



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

Adoption of the Resolution will not commit the Council to additional expenditures at this time, but represents the next step toward ultimately significant potential impacts on future City capital and operating expenses. The recommendations of the Transport 2020 report provide for the implementation of a regional transportation system over the next 5 to 20 years. The recommended Transport 2020 system includes improvements to local bus services and establishment of new regional bus services, park-and-ride lots, streetcars, and commuter rail services. The report estimates that implementation of the initial Start-Up System (which includes commuter rail and express bus) will require capital expenditures of \$242 million. In addition, annual operating costs of the system are estimated to be \$40 million (which includes costs of all local transit services). Costs will be borne by a mix of Federal, State and Local dollars. Future extensions of the initial Start-Up System may have additional impacts to City finances.

This Resolution authorizes initiation of a Preliminary Engineering (PE)/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study. City planning staff estimate that the PE/NEPA process will require two years to complete - at an estimated cost of \$4.0 million. Funding sources for the PE/NEPA study are a combination of Federal and State funds.

Planning staff resources will be reallocated to provide support for the Task Force without the need for additional expenditure. Any future expenditures associated with the project will require further Council approval.

### Title

Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the consultant team of HNTB, et al., for Transport 2020 Preliminary Engineering and environmental documentation services for the City of Madison.

### Body

### PREAMBLE

On January 21, 2003, Resolution ID 32817 was adopted by the Madison Common Council. This resolution received the Transport 2020 Alternatives Analysis for the Dane County/Madison Metropolitan Area and endorsed the recommendations contained in the Final Report as a component of the City's strategy for addressing future transportation system planning and development. Further, Resolution ID 32817 authorized moving forward to the next phase of the implementation process - the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental documentation process.

The Transport 2020 project is being jointly sponsored by the City of Madison, Dane County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). Other entities strongly supporting the Transport 2020 project include the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the University of Wisconsin, the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and many other local units of government (e.g., City of Middleton, City of Fitchburg, Village of Shorewood Hills).

The long-term transportation system vision proposed in Transport 2020 is a multi-modal system consisting of commuter rail, electric streetcars, express bus services, park-and-ride lots and improvements to local bus service. This "Full System" transit vision will represent significant progress toward meeting the regional transportation, economic development and growth management goals established at the outset of the Transport 2020 project.

The first piece of this long-term transit vision to move forward will be a 13-mile commuter rail line - service that will also be supplemented by new express bus service, park and ride facilities and improved local bus services. This "Start-Up System" project is the first phase of an integrated multi-modal transit system for Madison and Dane County. Extensions of this system to serve many communities in Dane County are anticipated over time.

WHEREAS, the total cost of the PE/NEPA contract is \$4.0 million. Federal Transit Administration funds will fund \$2.0 million of the total cost of the contract, and the remainder of the necessary funding (\$2.0 million) will be provided by the

Wisconsin Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison, in partnership with Dane County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, released a request for proposals (RFP) for Preliminary Engineering and NEPA environmental documentation services. Copies of the RFP were sent to approximately forty-five (45) consultants and advertised in *Passenger Transport*, a national transit industry publication. The City of Madison received four (4) proposals; and

WHEREAS, the four proposals were reviewed by City of Madison, Dane County, Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, WisDOT, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and University of Wisconsin-Madison personnel. The consultant team of HNTB et al. were found to be a responsive and responsible proposer whose proposal is most advantageous to the City of Madison; and

WHEREAS, this calls for the consultant team of HNTB et al. to conduct the Preliminary Engineering and NEPA environmental documentation project as specified in the RFP; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid for the PE/NEPA services be awarded to the consultant team of HNTB, et al. and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign any necessary subsequent agreements; and,

NOW, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to enter into any agreements with Dane County and WisDOT, as necessary to fund and conduct this study.