1. Roll Call

   *Members Present:* C. Gjerde, G. Hull, J. Rider, T. Stoebig, R. Williams,
   *Staff Present:* B. Schaefer

2. Approval of July 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes

   Item deferred to lack of quorum.

3. Review of Changes to the Draft 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

   Schaefer reviewed the changes to the draft TIP that had been approved by the MPO Policy Board at the last meeting. He first reviewed the changes to the STP-Urban Priority Project Listings. He said there were a number of changes to the timing of projects. The changes included moving the Fish Hatchery Road project up to 2012, moving the last two segments of CTH M back to 2014-'15 and CTH PD to 2016, moving up E. Johnson Street to 2014 and Cottage Grove Road to 2015. The primary reason for changes was to allow the work on Fish Hatchery Road to get done before the Verona Road/W. Beltline interchange project since McKee and Fish Hatchery Road would be the main alternate routes during construction. There was considerable doubt whether the southern segment of CTH M could be ready for construction in 2013 anyway. One benefit of the changes in the timing of projects is that it would allow full 50% funding of the southern segment of CTH M and closer to 50% funding of the University Avenue reconstruction project. There is a small shortfall in funding for Fish Hatchery Road because of all of the projects that year. Also, both phases of the Mineral Point Road/CTH M/Junction intersection reconstruction and expansion project would be let in 2012 with construction possibly extending into 2013. Schaefer then highlighted some of the more significant changes to other projects in the addition/correction sheet, including the Safe Routes to Schools projects that were awarded funding.

   Williams commented on the downtown Madison parking ramp project, noting that the issue of who pays for the extra spaces for the intercity rail station hadn’t been worked out. He suggested that the intercity rail projects be listed in a separate section rather than included with the transit projects. Schaefer agreed and said he’d do that next year. Williams also mentioned that WisDOT would be going out to bid for some additional intercity bus service, and listed some of the service needs for Madison. He said the new service would increase the pressure for a new bus terminal in Madison.

4. Review of Draft 2011 MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

   Schaefer highlighted some of the major work activities listed on the summary page of the document. Data collection and analysis work would include review of the 5-year American Community Survey data that would soon be released and work revising the traffic analysis zone (TAZ) system to support a future tabulation of this data at the TAZ level. The 5-year update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be completed. He said staff hoped to have the modeling work completed by the end of the year. Another major project was the completion of a Congestion Management Plan. He said he was working on an RFP to hire a consultant to assist with that project. Another major project was completing the Transit Development Plan and the continued assistance to the RTA in developing the plan for improved transit services to support a local referendum. There are a number of ongoing major corridor studies sponsored by WisDOT that the MPO would continue to participate in. The two main ones are the USH 51 studies. Other work included continuing specialized transportation coordination, the rideshare/TDM program, and continued planning assistance to the Capital Area RPC. This
assistance included primarily preparing transportation analyses for proposed urban sewer service amendments.

5. **Update on the Dane County Regional Transit Authority (RTA)**
   Schaefer said that a draft document outlining principles for development of the regional transit plan was included in the packet. There was some discussion about the document. Schaefer mentioned that he sent an email with the link to a transit peer community inventory conducted by Thrive to inform the RTA discussions. Stoebig said it was his impression that it was an uphill battle for the area to obtain federal New Starts funding for commuter rail service. Schaefer said he thought that was true. Williams commented that he thought the RTA should go with a bus only plan to start while continuing to study rail and BRT.

6. **Update on the Milwaukee-Madison Intercity Passenger Rail Service Project and the Madison Station**
   Schaefer said that there hadn’t been much activity since the meeting held on the designs for the Madison station and platform. He said City of Madison and WisDOT staff were continuing to meet to discuss issues such as the traffic analysis being done and negotiate on costs such as the parking. Williams said he had hoped that the Madison LRTPC would serve as the main oversight committee for the project, but that didn’t seem to be happening. He said that since WisDOT would own and operate the station he thought the agency should have a point person for the project.

7. **Committee Member Reports**
   None

8. **Staff Reports**
   Schaefer mentioned that the interviews for the vacant planner position would be held on November 11-12 and they hoped to have the person on board by the beginning of next year. He also mentioned the meeting the next night on the supplemental draft EIS for the Verona Road/West Beltline Study.

9. **Next Meeting Date**
   Schaefer said the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010, but there was a good chance it would be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

10. **Adjournment**
   The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer*