

**Minutes of the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board
Technical Coordinating Committee**

March 22, 2017

Fitchburg Community Center, Prairie View Room

2:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Hall, Larson, Beck, Petykowski (for Phillips), Martin (for Trowbridge), Dunphy, Violante, Paoni, Koprowski, Batuzich

Members Absent: Schweppe, Coville, Scheel, Even, Stauske, Stephany, Horton, Sayre, Kugler, Dryer, Wheeler

Others Present: W. Schaefer, D. Kanning, E. Frost, Matthew Spiel

2. Approval of February 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Dunphy moved, Paoni seconded, to approve the February 22, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Review and Recommendation on Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2050

Schaefer provided a presentation on the Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2050, summarizing the chapters and recommendations. He said staff held public information meetings in Madison, Waunakee and Sun Prairie. The public hearing for the draft plan was held on March 1. Schaefer stated that the deadline for submission of public comments was today. Proposed substantive changes to the draft plan were included in an addition/change sheet handed out at the meeting. The two main changes were making the Interstate 39/90/94 study a recommended future study to reflect the recent cancellation of the current study, and adding a segment of Mineral Point Road to the bikeway gaps and barriers map. He said FHWA and WisDOT Southwest Region recently submitted their comments and staff was reviewing them. FHWA had a question regarding allocation of growth for the travel forecasts, and Schaefer explained the process. He noted that in general projects were not assumed when allocating the growth. Assumed redevelopment was focused to a large degree in the BRT corridors based on city plans and policies. Most of the comments were informational, not related to the recommendations. Schaefer said staff still expect to receive comments from WisDOT Planning.

Koprowski asked about the implementation boundaries of the hypothetical vehicle registration fee. Schaefer said that the revenue estimate was for the Metro area. Batuzich said that he reviewed the financial analysis, and that it appeared to be fine. Paoni said that WisDOT is currently working on a fiscal analysis database to assist with conducting future fiscal constraint analyses.

Paoni moved, Koprowski seconded, to recommend approval of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2050 with the revisions in the addition/change sheet. Motion carried.

4. Presentation on Governor's State Transportation Budget and Impact on Schedule of Major Projects and Studies in Dane County (WisDOT Staff)

Presentation deferred since WisDOT staff responsible for presentation were not present.

5. Presentation on Traffic Count Management Software Program Being Implemented for Madison Metro Area

Kanning provided a brief presentation on the status of the Jackalope traffic data management system that is being implemented. City of Madison Traffic Engineering and MPO staff have been working with a consultant, High Desert Traffic, to develop the system for the transportation network in Dane County. Jackalope will offer web-based access to traffic volumes, volume reports, and other traffic data. WisDOT worked with the same consultant to implement Jackalope on a statewide level. Once Jackalope is set up with city of Madison traffic data and other local traffic data, users will be able to access both sets of data on the same site. The website will be available to anyone who requests access. Kanning provided an overview of two key features of Jackalope: (1) the interactive map showing count station locations and their respective volumes; and (2) hourly and AWDT volume report generation. Batuzich asked if Jackalope will report roadway capacities. Schaefer said no, but that would be useful.

6. Committee Member Reports

Paoni said that WisDOT is in the beginning stages of developing an updated State Highway Investment Plan.

Koprowski said that WisDOT recently published the I-39/90 project construction guide. Schaefer asked about phase 2 of the Verona Road project. Koprowski said work was underway.

Violante said that the state legislature adopted legislation that would allow towns in Dane County to withdraw from county zoning regulations. A total of eight towns in the county started the process to withdraw, but he didn't think all would end up deciding to do that. He said it wasn't clear how this would affect the land division review process.

Batuzich said that USDOT is delaying release of the final Performance Management rules until May. The rules pertain to NHS performance (pavement condition, congestion), freight, and air quality.

Beck reported that Metro staff met with business owners in the Village of DeForest to discuss transportation challenges business park employees are facing, and whether public transit service would be a feasible solution. Beck said that there probably isn't enough demand to serve the business park in DeForest with 40-foot buses at this time. Paoni said that the State Vanpool program should be considered. She clarified that vans can now operate without state employee participation.

Petykowski provided an update on the CTH PD, Buckeye Road, E. Johnson Street, and Cottage Grove Road projects. Schaefer asked if there have been any issues with the rail crossing on Johnson Street. Petykowski said there hadn't been. Schaefer asked if Traffic Engineering foresees any issues with the timing of the E. Johnston Street reconstruction project relative to the scheduled opening of the Madison public market. Petykowski said the public market will be located closer to East Washington Avenue than Johnson Street, so he doesn't foresee significant traffic issues. He expects the roadway project to be completed prior to the opening of the public market.

7. Staff Reports

Schaefer said that MPO staff will soon solicit applications for STBG-Urban projects for the 2018 – 2022 TIP. Applications will be due in early June. Staff plans to start work on a study

of bicycle and pedestrian crashes, updating a study done over 15 years ago, and also plans to conduct a safety analysis of roadway corridors and intersections. Dunphy commented that she thought WisDOT already conducts safety analyses for local roadways. She said that WisDOT staff contacted her about the intersection of CTH T and CTH TT, and said that it met the requirements for HSIP program funding. Schaefer said that WisDOT provided a safety presentation to MPO Policy Board members last month. There was no mention of a safety analysis program that covered local roadways. Schaefer reported there were four candidates for the two open spots for small city/village appointments to the MPO Policy Board.

8. Next Meeting Dates

The next scheduled meeting dates are April 26 and May 24. Schaefer said one of those meetings would likely be canceled.

9. Adjournment

Dunphy moved, Violante seconded, to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer and David Kanning