

**Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MATPB)
Technical Coordinating Committee
June 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

1. Roll Call

Members present: Beck, Yang, Phillips, Trowbridge, G. Petersen (for Dunphy), Violante, Koprowski, Paoni, Gritzmacher (for Kugler), Holt (for Sayre), Vanderwegen (for Balke), Rybarczyk, Stephany, Schreiber (for Batuzich)

Members absent: Coville, Hall, Larson, Stauske, Scheel, Even, Wheeler

MPO Staff present: Schaefer, Kanning, Callaway

Others present: Petykowski (Madison Engineering), Lee Gibbs (SRF)

2. Approval of March 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Paoni, seconded by Holt, to approve the March 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Review and Recommendation on Amendment #3 to the 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County Making Changes to the STBG Urban Priority Projects and Funding

Schaefer said that the City of Madison is not planning to move forward now with the Buckeye Road/CTH AB (Monona Drive to Stoughton Road/USH 51) and Cottage Grove Road/CTH BB (North Star Drive to Sprecher Road) projects since an agreement could not be reached with Dane County on cost sharing and jurisdictional responsibility of the roadways following construction. Buckeye Road was scheduled for 2019 and Cottage Grove Road for 2020. The projects had been approved by MATPB for STBG Urban funding. That funding must now be reallocated to other projects in those years, otherwise the funding will be lost. That leaves little flexibility in use of the funding, since projects to which the funding is reallocated to must be ready for construction in the next two years. He noted that the situation highlights the advantage of communities having projects in the queue and ready to proceed if an approved project cannot move forward. Schaefer noted that MATPB's process for a major TIP amendment must be followed because STBG Urban projects are being deleted and added. This involves a notice, which committee members received, and a hearing.

The proposed amendment shifts the 2019 STBG Urban funds from Buckeye Road to the CTH M/South Pleasant View Road and East Johnson Street projects, which are both currently short of federal funding per MPO policy. The amendment also removes the 2018 STBG Urban funding for Madison's Ped/Bike Safety Education program, and shifts that funding to the CTH M/South Pleasant View Road project. The program has not been active this year due to staff turnover. Finally, the amendment shifts the 2020 funds from Cottage Grove Road to the Atwood Avenue (Fair Oaks Avenue to Walter Street) reconstruction project and to McKee Road/CTH PD, which was short of funding due to a cost estimate with completion of 30% design. Atwood Avenue had been approved, but was substituted for the Gammon Road project last year. The city has continued design work on the project and is confident it can be moved up from 2021 to 2020.

Phillips asked if the issue with WisDOT not approving the use of STBG Urban funding for the ped/bike safety education project had been resolved. Schaefer said no, but he expected that to be resolved because WisDOT does not have the legal authority to prevent the MPO from allocating funding for

the program, which is an eligible activity. Phillips commented that Dane County had been a good partner on the CTH M/South Pleasant View Road project and others. However, the city has a fundamental disagreement with the county on the issue of jurisdictional transfers of county highways. Phillips asked about the MPO's funding allocation for future years. Schaefer said that the MPO had not received final information on its funding allocation for the 2018-2022 program cycle. WisDOT has delayed moving forward with the cycle for a year.

Moved by Trowbridge, seconded by Stephany, to recommend approval of the amendment to the 2018 – 2022 TIP involving STBG Urban projects and funding. Motion carried.

4. Presentation on MATPB Rideshare/TDM Program

Callaway gave a presentation on the MATPB Rideshare/TDM program. Callaway described the program's purpose, scope, and service area boundaries. She reported registrant statistics from 2017 and discussed the Guaranteed Ride Home Program. Callaway pointed out the benefits of a Transportation Management Association (TMA) and described the kind of community assistance provided by Rideshare, Etc. Trowbridge said the city was working to create TMAs in the Capitol East District and for the Madison Yards development, which the city hoped will provide successful examples of the benefits of TMAs. He said he appreciated Renee's assistance with those efforts. Paoni added that WisDOT had a TDM grant program 15 years ago that, among other things, helped facilitate the purchase of discounted Metro Transit passes for large employers. Yang said that Madison Yards is the largest single development in Madison's history. It would be costly and probably not feasible to rely solely on capacity expansion projects to accommodate demand. Yang added that transportation demand management allows higher density development, but with a lesser impact on the transportation network. Trowbridge noted that Madison Yards had an organizational structure, which could be used for the TMA. Callaway continued with her presentation on program activities. She said that Rideshare, Etc assists communities with transportation surveys to determine if it is feasible to expand Metro Transit service routes, establish a vanpool service, or incentivize carpooling. Rideshare Etc also provides staff support to the TDM Coordinating committee and several transportation programs and agencies.

5. Update on MATPB Planning Activities

Schaefer gave brief updates on several MATPB planning activities. The Metro Bus Stop Amenities Study report was recently posted to MATPB's website. In addition to making recommendations on stop amenities, the report also provides information on stop accessibility and prioritizes accessibility improvements for some stops based in large part on proximity to elderly/disabled populations. He said staff had developed a Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress map and application that shows the stress level on all county streets. The online map application has a routing tool similar to Google Maps that provides directions based on a user's preference for avoiding moderate and high stress routes. MPO staff is just waiting for city IT approval to post the application. Staff is continuing to work on an intersection crash study to identify high crash areas for further analysis. The MPO has also hired a consultant to help the MPO in developing a plan for improving the travel demand model and developing new analysis tools. MPO staff has been working with a consultant and Madison Traffic Engineering staff to implement a web-based traffic count storage, analysis, and reporting program. Staff is working with the UW Survey Center to process and weight the responses to the 2016-2017 household travel survey conducted. Finally, MPO staff has been assisting Sun Prairie in evaluating potential commuter bus service to Madison, and is assisting Deforest in evaluating workforce transportation options to address the issue of transportation to its business park.

