



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?

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

5:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at
the ADRC, 2865 N Sherman Avenue
in Madison, Room 109, or via Zoom

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The March 25, 2026 Specialized Transportation Commission meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

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If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: moll.jana@danecounty.gov

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Nathanael Brown, Jennifer Fischer, Howard Thomas

Chair Veldran called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present 6 - BILL CARTER, JENNIFER HARDESTY, BEN LYMAN, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, ADAM BRABENDER, and TOMMY RYLANDER
Absent 3 - Supervisor MICHELE DOOLAN, Supervisor KERRY MARREN, and RON KUHN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-638](#) JANUARY STC MINUTES

Attachments: [1.28.26 STC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by LYMAN, seconded by BRABENDER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

Attendance Update

Doolan joined the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Present 7 - BILL CARTER, JENNIFER HARDESTY, BEN LYMAN, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, Supervisor MICHELE DOOLAN, ADAM BRABENDER, and TOMMY RYLANDER
Absent 2 - Supervisor KERRY MARREN, and RON KUHN

C. Presentations

1. Work-N-Wheels, Jeff Segebrecht- SWCAP

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DANE COUNTY CAR LOANS 2025

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Attachments: [Dane County Car Loans 2025](#)

Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program Director Jeff Segebrecht shared the Work-N-Wheels initiative made 21 loans to Dane County residents in 2025, which was down from 2024 due to the agency being affected by the federal government shutdown.

Dane County's contribution to the program is roughly \$20,000 per year. In 2025, \$141,100 was loaned to Dane County residents toward the purchase of a vehicle for the purpose of having transportation to work.

The average loan amount is \$6,500 to \$7,000. The Section 5311 federal funding is directed to rural transportation assistance. Loans can be made to Madison residents, but only if their job location is outside of the city and considered rural.

Nine or 10 loans have been facilitated for Dane County residents in the first quarter of 2026 and the agency expects to execute 30-40 loans by year's end.

The loans are zero percent interest. Recipients must pay an admin fee of 5 percent up front and are asked to pay the dealer 4-5 percent of the purchase price. For a typical \$7,000 loan, recipients would need to pay approximately \$700 up front, then make monthly payments that work within their budget. A typical monthly payment is \$200. The admin fee dollars are placed in a pool to be loaned to help pay for vehicle repairs.

Commission members thanked Segebrecht for the positive impact the Work-N-Wheels program making in Dane County and throughout the state.

D. Action Items

None.

Attendance Update

Kuhn joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Present 8 - BILL CARTER, JENNIFER HARDESTY, BEN LYMAN, Supervisor MATT VELDRAN, Supervisor MICHELE DOOLAN, ADAM BRABENDER, TOMMY RYLANDER, and RON KUHN

Absent 1 - Supervisor KERRY MARREN

E. Reports to Commission

1. Updates from Transportation Call Center - Nathanael Brown

Dane County Transportation Coordinator Nathanael Brown reported he met recently with Madison Metro staff to learn more about adding financial value to county residents' Fast Fare cards rather than providing monthly bus passes.

Madison Metro plans to phase out monthly passes, and adding the value of a monthly pass to individuals' accounts would potentially reduce the workload for county staff. Individuals would simply need to share their account number to have the monthly bus pass value added to their accounts.

Lyman shared the change would also benefit consumers by helping them reach daily, weekly and monthly Fare Cap Pricing levels, potentially providing more rides for the same cost as the monthly passes.

Brown also reported the county plans to issue a Request for Proposals in 2026 for medical ride services. Services have been provided by RSVP of Dane County via a bid waiver in the past. RSVP is expected to submit an RFP to continue providing the services. Brown plans to update Commission members on this process at the next meeting.

Brown stated 2025 Transportation Call Center data will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Updates from Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization - Ben Lyman

Lyman reported the public comment period for the Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization's Active Transportation Plan for Dane County has been extended two weeks to Monday, April 13, and encouraged people to review it at cityofmadison.com/mpo.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. at the ADRC and via Zoom

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 RYLANDER, seconded by BRABENDER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 8-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Howard Thomas pending Commission approval.