Department Details

Department name: TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Type: Committee/Dept/Board/Commission

Meeting time:

Meeting location:

Primary contact:

Description: Madison General Ordinance 33.56 (updated/reconstituted 6/2023 per ORD-23-00034, file id 75901) - The purpose of the Transportation Commission is to develop transportation policies and make decisions regarding transportation system changes that are consistent with the stated purpose of this ordinance and any transportation policies or plans adopted by the Common Council.: (6)Power and Duties . (a)Transportation System Policies . 1.Work collaboratively with the Director of Planning, Community, and Economic Development to develop and recommend for adoption by the Common Council the transportation element of the City's comprehensive plan; 2.Consider, develop, and recommend for adoption by the Common Council transportation policies and plans for all elements of the City's transportation system; 3.Work to eliminate any disparities that people of color experience and people of low income experience with respect to the City's transportation policies, programs, services and destinations; 4.Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding proposed ordinances related to all elements of the City's transportation system; 5.Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding the proposed budgets of each division of the Department of Transportation; 6.Provide annual reports to the Common Council listing any transportation policies or plans that have been adopted by the Commission in the previous year; 7.Recommend that the Common Council establish a Disabled Parking Council of at least seven (7) members, on an ad hoc basis, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 346.50(3m), if any proposed ordinance imposes a 3-hour or less limitation on parking of a motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person. (b)Transportation System Oversight . 1.Except as provided below, the Transportation Commission shall review and approve all major changes to the City's transportation system, including Transit, Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicles elements of the City's transportation system, or changes outside of adopted policies. In approving changes, the Transportation Commission shall ensure that its decisions are consistent with the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan and all transportation policies adopted by the Common Council. i.It is authorized that the Director of Transportation or designee to make changes to the City's transportation system according to written policies adopted by the Transportation Commission establishing administrative authority, and that the Director or Designee follows the Commission's written policies when implementing such changes. ii.This requirement shall not apply to changes that related to day-to-day operations or routine maintenance. 2.Additionally, the Director of Transportation or designee may make such changes to the transportation system they deem necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of users of the City's transportation system, provided that any such change is reviewed and approved by the Transportation Commission within forty-five (45) days of implementation if such a change is not already authorized by the written policies adopted by the

Transportation Commission. 3.The Transportation Commission shall have the power to: i.Modify the Complete Green Streets Guide. ii.Approve updates to the Transit Priority Network. iii.Approve updates to the All Ages and Abilities Bike Network. iv.Approve any design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide. v.Provide recommendation to the Plan Commission for needed variances associated with sub-area plans and plats that propose street facilities and right-of-way widths that vary from the Complete Green Streets Guide. vi.Approval of amendments and modification to mitigation point values in the Transportation Demand Management Program administered by the Transportation Department, and any amendments thereto. vii.To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in a determination made by the Transportation Department or where additional relief in the form of mitigation points is required regarding a Transportation Demand Management Plan submitted under Sec. 16.03 MGO. viii To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Transportation Department in the enforcement of Sec. 16.03 MGO. ix.Review and approve requests made through the Safe Streets Madison program after considering all program priorities and evaluation criteria. x. Approve any changes to the Safe Streets Madison program. 4.The Transportation Commission shall review other items related to the City's transportation system referred by the Common Council or Director of Transportation or Designee. (c) Road Construction Projects . Final authority for approving road construction projects lies with the Common Council, which takes action after receiving a recommendation from the Board of Public Works. The Transportation Commission shall determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval, with Transportation Commission approval required for any geometric design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide. In making a recommendation to the Common Council, the Board of Public Works may recommend approval of the road construction project, including the road geometry approved by the Transportation Commission, refer the road geometry decision back to the Transportation Commission for reconsideration, or recommend against approval of the road construction project on the basis that it does not agree with the Transportation Commission's decision regarding road geometry. For road construction projects identified as appropriate for administrative approval and in compliance with the Complete Green Streets Guide, The Transportation Commission may authorize the Director of Transportation or designee to determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval. (d)Complete Green Streets . 1.Determine the right-of-way use and geometric designs to be included in the final plans and specifications sent to the Board of Public Works and Common Council for approval. 2.Modify Complete Green Streets Guide. 3.Approve updates to Transit Priority Network. 4.Approve updates to the All Ages and Abilities Bike Network. 5.Approve any design variances from the Complete Green Streets Guide.

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date
VACANCY	First Alternate	5/1/2026	
Appointed By:	Mayor/Council Confirms		
Will Ochowicz	Common Council Member	4/15/2025	4/20/2027
Appointed By:	Mayor/Council Confirms		
Sean O'Brien	Common Council Member	4/15/2025	4/20/2027
Appointed By:	Mayor/Council Confirms		

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Derek Field	Common Council Member	4/21/2026	4/20/2027
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Barbara Harrington-McKinney	Common Council Member	6/20/2023	4/20/2027
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Ann E. Kovich	Resident Member	6/20/2023	6/30/2029
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Robbie Webber	Resident Member	6/20/2023	6/30/2029
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Denise N. Jess	Resident Member	6/20/2023	6/30/2029
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros	Resident Member	6/20/2023	6/30/2028
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
William F. Bremer	Resident Member	12/10/2024	6/30/2028
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Christopher T. McCahill	Resident Member	6/20/2023	6/30/2028
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Harald Kliems	Resident Member	7/25/2023	6/30/2027
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			
Lynn A. Olson	Second Alternate	12/10/2024	6/30/2027
Appointed By: Mayor/Council Confirms			

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