



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No additional appropriation required.

Title

Direction to Implement the Metro Network Redesign in summer 2023

Body

WHEREAS, the current Metro transfer point system forces people living in peripheral areas of the City of Madison to make transfers to get to most destinations in the City; and

WHEREAS, peripheral areas of the City of Madison contain higher proportions of people of color than the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, previous ridership surveys have confirmed that people of color have substantially longer trips and are forced to transfer at a significantly higher rate; and

WHEREAS, Metro has received extensive complaints about trip durations, required transfers, safety concerns at transfer points, and the complexity of the system being difficult for Metro users; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Metro selected a consultant to study how a redesigned network could benefit most people in the City of Madison; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, that study, called the "Transit Network Redesign" conducted a public outreach campaign that favored a shift to a network that provided fewer routes, running more often, that no longer is designed around transfer points but instead traveled all the way across the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Transportation and Policy Board directed staff to prepare a Draft Network Plan that followed that guidance; and

WHEREAS, from January to April 2022, Metro staff shared a draft network plan and attended over 50 public meetings and collected over 3,000 public comments on the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff have prepared amendments to the draft plan in order to address many of the public comments; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022, the Madison Common Council adopted a resolution adopting the Transit Network Redesign plan and amendments contingent on preparation of final details such as start and end times, bus stop locations, and Title VI analysis for approval by the Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, staff has completed the preparation of these details, including documentation that the plan will not have a disparate impact on communities of color or a disproportionate burden on low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, staff has proposed to implement these service changes during the summer months of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission has scheduled a public hearing on these final details on November 9, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby direct staff to implement the Transit Network Redesign, comprised of the plan and amendments as approved by the Common Council on June 7, 2022 and the implementation details presented to the Transportation Commission on November 9, 2022 and approved by the Transportation Commission at a subsequent meeting.