox Trl; Tatyana Warrick, North High Point Rd; Mark Redsten, Lake Mendota Dr; Jeannie Roberts, Yale Rd; John Voegeli, Yale Rd Oppose, available for questions; Edmond Drewsen, Farmington Way

McCahill moved to Return to Lead with the following Recommendations: Move approval of items 6 and 7 adopting the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan related to the West Area Plan, including the recommendations of staff for moving the cross-Beltline connection to the east and including it in the planned on-street protected bike route as illustrated in staff's memo to TC, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 - Juliana R. Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Robbie Webber; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Christopher T. McCahill and William F. Bremer

Noes: 2 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford and Denise N. Jess

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Non Voting: 1 - Ann E. Kovich

7. [84377](#) Adopting the West Area Plan, adopting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and archiving underlying plans.

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8. [84581](#) Update on East Mifflin Bike Boulevard

Renee Callaway and Traffic Engineer Sean Malloy provided verbal reports and were available for questions. Alder Rummel made comments.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; William Stedden, E Mifflin St; Oppose, available for questions; Jack Garver, S Bedford St; Support, does not wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St; Ross Milton, Sherman Ave; Jon Lowrey, E Dayton St; Larry Jensen, Jenifer St

9. [76320](#) Update from Appeal Subcommittee

Kovich shared updates about the recent TC subcommittee meeting regarding the appeal from Daniel Baron regarding a denial for a provisional taxi-cab license. Kovich was joined by Bremer and Jess on the subcommittee.

While the Subcommittee appreciated Daniel's willingness to change, they found that it was too soon since the last conviction to overturn the denial at this time.

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 shared JCAC updates:

-They are still studying options for improving the pedestrian and bicycle facilities around the limnology building, because it is a choke point. There was an article in the paper about how nobody is really sure how the Lakeshore path ended up being studied, whether it should be lit and paved, but there will be more public meetings in the Fall.

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

Kovich provided verbal updates:

-There is one vacancy on TC currently as Nikki Vander Meulen chose to step back.

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

Kovich provided verbal updates on some of the upcoming items. Please see that attachment in Legistar for other upcoming future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Webber moved to adjourn, seconded by Harrington-McKinney. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.