

**Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (an MPO)
Technical Coordinating Committee
September 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

1. Roll Call

Members present: Drew Beck, Yang Tao (for David Dryer), Rob Phillips, Pam Dunphy, Todd Violante, Tom Koprowski, Diane Paoni, Cory Horton, Scott Kugler, Rodney Scheel, Shawn Stauske, Greg Hall, Mitch Batuzich

Members absent: Dave Trowbridge, Amy Anderson Schweppe, Daniel Stephany, Adam Sayre, Allan Coville, JJ Larson, Kevin Even, William Wheeler

MPO Staff present: Bill Schaefer, Bill Holloway

Others present: Chris Petykowski

2. Approval of July 26, 2017, Meeting Minutes

Moved by Scheel, seconded by Paoni, to approve the July 26, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Review Recommendation on Draft 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Including Priority Listing of STBG-Urban Projects

Schaefer reviewed the proposed changes to the draft TIP outlined in the addition/change sheet that was handed out at the meeting. He reviewed the STBG-Urban priority project listings, indicating that no changes were proposed from the draft document.

Stauske mentioned that the Pleasant View Road project in Middleton needed to be constructed by 2025 because the TIF district which will provide some of the local share funding for the project will expire then. He said pushing the project back to 2023, as proposed, was a concern because of this. Phillips suggested that the University Avenue project, proposed to be constructed in 2022, could perhaps be delayed so that the Pleasant View Road project and the others now in the que could be done sooner.

Schaefer explained that Pleasant View Road was tentatively scheduled for 2023 because of concerns it would not be ready for construction in 2021 or even 2022 since design was just beginning and the fact that University Avenue scored much higher. He said work on design and environmental work for both projects should continue, and a final decision regarding scheduling of the projects would be made in two years as part of the next funding program cycle. Schaefer reiterated the MPO's commitment to both projects and said the comment for both could be revised to be the same, "conditionally approved; to be scheduled in 2021, '22, or '23."

Dunphy asked if there would be funding available for new projects in the next program cycle. Schaefer said that based on the current cost estimates for University Avenue and Pleasant View Road there would not be. Dunphy expressed concern about that and the policy of conditionally approved projects. There was discussion about potential solutions to free up some funding for a new project. Schaefer explained that the MPO's new policy to conditionally approve large, complex projects was due to the long time required to complete the design and environmental review process.

Dryer moved, Horton seconded, to recommend approval of the draft 2018-2022 TIP with the revisions in the addition/change sheet and the revision to the project comments in the STBG-Urban priority project listings discussed. Motion carried.

4. Review of Draft Performance Measures Report

Schaefer noted that the report was the second of what will be annual reports designed to track key metrics related to regional goals and also will be used to meet new federal performance management requirements. DOTs and MPOs will be required to set targets for national measures and track progress in achieving the targets. Schaefer provided a presentation highlighting some of the metrics in the draft 2016 report.

Tao mentioned that the City of Madison's grant writer would be interested in getting traffic congestion data from MPO to use in the TIGER grant application for the planned new satellite bus garage facility. Schaefer said he'd provide the data tables and maps. Batuzich reported that, because of an error in the way the national greenhouse gas (GHG) performance measure rule was repealed, the rule will have to be reinstated. However, the administration is again planning to repeal the rule in a legal manner. The rules pertaining to the GHG performance measures have largely been removed from the FHWA website. In response to a question from Schaefer, he said he thought the rule as presented written would apply to all MPOs, not just very large ones or those in air quality non-attainment areas.

5. Presentation on MPO Study of Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes in the Madison Area

Holloway provided a presentation that highlighted some of the results and initial findings from the MPO's study of crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians in Dane County.

Koprowski suggested that it would be useful to break out the crashes by fault. Schaefer agreed, but added that the NHSTA crash categories do reflect that to a large degree. Kugler suggested looking at whether the presence of sidewalks affected the locations and types of pedestrian crashes that occur, and MPO staff agreed. Phillips emphasized that in comparing the crash data from the 1992 city of Madison study to the current data that only the crashes in the city of Madison should be used, and MPO staff agreed. Violante expressed interest in motorist-overtaking crashes occurring in rural areas. Specifically, he was wondering if the data for these types of crashes could be cross-tabulated based on whether or not the roadway had paved shoulders to determine if there was any correlation. He was also interested in comparison of the number of these types of crashes in urban versus rural areas. Holloway said they could look at that.

6. Review of Draft 2018 MPO Work Program

Schaefer provided a short overview of the draft 2018 MPO work program, highlighting some of the major planned activities.

7. Committee Member Reports

Stauske reported that the county work on University Ave went well, and the project was done.

Horton reported that the work on Lacy Road was wrapping up and should be done by mid-October. Design work for the McKee Road project in 2020 was underway. Design work for the resurfacing of Fish Hatchery Road from Greenway Cross to McKee Road was also starting.

Kugler said the city was planning for a project next year to reconstruct the Reiner Road/O'Keefe Ave. intersection and expand a portion of Reiner Road in 2018.

Petykowski reported on the status of city of Madison projects. The McKee Road project east of CTH M was nearing completion. The major CTH M reconstruction and expansion project would be starting on October 2 with scheduled completion in November 2019. The Buckeye Road project was at 60% design and the city was working on real estate acquisition. The East Johnson Street project was at 60% design and the environmental documentation was being finalized. For the Gammon Road

project, two typical cross-sections had been developed and input was being sought on them. A public input meeting on the Atwood Avenue project was scheduled for the following week. An RFP would be published soon for design of the University Avenue project. The design work for the Pleasant View Road project was recently initiated. Finally, the Mineral Point Road project was at 30% design.

Koprowski reported on the status of construction work on the Interstate 39/90 expansion project. He said the CTH AB bridge was now open and the temporary widening of southbound lanes on 39/90 was in progress. He also reported on the Verona Road project with work underway to widen the road south of Raymond Road. He said two months remained to finish work on USH 151.

Scheel said various local road projects were finishing up in Stoughton.

Dunphy said work on several rural projects near Stoughton and Oregon was finishing up.

Batuzich said he would seek a legal opinion on the impact on federal projects of the provision included in the state budget bill prohibiting use of condemnation to acquire right of way for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Philips commented that members should work with the League of Municipalities to remove this provision next year.

Paoni said WisDOT was in the process of analyzing the state transportation budget that was passed and its impact on scheduled projects.

Hall reported that the CTH CV (Main Street) reconstruction project in DeForest was expected to be completed by November 1.

8. Staff Report

Schaefer said he had provided updates on the current work items as part of discussion of the 2018 work program. These included the project to develop strategic plan to improve the regional travel model and other planning analysis tools, household travel survey, and bicycle level of traffic stress analysis.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Dates

The next scheduled meeting dates are October 25th and November 15th. Schaefer said the October meeting would likely be cancelled.

10. Adjournment

Stauske moved, Kugler seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer and Bill Holloway.