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### Title

Repealing and recreating Section 12.905 to update the mass transit ways in the City of Madison to reflect current road uses and designate the bus rapid transit routes as mass transit ways.

### Body

**DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS:** The City's Mass Transit Ways ordinance section is out of date. This amendment updates and re-structures the section to group similar types of lane restrictions. It also incorporates the lane restrictions of the recently established Bus Rapid Transit routes into the ordinance. Most of the changes herein reflect already authorized signage. However, subsections (2) and (3) add a new restriction to certain bus lanes, indicating that such lane segments are exclusively for municipally-owned transit buses rather than all motor buses.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 12.905 entitled "Mass Transit Ways and Preferential Land Use Designation" of the Madison General Ordinances is repealed and recreated as follows:

**12.905 MASS TRANSIT WAYS AND PREFERENTIAL LAND USE DESIGNATION.**

In addition to regulations and restrictions established pursuant to other sections of these ordinances, the following named roadways or parts of roadways in the City of Madison are hereby established under the provisions of Wis. Stat. §§ 349.22 and 349.23, for use by a particular class or classes of vehicles including but not limited to buses, carpools, taxis, and bicycles, and for certain vehicle operations such as turning and parking. For purposes of this section, a person may occupy a preferential use lane to make a permitted turn only as long as necessary to execute such turn and only with due regard for the reasonable safety of other lawful users of the preferential lane.

(1) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to use by bicycles, buses, and right turns only:

- (a) The west side curb lane of North Carroll from West Mifflin Street to West Washington Avenue
- (b) The west side curb lane of South Carroll Street from West Washington Avenue to West Main Street
- (c) The south side curb lane of West Main Street from South Carroll Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
- (d) The south side curb lane of East Main Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to South Pinckney Street
- (e) The north side curb lane of East Mifflin Street from Pinckney Street to Wisconsin Avenue
- (f) The north side curb lane of West Mifflin Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Carroll Street
- (g) The east side curb lane of South Pinckney Street from East Main Street to East Washington Avenue
- (h) The east side curb lane of North Pinckney Street from East Washington Avenue to East Mifflin Street
- (i) On both curb lanes of South Park Street from the point where the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Tracks cross South Park Street south of the intersection with Plaenert Drive to West Badger Road.
- (j) On both curb lanes of Gammon Road between Mineral Point Road and Tree Lane
- (k) The east side curb lane of Gammon Road from Schroeder Road to the westbound off-ramp of the West Beltline Highway
- (l) The south side curb lane of Campus Drive 300 feet west of Babcock Drive to Babcock Drive, with buses restricted to municipally-owned transit buses only.
- (m) The south curb lane of Johnson Street from Randall Avenue to Frances Street
- (n) The west side curb lane of South Pleasant View Road from Prairie Hill Road to Flagstone Drive
- (o) The east side curb lane of South Pleasant View Road from McKee Road to Flagstone Drive

(2) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to use by municipally-owned transit buses only and left turns where indicated by signage and pavement markings:

- (a) On both median lanes of Mineral Point Road from Whitney Way to Tree Lane
- (b) The southbound median lane of Whitney Way from Sheboygan Avenue to Mineral Point Road

- (c) The northbound median lane of Whitney Way from Mineral Point Road to Langlois Street
- (d) The median lanes of East Washington Avenue from Butler Street to Fair Oaks Avenue
- (3) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to use by municipally-owned transit buses only:
  - (a) The eastbound left lane of Sheboygan Avenue 500 feet west of North Segoe Road to North Segoe Road
  - (b) The northbound middle lane of Segoe Road from Frey Street to University Avenue
  - (c) The eastbound left lane of Campus Drive from Farley Avenue to 800 feet east of Farley Avenue
  - (d) The lane left of the south curb lane of Campus Drive between Lorch Court and Randall Avenue
  - (e) The lane left of the south curb lane of Johnson Street between Frances Street and Bassett Street
  - (f) The connector road between the Stoughton Road Frontage Road and Mendota Street
- (4) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to buses and bicycles only:
  - (a) The roadway connection between the Jenifer Street cul-de-sac and Williamson Street
- (5) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to bicycles only:
  - (a) The south side curb lane of Spaight Street from Jenifer Street to a point 120 feet eastward
  - (b) The east side curb lane of Thornton Avenue from Dayton Street to a point 80 feet north of East Johnson Street
  - (c) The west side curb lane of North Brearly Street from Sherman Avenue to East Gorham Street
  - (d) The west side curb lane of North Park Street from University Avenue to Conklin Court
  - (e) The east side curb lane of Gammon Road from the eastbound on-ramp to the westbound off-ramp of the West Beltline Highway
  - (f) The north side curb lane of Vilas Park Drive from the Vilas Zoo parking lot entrance to Edgewood Avenue, upon which bicycles are restricted to traveling in a westerly direction only.
- (6) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to bicycles and right turns only:
  - (a) Both curb lanes of West Dayton Street between Marion Street and Orchard Street
  - (b) The east side curb lane of North Park Street from West Johnson Street to Lathrop Drive
  - (c) The north side curb lane of Old Middleton Road from Whitney Way to Old Sauk Road
  - (d) The north side curb lane of Old Sauk Road from Old Middleton Road to High Point Road
  - (e) Both curb lanes of Seminole Highway between Manitou Way and the West Beltline Highway south side service road
  - (f) The west side curb lane of Gammon road from Seybold Road to Schroeder Road
- (7) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to parking, bicycles and right turns only:
  - (a) The north side curb lane of Gorham Street from Brearly Street to University Avenue

