



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Specialized Transportation Commission

Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, September 24, 2020

5:15 PM

Remote meeting

Call: 1-877-309-2073

Access code: 372-766-013

A. Call To Order

Others present: B. Carter and N. Senn.

Staff present: J. Betzig and L. Osawa

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 pm.

Present 9 - DONALD ASHBAUGH, JENNIFER HARDESTY, DIANE HARLESS, BEN LYMAN, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, Supervisor HEIDI WEGLEITNER, SHAR BRUNES, Supervisor CARL CHENOWETH, and Supervisor MICHELE DOOLAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2020
[MIN-187](#)

Attachments: [2020_0820 Specialized Transportation Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by LYMAN, seconded by DOOLAN, that the August 20, 2020 minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - ASHBAUGH, HARDESTY, HARLESS, LYMAN, VELDRAN, WEGLEITNER, BRUNES, CHENOWETH and DOOLAN

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

1. Metro Transit – Nancy Senn, Paratransit Manager

[2020](#)
[PRES-041](#)

METRO PARATRANSIT PROGRAM SEPT. 2020

Attachments: [Metro Paratransit Program Sept. 2020](#)

See attached Metro Paratransit Program. Paratransit serves as a complement to Metro fixed-route bus service and is eligible to those who cannot use mainline bus service due to a disability. It is a shared ride service. The state began implementation of Family care in 2018. By year end 2018, the number of dispatched rides decreased by 47% (155,000 rides) compared to 2017 (300,000 rides). Rides declined an additional 27% by year end 2019 (113,300 rides) compared to 2018 (155,000 rides). Family Care focused on dispatching individual rides from various vendors rather than using coordinated group and shared ride systems. Dispatched rides began to stabilize at 9,500 rides per month late 2019 through February 2020. Due to the COVID pandemic in March 2020, paratransit implemented precautionary measures and many patrons followed stay at home orders. Ridership plummeted. COVID is expected to last into 2021.

E. Reports to Commission

1. SWCAP Work n' Wheels

SWCAP Work N' Wheels presentation is slated for the Oct. 15, 2020 STC meeting.

2. S85.21 Public Hearing

The S85.21 Public Hearing to be announced soon.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: October 15, 2020. Virtual meeting.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by LYMAN, seconded by DOOLAN, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - ASHBAUGH, HARDESTY, HARLESS, LYMAN, VELDRAN, WEGLEITNER, BRUNES, CHENOWETH and DOOLAN

This meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Betzig.