



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Wednesday, April 15, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

**Present:** 9 - Michael J. Tierney; Grant Foster; Christopher T. McCahill; Ann E. Kovich; Jessica S. Piatt; William F. Bremer; Kenneth M. Streit; Brigit E. Brown and Harald Kliems

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Streit moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting, seconded by Kliems. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON TOPICS NOT ON THIS AGENDA

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Regarding ITEM 2, Harald Kliems disclosed that he is the Board President of Madison Bikes.

### STAFF REPORTS

- [60179](#) Report on the actions taken by the Transportation Department during the COVID-19 health emergency  
  
Transportation Director Tom Lynch provided verbal reports and was available for questions. Tierney moved to accept the report, seconded by Streit. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [60201](#) Street/Lane Closures for Social Distancing during the COVID-19 emergency  
  
City Traffic Engineer Yang Tao provided verbal reports and, along with Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway and Transportation Director Tom Lynch, was available for questions. Alder Heck, District 2; Alder Carter, District 14; Alder Rummel, District 6; and Alder Evers, District 13; expressed concerns, support and made inquiries.  
  
Registrants as follows: Support, Wish to speak: Tom Wilson, Clark Ct Support, Do not wish to speak: Gabriel Stanek, South Shore Dr; Lindsey Stanek, South Shore Dr; Zachary Redding, South Shore Dr; Duane Penegor, West Shore Dr; Kristin Penegor, West Shore Dr; Cathy Douglas, Worthington Av; Bill Whitford, Sherman Av

Streit moved to accept the report, seconded by McCahill. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE - by unanimous consent, the meeting proceeded to ITEM 9.**

### NEW BUSINESS

3. [60121](#) Temporarily suspend the enforcement of Madison General Ordinance Section 33.56(5) to allow the Director of Transportation, Transit Manager, Traffic Engineer, and Parking Manager to take actions related to transportation issues identified in Madison General Ordinance Section 33.56(5)(a)-(c)
- Tom Lynch provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Attorney John Strange, Interim Metro General Manager Natalie Erdman, Parking Division Manager Sabrina Tolley and Yang Tao was available for questions. Alders Kemble, District 18, and Harrington-McKinney, District 1, expressed concerns and made inquiries.**
- Registrant as follows: Oppose; Does not wish to speak, available for questions: Tom Wilson, Clark Ct**
- Foster moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Bremer: the actions taken related to transportation issues would be restricted to those identified in MGO 33.56(5)(a)-(b)**
1. decisions that cannot wait;
  2. actions taken as a result of the pandemic;
  3. more tight language regarding an end date;
  4. to change the wording for "when" the TC meets rather than "if";
  5. inform the TC of these actions by notifying the Chair.
- With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- Tierney leaves at 9:00 p.m. A new roll call is shown to reflect this:**
- Present - 8 - Grant Foster; Christopher T. McCahill; Ann E. Kovich; Jessica S. Piatt; William F. Bremer; Kenneth M. Streit; Brigit E. Brown; Harald Kliems**  
**Excused - 1 - Michael J. Tierney**
4. [60139](#) Temporarily suspend parking regulations under Madison General Ordinance Section 12.122, to support curbside pickup from grocery stores and restaurants.
- Sabrina Tolley provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Attorney Brittany Wilson, was available for questions. Streit moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5. [60178](#) To Approve actions taken by Metro during the COVID-19 health emergency
- Natalie Erdman provided verbal reports and was available for questions. Brown moved to approve, seconded by Streit. With no further discussion, the**

motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [60177](#) Review and Approval of Metro Transit's Proposed Service Changes to take effect in August of 2020 for Route 29 and UW Campus Routes 80, 81, 82, and 84.
- Natalie Erdman provided verbal reports and, along with Drew Beck, UW Commuter Solutions Manager Darwin Ward, and Margaret Bergamini with the UW Associated Students of Madison, was available for questions.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, Wish to speak: Nick Smith, Mound St  
Neither support nor oppose, Does not wish to speak, Available for questions: Darwin Ward, Walnut St; Margaret Bergamini, Few St**
- Streit moved to approve, seconded by Piatt. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.**
7. [59948](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into agreements with Abby Vans, Inc., Badger Bus Lines, Inc., and Transit Solutions, Inc. for the purpose of providing Paratransit Services to Metro Transit for a term of three (3) years from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 with two one-year options, exercisable by the City, to extend the term. If so exercised, option year one would be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, and option year two would be from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Each option shall be exercised in writing by the Metro Transit General Manager at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the original contract term.
- Paratransit Program Manager Nancy Senn provided verbal reports and, along with Deputy Transit General Manager Crystal Martin and Natalie Erdman, was available for questions. Streit moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Bremer. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.**
8. [59944](#) Approving the path geometry for Garver Path from Sugar Ave to Milwaukee Street (6th and 15th AD), Approving the roadway geometry for Starkweather Drive from Hargrove Street to Dawes Street and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Amendment to the contract with the KL Engineering, Inc for additional design engineering services. (6th & 15th AD)
- Chris Petykowski with City Engineering provided verbal reports and was available for questions. Streit moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, seconded by Kliems. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.**
9. [59953](#) Approving roadway geometry for the reconstruction of University Avenue from Shorewood Boulevard to University Bay Drive. (5th AD)
- Glen Yoerger with City Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Chris Petykowski and Jerry Schippa with Traffic Engineering, was available for questions. Alders Bidar, District 5 and Furman, District 19, spoke in support.**
- Registrants as follows: Support, Wish to speak: David Benforado, Village of Shorewood Hills President  
Oppose, Do not wish to speak: Alexander Harding, Blount St  
Support, Do not wish to speak: Thomas Nordberg, Van Hise Av; Peter Gray,**

Marathon Dr

Streit moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, seconded by Bremer. With no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE - by unanimous consent, the meeting proceeded to ITEM 3.**

**Announcements and future Agenda Items  
(for information only; not for discussion)**

**General Announcements by the Chair**

TC has only received permission to hold the 4/15/20 meeting. There are several critical items for both May and June, a request to hold meetings for both months will be made.

New Transit General Manager coming on board the week of May 4th - Justin Stuehrenberg.

Many thanks to Natalie Erdman for her service as Interim Transit General Manager during this very stressful time.

Many thanks to all the Transportation Department staff for their hard work during the COVID-19 emergency.

Joint TC/TPPB meeting and Traffic Calming Subcommittee meetings are on pause right now.

**Commission member suggestion for items on future agendas**

May - Vision Zero; Tip Review; PDD Zone Delivery Expansion; Metro Service Recovery Plan

June - Blair St; Cedar St; Lafollette Ave; Metro's Federally Mandated Safety Plan

Request was made to have more frequent meetings if possible so meetings are not so long

[56179](#)

Transportation Commission Work Plan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Foster moved to adjourn, seconded by Streit. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS (most recent meeting minutes electronically attached, if available)**

[07828](#)

Transportation Policy and Planning Board (TPPB)  
Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (TPB)  
Dane County's Specialized Transportation Commission (STC)  
Downtown Coordinating Committee (DCC)  
Joint Campus Area Committee (JCAC)