

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

August 17, 2011

Fitchburg City Hall Conference Room

2:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Beaupre, Dryer, Dunphy, Koprowski (for Hoelker), Jolicoeur, Roll (for Murphy), Phillips, Beck, Sylvester, Woodard

Members Absent: Boardman, Coville, Stephany, Even, Stauske, Kennedy, Kirchner, Kugler, Scheel, Bertch, Violante

Others Present: Schaefer, Nick VanderZwan, L. Nelson, S. Arnold, C. Petykowski

2. Approval of June 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Phillips moved, Sylvester seconded, to approve the June 22, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Presentation on the Madison Area Congestion Management Process (CMP) by Ken Voigt, Ayres Associates

Ken Voigt gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Madison Congestion Management Process (CMP), focusing on the multimodal performance measures and implementation. A handout of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed. Voigt stressed that the CMP is a living document and the process will evolve over time. Voigt stated that he believed the public is generally interested in Traffic/Travel Time Index as a measure because this is what they understand. However, the data to use this measure system-wide is not currently available. He said the performance measures are still being finalized. Schaefer stated that the CMP was a structured, coordinated way to address and measure congestion, putting congestion mitigation on the same level as safety and roadway and bridge maintenance. The CMP will be incorporated into the MPO planning process. It does not require the MPO to change the TIP development process, but is rather a tool for the MPO and member agencies to use for project programming. However, the CMP must reflect the goals and objectives in the MPO Regional Transportation Plan. While the CMP does not mandate a change to project prioritization, it is being suggested that a preliminary goal be adopted to allocate a minimum of 10% of roadway funding in the TIP for TSM/Safety projects or project elements. Schaefer said about 8% of funding countywide is allocated for such projects in the current TIP. Another implementation recommendation is to include a before/after data collection and analysis effort to measure project effectiveness. Phillips asked where that funding would come from. Schaefer stated the idea is to allocate a portion of the overall project funding to this, but this may or may not be practical due to the need to close out projects once completed. Voigt reviewed the schedule, which calls for the draft report to be completed by the end of August and sent out for public review and comment in September after the MPO Board meeting. A hearing would be held at the October Board meeting. Schaefer added that the TCC would be asked to make a recommendation at its September meeting.

4. Review of Final Draft of STU Urban Priority Project Listings

Schaefer discussed the changes that had been made to the preliminary draft of the listings reviewed with the committee at its last meeting. He said the funding for the Mineral Point Road/CTH M/Junction intersection project was moved to 2013 when construction would take place. It was previously thought the funding would be obligated in 2012. This doesn't change the funding or timing of other projects. He also discussed a change made in how the funding shortfall was allocated

amongst the projects that are under-funded. The shortfall, about \$2.5 million total, is due to the increases in cost estimates for a number of projects as well as the reduced MPO funding starting in 2013. The shortfall was previously allocated based on the cost of the projects, but he felt it was more equitable to allocate it based on the difference between the previously approved funding amount and the new amount being requested based on the cost increase. The biggest impact was on the Monona Drive Phase 3 project because of the \$2 million increase for that project. Schaefer said he reviewed this change with the MPO Board at their last meeting. He mentioned that the 2012 projects are all on schedule to be let in February 2012 and constructed next year. This means that signed funding agreements for those projects must be in place by December. Dunphy asked whether the City of Monona was aware of the significant funding shortfall for the Monona Drive Phase 3 project, and Schaefer responded yes.

5. Review of Major Projects in 2012 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Schaefer reviewed some of the other major roadway projects in the TIP, focusing mostly on the state projects. He mentioned the numerous planned roundabouts. He also mentioned the recently completed EIS for the Verona Road/West Beltline interchange area. He also reviewed the programmed bicycle path projects, including the Cannonball Trail, Yahara River Trail Phase 1, and the CTH M corridor path, most of which will be done as part of the CTH M reconstruction project. He reviewed a few other locally funded City of Madison projects. Additionally, he stated that the two main Metro Transit projects were purchasing of new buses and fare boxes.

6. Committee Member Reports

Woodard reported that the USH 14/relocated Lacy Road interchange project would start this fall and included two new roundabouts where the relocated road intersects E. Cheryl and the existing Lacy Road.

Phillips reported on the closure of John Nolen Drive beginning after the morning rush hour on Friday August 19 and continuing through Monday morning, but ending before the morning rush hour. He said most city projects would be completed before winter, including University Avenue and Williamson Street. The Johnson/Gorham Street corridor study of a 2-way conversion was awarded to Strand.

Sylvester mentioned that the resurfacing of CTH M in the downtown area was being done this summer and would be completed soon.

Beck said Metro was implementing some service changes and schedule adjustments that would go into effect on August 28. They included an overhaul of the supplemental school service routes. Additionally, he reported that the Metro Trip Planner utilizing Google Maps was now online.

7. Staff Reports

- Amendment #5 to the 2011 – 2015 TIP: USH 12 Bypass (Airport to Parmenter) Auxiliary Lanes
 - The amendment was approved by the MPO Board at their last meeting on August 3.
- MPO Policy Board Appointments
 - New members include Jeff Gust from WisDOT, Ken Dahl from the Village of Cottage Grove, and Ken Golden, who was appointed by the City of Madison Mayor.
- MPO Staffing Situation
 - Schaefer introduced Nick VanderZwan. The remaining open position was recently filled. Mike Cechvala has been hired and will start on October 3.
- 2012 MPO Work Program

- Schaefer said work on preparation of the work program was starting. If anyone had any projects they were interested in having MPO staff assist with, they should let him know.

8. Next Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, September 28
- Wednesday, October 19
 - Schaefer said he had a conflict on October 26, the scheduled meeting date, and would like to move the TCC meeting up one week. There were no objections.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Sylvester, seconded by Beck, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer & Nick VanderZwan