

**Minutes of the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board
Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Advisory Committee**

Madison Municipal Building, Room 260

October 6, 2016

215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

11:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Flottmeyer, D. Paoni (for Sarnecki), D. Beck (for Kamp), Esser, Hilbert, Doyle*, Lobdell, Chenoweth*, Clark, Little, Larson, Golden, Hicks, Lawler

Members Absent: Porterfield, Lerner, Gomez, Wilson, Schmitz

Others Present: W. Schaefer, M. Cechvala, P. Gritzmacher, B. Zellers, U. Martin

* Arrived during Item #4

2. Introduction

Members and staff were introduced.

3. Approval of June 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Esser, seconded by Lobdell, to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation on Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Needs Analysis

Cechvala said that the recently completed Bicycle Transportation Plan will provide most of the material and recommendations for the long range plan. Since there is no regional pedestrian plan, more analysis has been done to update the sidewalk database and identify needs. Cechvala provided a presentation highlighting the pedestrian and bicycle facility needs analysis and key recommendations that will be included in the plan. He noted the primary addition related to bicycle facilities was a gaps and barriers analysis of existing urban areas highlighting priority on and off street facilities to supplement the regional priority paths highlighted in the bicycle plan.

Golden said that one of the difficulties in retrofitting in bicycle and pedestrian facilities is land acquisition costs. Dane County has a general policy of not acquiring right of way for the sole purpose of adding bicycle facilities. He suggested adding a recommendation of preserving and acquiring right-of-way where facilities are anticipated or desired.

Hicks said that it was important to recognize that people in wheelchairs use pedestrian facilities, too, and that retrofitting curb ramps and sidewalks to accommodate all users should be recommended. Schaefer agreed, mentioning that each community is supposed to have an ADA transition plan that requires improving sidewalks for compliance as roadway reconstruction occurs. Some communities such as Madison have a program to repair sidewalks and install accessible curb ramps independent of street projects.

5. Presentation on Preliminary Travel Forecast Modeling Runs for Different Transportation Project Scenarios

Schaefer gave a presentation on preliminary results of the regional travel demand modeling that has been completed. He presented draft maps showing congested and severely congested roadways under different transportation project scenarios starting with one that only included programmed projects and new/planned collectors and then others that added potential capacity expansions. These included the Beltline and Stoughton Road projects currently being studied and the North Mendota Parkway project that has been previously studied. All of the scenarios included the planned BRT system and other transit service improvements. The transit improvements reduce traffic through the isthmus but

not enough to affect the level of service category. He said the modeling results and financial analysis to be done would be used to develop a final set of recommended capacity projects and studies.

Golden mentioned that the future household, population, and employment maps and tables do not include community-specific information for the Village of Windsor.

6. Review of Draft Presentation and Materials for the Public Meetings and Online Public Engagement Tools

Schaefer said that there will be three upcoming public presentations at the Warner Park Community Center in Madison, Middleton, and Fitchburg. Schaefer showed the powerpoint presentation that will be given at the meetings. He also described the activity planned. Gritzmacher briefly reviewed the public engagement tools that will be available on the plan website. These include a budget simulator and a project review mapping tool.

7. Brief Review of Draft Goals and Policies Chapter of the RTP Report

Schaefer said that the draft goals and policies had been put into a draft RTP report chapter, which includes some additional information and graphics explaining some of the key concepts. He encouraged committee members to review it and provide comments.

Golden commented that he thought the language for some of the policies could be strengthened, replacing “support” and “encourage” with other verbs. Schaefer responded that such terms were used for policies related to land use and other things that the MPO doesn’t have authority over. He provided an example. The MPO project selection criteria favor projects that support redevelopment and mixed use centers. The policy provides the foundation for the criteria. He said that the plan will include recommendations that are more specific action items. That said, staff will review the policies again to see if any could be strengthened. Hilbert said the plan, including the policies, serve an educational function as well. Schaefer agreed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.