



MEMORANDUM

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To: Ald. Robert J. Bauman
From: Richard Withers, Legislative fiscal Analyst ext. 8532
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Subject: Background Information for Common Council File Number 110206

The Public Transportation Review Board (PTRB) was created by passage of ordinance file number 101220 on February 8, 2011. The PTRB succeeds to the Transportation Review Board which will dissolve after June 30, 2011.

The responsibilities of the PTRB include:

- Reviewing and reporting on the licensing and regulation of public passenger vehicle services provided within the city or to city residents.
- Reviewing and reporting on other modes of public ground transportation including transportation by buses, para-transit services, trolley and street cars, rail transport.
- Reviewing and reporting on any other modes of public passenger transport that are or may become available within the city or to city residents and persons employed within the city.

Membership of the PTRB was increased from 10 to 11 members by passage of ordinance file number 110090 on May 24, 2011, to be published on June 13, 2011.

The proposed ordinance in File Number 110206 (Substitute 1) provides exceptions to the requirement of s. 320-3 that members of boards and commissions be residents of the city. The exceptions are for any member who represents the interests of Milwaukee county transit services and any member who represents the interests of handicapped passengers in the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

The ordinance also provides that members of the public transportation review board may name alternates as provided in s. 320-4. A person named as an alternate by a member who is not subject to the city residency requirement shall also be exempt from the city residency requirement.

Section 320-4 provides that an authorized board member may name an alternate by notifying the city clerk in writing, and may also change the named alternate by written notice to the city clerk. Alternates may represent their respective members and exercise all powers of members when members are unable to attend meetings.