

Minutes
Transportation Commission Meeting
Conference Room- 2700 Week Street
December 4, 2014

Commission members in attendance: Ald. Mary Stroik, Karalyn Peterson, Elbert Rackow, Fred Hopfensperger

Excused: Ald. Jeremy Slowinski, Chairperson Nichole Lysne

Others present: Transit Manager; Susan Lemke

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Elbert Rackow.

1. Approval of the October 30, 2014 Transportation Commission minutes.

Ald. Mary Stroik moved to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2014 Transportation Commission meeting. Karalyn Peterson seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. October 2014 claims/ financial report.

Elbert Rackow moved to approve the October 2014 claims/financial report. Fred Hopfensperger seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. 2015-2016 UWSP academic calendar year transportation agreement.

The 2015-2016 UWSP transportation agreement has been finalized and signed by Mayor Halverson and Katie Schroth, the Director of Finance at UWSP. The agreement will be effective September 2015 through May 2016.

4. Manager's Report:

• **Secretary Gottlieb's proposed biennial budget as it relates to public transit.**

Manager Lemke presented a breakdown of Secretary Gottlieb's proposed transportation budget as it relates to public transportation. The following items are in the proposed budget, for consideration by Governor Walker:

- 2% increase in operating aids for each transit tier. Additional funding for tier C to accommodate four new tier C systems. Funded through General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funds.
- 1% increase for elderly and disabled aids to counties.
- \$15,000,000 in a new appropriation for capital assistance, funded through GPR. 80% reimbursement with 100% reimbursement of the cost between alternative fuel vehicles and an equivalent diesel powered vehicle, if alternative vehicles are purchased.
- \$30,000,000 general obligation bonding authority for CNG fueling stations.
- New GPR appropriation of \$4,044,400 in FY 16 and \$16,177,600 in FY 17 for the Supplemental Transit Expansion Program (STEP). STEP will target operating assistance funding to 1.) Increase transit availability and ridership statewide, 2.) Establish additional transit service with a meaningful connection to employment, and 3.) Encourage economic development through enhanced transit services within a community.

• **Staff Updates:**

It is anticipated that all individuals who have been on long term medical leaves will be returning to their respective positions by the middle of December.

Karalyn Peterson moved to approve the Manager's report. Ald. Mary Stroik seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

5. Next meeting date.

January 22, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.