- (b) The south side curb lane of Old Middleton Road from Old Sauk Road to Whitney Way
- (c) The south side curb lane of Old Sauk Road from High Point Road to Old Middleton Road
- (8) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to parking, bicycles and left turns only:
  - (a) The north side curb lane of Johnson Street from State Street to Brearly Street
- (9) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to left-turning bicycles only:
  - (a) The third lane from the east side curb on Park Street from University Avenue to 100 feet south of University Avenue
  - (b) The third lane from the west side curb on Park Street from University Avenue to 50 feet north of University Avenue
- (10) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted to buses and right turns only:
  - (a) The curb lanes of East Washington Avenue from Thierer Road to East Springs Drive
  - (b) The south curb lane of Johnson Street from Bassett Street to State Street
- (11) The following roadways or parts of roadways are restricted as stated hereunder:
  - (a) The north side curb lane of University Avenue from West Gorham Street to Lorch Court is restricted to buses and right turns only and the adjacent roadway lane for bicycles only.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Section 12.905 entitled "Mass Transit Ways and Preferential Land Use Designation" of the Madison General Ordinances currently reads as follows:

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- (1) On the west side curb lane of North Carroll from West Mifflin Street to West Washington Avenue for bicycles, buses, and right turns only.
- (2) On the west side curb lane of South Carroll Street from West Washington Avenue to West Main Street for bicycles, buses, and right turns only.
- (3) On the roadway connection between the Jenifer Street cul-de-sac and Williamson Street for buses and bicycles only.
- (4) On the south side curb lane of West Main Street from South Carroll Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard for bicycles, buses and right turns only.
- (5) On the south side curb lane of East Main Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to South Pinckney Street for bicycles, buses and right turns only.
- (6) On the north side curb lane of East Mifflin Street from Pinckney Street to Wisconsin Avenue for bicycles, buses and right turns only.
- (7) On the north side curb lane of West Mifflin Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Carroll Street

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- (8) On the east side curb lane of South Pinckney Street from East Main Street to East Washington Avenue for bicycles, buses and right turns only.
  - (9) On the east side curb lane of North Pinckney Street from East Washington Avenue to East Mifflin Street for bicycles, buses and right turns only.
  - (10) On the south side curb lane of Spaight Street from Jenifer Street to a point 120 feet eastward for bicycles only.
  - (11) (R. by Ord. 7638, 1-28-82)
  - (12) On the south side (eastbound roadway) of University Avenue from Babcock Drive to North Bassett Street for bicycles only.
  - (13) On the north side curb lane of University Avenue from West Gorham Street to Lorch Court for buses and right turns only and the adjacent roadway lane for bicycles only.
  - (14) (R. by Ord. 11,394, Adopted 11-7-95)
  - (15) On both curb lanes of Mineral Point Road from Whitney Way to the West Beltline Highway for bicycles, buses, and right turns only.
  - (16) On both curb lanes of South Park Street from the Chicago & North Western Railroad tracks to Badger Road for bicycles, buses and right turns only.
  - (17) On the east side curb lane of Thornton Avenue from Dayton Street to a point 80 feet north of East Johnson Street for bicycles only.
  - (18) On both curb lanes of West Dayton Street between Marion Street and Orchard Street for bicycles and right turns only.
  - (19) On the north side curb lane of Gorham Street from Brearly Street to University Avenue for parking, bicycles and right turns only.
  - (20) On the north side curb lane of Johnson Street from Bassett Street to Brearly Street for parking, bicycles and left turns only.
  - (21) On the west side curb lane of North Brearly Street from Sherman Avenue to East Gorham Street for right-turning bicycles only.
  - (22) On the east side curb lane of North Park Street from West Johnson Street to Lathrop Drive for bicycles and right turns only.
  - (23) On the west side curb lane of North Park Street from University Avenue to Conklin Court for bicycles only.
  - (24) On the north side curb lane of Old Middleton Road from Whitney Way to Old Sauk Road for bicycles and right turns only.
  - (25) On the south side curb lane of Old Middleton Road from Old Sauk Road to Whitney Way for parking, bicycles and right turns only.
  - (26) On the north side curb lane of Old Sauk Road from Old Middleton Road to High Point Road for bicycles and right turns only.
  - (27) On the south side curb lane of Old Sauk Road from High Point Road to Old Middleton Road for parking, bicycles and right turns only.
  - (28) On both curb lanes of Gammon Road between Mineral Point Road and Tree Lane for buses, bicycles and right turns only.
  - (29) On the east side curb lane of Gammon Road from the eastbound on-ramp to the westbound off-ramp of the West Beltline Highway for bicycles only.
  - (30) On both curb lanes of Seminole Highway between Manitou Way and the West Beltline Highway south side service road for bicycles and right turns only.
  - (31) On the north side curb lane of Vilas Park Drive from the Vilas Zoo parking lot entrance to Edgewood Avenue for bicycles traveling in a westerly direction only.
  - (32) On the third lane from the east side curb on Park Street from University Avenue to 100 feet south of University Avenue for left-turning bicycles only.
  - (33) On the third lane from the west side curb on Park Street from University Avenue to 50 feet north of University Avenue for left-turning bicycles only.
  - (34) (R. by Ord. 11,080, 12-6-94)

- (35) On the west side curb lane of Gammon road from Seybold Road to Schroeder Road for bicycles and right turns only.
- (36) On the east side curb lane of Gammon Road from Schroeder Road to the westbound off-ramp of the West Beltline Highway for bicycles and right turns only."