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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, December 11, 2024

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Juliana R. Bennett

Non Voting: 2 - Cailey A. Jamison and Lynn A. Olson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kliems moved to suspend the rules and introduce a special rule to allow recently appointed TC member Cailey Jamison to participate in discussion tonight, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

McCahill moved to approve the minutes of the November 20 meeting, seconded by Bremer, with Martinez-Rutherford abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [86404](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the December 11, 2024 Meeting
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

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- 2.* [86177](#) Authorizing the Traffic Engineering Division to accept a federal grant for \$91,000 to maintain and expand a safety education program and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the grant contracts and State/Municipal Agreements with Wisconsin Department of Transportation. (Citywide)
- Kliems moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
3. [86405](#) BRT Railroad Crossing Improvements at University and Babcock
- Capital Projects Manager Mike Cechvala with Metro and Director of Transportation Tom Lynch provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch, were available for questions.**
- Registrants as follows: Oppose, wish to speak; Dan Pensinger, Forsythia Pl**
4. [86406](#) Safe Streets Madison Badger Road Sidewalk Project
- Engineer Mario Galindez with City Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering Renee Callaway, Tom Lynch, and Assistant City Engineer Chris Petykowski, was available for questions.**
- Kliems moved to approve the project at the increased cost, seconded by Bremer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [86407](#) Review and Approval of the TC Annual Work Plan
- Chair Kovich provided verbal reports and, along with Tom Lynch and Renee Callaway, was available for questions.**
- Kliems moved to approve with the two changes suggested, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
6. [86408](#) Update on Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Projects
- Tom Lynch provided verbal reports and was available for questions. Alder Field made comments.**
- Registrants as follows: Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Gabriel Hill, Presidential Ln**
7. [86409](#) East Madison Bikeways - East Mifflin Diverter
- Renee Callaway and Traffic Engineer Sean Malloy provided verbal reports and were available for questions.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Dan Pensinger, Forsythia Pl Support, available for questions; John Nguyen, Monroe St Support, does not wish to speak; William Ochowicz, N Blair St; Josh Olson, E Washington Ave; Karen Bartlett, Mount Horeb; Benjamin Noffke, Westmorland Blvd**

Webber moved to recommend approval of the package that traffic engineering has presented including the diverter and additional improvements, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [80986](#) Reminder to Commission Members of the Annual Statement of Interest Form Completion Requirement
Kovich provided verbal updates.
9. [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.
None
10. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
Kovich shared verbal updates on TC appointments that were approved at the last Common Council meeting; Bill Bremer was moved from the second alternate to a resident member, Cailey Jamison was appointed as the first alternate and Lynn Olson was appointed as the second alternate.
11. [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 the attachment in Legistar for other upcoming future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Barros moved to adjourn, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.