

**Madison Area Transportation Planning Board  
Citizen Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**City-County Building, 210 MLK Jr. Blvd.**

**July 18, 2018**

**Room 103A**

**5:00 p.m.**

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**1. Roll Call**

*Members Present:* R. Clark, C. Lawler, J. Rider, J. Richard (arrived during item #4), T. Stoebig, E. Sullivan, R. Williams, T. Wilson

*Members Absent:* M. Jones, C. Lawler

*Staff Present:* W. Schaefer, R. Callaway

**2. Approval of January 17, 201 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Williams, seconded by Clark, to approve the January 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Review of April 25, 2018 Meeting Notes**

There were no comments or corrections to the notes.

**4. Staff Reports**

- **Bus Stop Study**

Schaefer reported that the study report had been completed and posted on the MPO website and files provided to Metro. He mentioned the study report included information on bus stop accessibility and recommendations for stops to prioritize for making improvements in addition to the information and recommendations on stop amenities. The report also included some implementation recommendations.

- **Amendment #3 to 2018-2022 TIP**

Schaefer said he thought this would be approved by the MPO Board at its July meeting, but action was delayed. He explained that the amendment would reallocate 2019-2020 STBG-Urban program funding to different projects due to the fact the city of Madison and Dane County could not come to agreement on local share funding and future jurisdiction of Buckeye Road and Cottage Grove Road. He said the funding needed to be reallocated to different projects now if those projects didn't move forward, otherwise the funding would be lost.

Stoebig suggested that the committee make a recommendation to the MPO Board to maintain funding on the Buckeye Road and Cottage Grove Road projects. He commented on the poor condition of Buckeye Road and the need for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, particularly around Frank Allis Elementary School. Clark responded that it was out of the hands of the MPO. The MPO is only reallocating the funding so it isn't lost. Schaefer acknowledged the need for the Buckeye Road project in particular, but said he didn't see anything the MPO could do to force the city and county to come to an agreement. Other committee members acknowledged the need for the Buckeye

Road project, but also that there was nothing the MPO could do but hope an agreement could be worked out before the next meeting.

- **WisDOT Release of 2019-2022 STBG Urban Program Policies and Allocations**  
Schaefer reported that WisDOT is moving forward with the program funding cycle one year late. He said the delay benefitted MATPB in that it will allow the University Avenue and/or Pleasant View Road projects to be programmed this year rather than waiting until next year because of the way the MPO funding allocations are calculated. However, WisDOT is withholding a year's worth of funding due to the delay, something MPO staff thinks is illegal. MPO staff has sought assistance from FHWA staff. The newly available funding will need to be programmed as part of the approval of the 2019-2023 TIP.
- **Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Update**  
Schaefer said the 2013 Coordinated Plan was being updated. He explained that the plan is supposed to identify needs and strategies to address gaps and improve efficiency in service delivery. The MPO receives about \$300,000 per year in federal transit funding for projects to enhance services for persons with disabilities and seniors, and projects must be identified in this plan to be funded. The first stakeholder meeting was planned for July 19.

Williams commented that the plan should address the issue of consolidation of bus stops. Schaefer responded that was more of an issue for the Transit Development Plan, and Williams agreed.

- **DeForest Assistance Evaluating Workforce Transportation Options**  
Schaefer explained the work the MPO was doing supporting an evaluation of transportation options for DeForest business park employees, which included putting a survey together.
- **MATPB-CARPC Workgroup**  
Schaefer said there wasn't much new to report. The initial focus has been on potential staff co-location. Staff are working on some recommendations to present to the workgroup at the next meeting in August.
- **MPO Board Appointments**  
Schaefer informed committee members of the new cities/villages appointment and new county appointments.
- **MATPB "Rebranding" Effort**  
Schaefer reported the MPO Board approved moving forward to hire a consultant to assist with this. He reviewed the scope of the project.

## 5. Review of MATPB Comments on Interstate 39/90 and Beltline Interchange Project

Schaefer said that WisDOT had reduced the scope of the project late last year. A public information meeting was held in April at which two alternatives were presented with the main difference being that one carried three lanes in each direction through the interchange (Alt. B) and one maintained two lanes only through the interchange (Alt. A). WisDOT is now considered a hybrid alternative (Alt. C) that provides three lanes through the southbound interchange, but not northbound. Schaefer reviewed the interchange designs and the reason for the proposed hybrid alternative. He said the MPO Board approved comments recommending Alternative B. If

Alternative C is chosen, it is recommended the bridges be built to accommodate three lanes in each direction. The MPO also recommended WisDOT move forward with official mapping of the USH 12/18 corridor in anticipation of future needed interchange at CTH AB.

Clark commented that it seemed shortsighted to build the interchange with only two through lanes rather than continuing with three lanes in each direction. He noted that this is why the Zoo interchange in Milwaukee is being redone at significant cost. There was general committee support for the MPO comments.

## **6. 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. She discussed the ongoing regional coordination on TDM issues and reviewed other related projects such as Bicycle Friendly Community applications, SRTS and bike equity programming.

## **7. Presentation on Low Stress Bikeway Map Application**

Schaefer demonstrated the Low Stress Bicycle Route Finder application that is now available online. The new tool allows users to choose the type of route (low stress, low/medium stress or unrestricted) to find the best route between destinations. He said it was part of a larger project to define and map the bicycle level of stress for the bike network and complete analyses of the network.

Several committee members reported already sharing it with others in their community and receiving a favorable response. Sullivan expressed interest in a similar map for walking. Schaefer said MPO staff was working on developing a pedestrian network. He said the bike map could be used for walking since the walkability of streets would mirror their suitability for bicycling to a large degree.

## **8. Committee Member Reports**

None

## **9. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at the same location.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

*Notes were recorded by W. Schaefer and R. Callaway.*