



**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015**

Transportation and Transit Commission Members Present: Kim Lobdell, Rich Tate, Michael Gernetzke, Ron Johnson, and Troy Klein.

Members Absent: Jason Gonzalez, Darren Blankenship

Others Present: Ahnaray Bizjak – Transportation Project Engineer

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting of the TTC was called to order by the committee chairperson Kim Lobdell at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Public Appearances – Non Agenda Items** – None
3. **Approval of Minutes** –
 - a. **May 7** - Motion by Michael Gernetzke, second by Troy Klein, to **approve** the May 7 minutes. *Motion passed.*
 - b. **June 11** – Motion by Gernetzke, second by Klein, to approve the minutes of the joint BPW/TTC meeting held on June 11. *Motion passed.*
4. **Report of the Transportation Project Engineer** – Ahna Bizjak reported that a public opinion survey was going to be conducted for the Lacy Road Reconstruction project. She commented that the project has been very controversial and that residents have been asking for more time to provide public input. Bizjak stated that the resolution for the typical section would be referred to TTC for review and input.

Bizjak reported that the City would be submitting a new application for Bicycle Friendly Community. At present, Fitchburg is a bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community. The hope is to improve to Silver or Gold.

Bizjak reported on a series of upcoming Transit Listening Sessions that are being hosted by Dane County. One of the listening sessions will be held in Fitchburg on Monday, August 31. Bizjak will send the information out to commission members and encouraged them to attend if they can.

5. Resolution R-78-15, Approving the Transit Service Agreement between the City of Madison and the City of Fitchburg

Bizjak provided background for the update to the transit service agreement. There were 3 primary goals for updating the service agreement:

- 1) Create a standard contract to ensure consistency between and among contracting partners,

- 2) Update the Payment Method to be fair and equitable, and
- 3) Update Attachment A to reflect current transit service arrangements and eliminate outdated sections of the agreement that are no longer relevant.

She further explained that the updated payment method includes 3 modifications; 2 of which have already been in effect for several years. The changes included 1) allocating a percentage of "other revenue" to the contracting partners, 2) maintaining a minimum contingency fund balance, and 3) allocating a percentage of deadhead time to each contracting partner.

Motion to **approve** R-78-15 by Gernetzke, second by Rich Tate. *Motion passed.*

6. Resolution R-81-15, General Beverage permit for parking within City property

Motion by Tate to **approve** R-81-15 with amendment to add a new Condition 1 to protect the existing path alignment and renumber all other conditions accordingly, second by Gernetzke. *Motion passed 4-0, Ron Johnson abstained from voting and 2 members were absent.*

Joel Minkoff, representing General Beverage, registered in support of R-81-15. Mr. Minkoff spoke to commission members and provided background on their situation and past negotiations with WisDOT. He commented that they want to stay in Fitchburg, but have been constrained and impacted by multiple road projects related to Verona Road, McKee Road, and utility relocations. The proposed redevelopment of the site will be affected in a manner that they cannot fit their parking or fire lane needs on their site. He is requesting permission from the City to place parking along the east side of the building to allow for the second stage of their expansion.

William Haus, representing General Beverage, registered in support of R-81-15.

Michael Zimmerman, representing Fitchburg Economic Development, registered in support of R-81-15 and provided comments: In support of resolution, need to provide estimate of costs to date and work with General Beverage on not to exceed amount for future costs.

Bizjak provided background on the resolution and discussed the trade-offs, as well as benefits, that could be obtained by allowing parking within the railroad corridor. She discussed an amendment that staff would recommend to further protect the existing Military Ridge Path. She suggested adding a new Condition 1 and to renumber all other conditions accordingly. The new condition would read as follows:

- 1) The existing Military Ridge Path alignment will not be altered or impeded by the addition of parking, drives, or any other allowed private use within the railroad corridor.

This recommendation was agreed to by the commission members and was added to the motion by friendly amendment.

Gerntezke commented that the Resolution passed at Board of Public works with a 2 to 1 vote. He commented that Mayor Arnold expressed concern that this sets a precedent for private parking (or private use) within a public corridor.

7. Announcements

- a. Gernetzke commented that the Board of Public Works would be choosing a new representative for TTC.

b. Next regularly scheduled TTC meeting will be Thursday, Sept 10., 2015

8. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.