6. Committee Member Reports

- Fitchburg – VanderWegen said that Fitchburg was continuing work to design the Fish Hatchery Road/CTH D (McKee Road to Beltline Highway) pavement replacement project. They are currently looking at the issue of retaining walls and Ash trees. Work was also continuing on the design of the McKee Road project with the city council recently approving the intersection designs. Finally, planning was continuing for planned improvements to the Nesbitt and Fitchrona Road intersection, potentially adding a roundabout. Schaefer asked if Fitchburg and the county had an agreement on jurisdictional ownership of CTH D. Petersen said the County's policy was to generally require the jurisdictional transfer of roadways within cities and villages if major improvements were made.
- Metro Transit – Beck said that Metro Transit was working on some minor service changes that will take place in the fall. One of the significant changes was to realign commuter route 58 to provide direct service to the new Exact Sciences facility in the old Spectrum Brands building.
- Dane County – Petersen said that improvements will be made to the intersection of CTH K and CTH Q later this summer using CHIP funds. The Veterans Road/CTH N (USH 51 to CTH A) resurfacing project has been completed, and the CTH PQ/Water Street (USH 12 to West Village Limits) reconstruction project is underway.
- Verona – Holt reported that Old CTH PB is still closed. The closure has been causing traffic delays in Verona. Schaefer asked about the status of the Northwest Neighborhood Plan. Holt said that the Council had approved the plan, but no annexations have occurred yet. She said about 200 acres within the North Neighborhood south of CTH PD west of CTH M are expected to be annexed. Work on the CTH PD project west of CTH M was delayed.
- Madison Planning – Trowbridge said that Madison had hired a new Director of Transportation, Tom Lynch. The number of city transportation committees has been reduced from seven to two. A team led by AECOM and Strand was selected to initiate the first phase of BRT planning. Planning work will begin this fall to evaluate the east-west corridor route.
- Windsor – Ribarczyk said that the Village recently resurfaced a portion of Portage Road. Traffic has increased on the roadway due to the improved surface. The village is working with the county on improvements for CTH DM and CTH CV. The village is also evaluating a different cross section for Windsor Road to provide better bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Replacement of the Yahara River Bridge on Windsor Road was planned for 2020 using BR funds. The village was also adding a new pedestrian bridge and replacing another.
- WisDOT – Koprowski reported that the STH 113/STH 19 roundabout project was still ongoing. Work was underway on the STH 19 (River Road to I-39/90) bridge replacement and capacity expansion project.
- Monona – Stephany said that Monona had created an Ad Hoc Bike/Ped Committee to evaluate facility improvements and safe routes to schools. The city was studying the feasibility of adding sidewalks on S. Winnequah Road. The existing bump outs may be removed due to complaints. The City will be reconstructing Bridge Road (Winnequah to Broadway) in 2019. Bridge treatments over the Yahara River may be provided. The development agreement is in place for the Yahara River Commons project. Reconstruction of Metropolitan Lane will start this fall. The project will be completed in spring 2019.
- Sun Prairie – Gritzmacher said that Reiner Road will be reconstructed and expanded from Smiths Crossing to the rail line. Main Street will be reconstructed at Grand Avenue to address sight issues. A survey to gauge interest in commuter bus service to Madison will be conducted this summer.

- Madison Engineering– Petykowski said that the PS&E is due August 1 for the E. Johnson Street project, with construction beginning in spring 2019. The Buckeye Road and Cottage Grove Road projects are on hold. The Atwood Avenue Phase 1 project is now scheduled for construction in 2020. Some changes to the bicycle facilities are planned based on public input. There is a public information meeting tonight at the Lussier Community Center to discuss the S. Gammon Road (Seybold Road to Mineral Point Road) reconstruction project and the proposed West Towne multi-use path (Grand Canyon Drive to CTH M). The first phase of that project is scheduled to begin in 2020. A public information meeting has been scheduled for the Pleasant View Road (Mineral Point Road to USH 14) capacity expansion project tomorrow night. Monroe Street, Wilson Street, West Washington Avenue and N. Blair Street are under construction. Petykowski discussed an issue with the topsoil on CTH M and the bidding for the project.
- Madison Traffic Engineering – Yang said that the University Avenue adaptive signal control project will be completed this fall and constructed in-house. Petersen asked the City of Madison to coordinate with Dane County on the project in terms of the impact to maintenance costs. A new traffic signal was constructed at the intersection of American Family Drive and American Parkway. The City recently installed new pedestrian beacon signs and completed some traffic calming projects. He also reported that Madison recently won achievement awards at the Midwest and international levels for its Smart City initiative. The City is constructing the replacement for the Capitol East ramp and a new ramp in the Capitol East District. The fee for residential parking permit program will double to help cover the cost of enforcement and the cost of issuing permits.

7. Staff Report

Schaefer reported that the MPO Policy Board has three new members. Steve Stocker has been replaced by Doug Wood, a Monona Alder. The Dane County Executive has appointed Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser and County Supervisor Kelly Danner to replace Robin Schmidt and Al Matano. The MPO-CARPC Workgroup has been focusing on potential staff colocation. There appears to be a consensus that a complete merger of the agencies is not feasible anytime soon due to political and budgetary obstacles. MATPB plans to hire a consultant to assist in an agency rebranding effort, including a potential name change.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting Dates

The next scheduled meeting dates are July 25 and August 22. Schaefer said that the July meeting would likely be canceled.

9. Adjournment

Violante moved, Paoni seconded, to adjourn meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer and David Kanning