

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

**June 22, 2011**

**Fitchburg City Hall Conference Room**

**2:00 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call**

*Members Present:* Beaupre, Dunphy, Hoelker, Jolicoeur, Kennedy, Trowbridge (for Murphy), Phillips, Stauske, Stephany, Sylvester, Andros (for Violante), Woodard

*Members Absent:* Alley, Beck, Bertch, Coville, Dryer, Even, Kirchner, Kugler, Scheel

*Others Present:* Schaefer, C. Petykowski

**2. Approval of April 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Kennedy moved, Sylvester seconded, to approve the April 27, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Review of Preliminary Draft Listing and Ranking of Candidate Projects for STP Urban Funding for 2012-2016**

Schaefer handed out and reviewed the preliminary draft priority project listings. He said that the combination of higher cost estimates for several projects and a reduction in the MPO's funding allocation starting in 2013 resulted in a shortfall of funding (i.e., less than a 50% cost share) for projects in 2012 (University Ave. and Fish Hatchery Rd.), 2013 (Monona Dr.), 2014 (Allen Blvd.), and 2015 (Cottage Grove Rd.). The available funding for the projects in 2013-2015 was allocated proportionately so that all have about a 43% federal funding cost share. It was clarified that the two phases of the Mineral Point Rd./CTH M/Junction Rd. intersection project would be let separately, but that the funding for both will be obligated in 2012 even though Phase 2 won't be constructed until 2013. Schaefer mentioned that the limits of the E. Johnson Street reconstruction project were shortened from Butler to Baldwin rather than First Street. The only major project in 2016 would be the reconstruction of McKee Road from Maple Grove Road to CTH M. There were three new project applications, which all had the same score. The CTH M/Verona Ave. intersection project was given the highest priority followed by CTH Q reconstruction from Main St. (STH 19) to south of Woodland Drive. Those two projects are the first two below the funding cutoff line in 2016. Schaefer also distributed the project scoring table and told members to contact him if they had questions or comments on the scoring of any projects. He said MPO staff would review the listings again with any changes at the July meeting.

Dunphy suggested that some different scenarios be developed in terms of the timing of projects in order to fully fund them. She wondered if the letting for Phase 2 of the Mineral Point Rd./CTH M/Junction Rd. intersection project could be delayed until 2013. Schaefer said this wouldn't help because of funding shortfalls in 2014 and 2015. In order to fully fund the projects, at least one of them would need to be delayed beyond 2016. Phillips suggested that one possibility would be to change the scope of the University Avenue project to just a resurfacing for the segment between Segoe Road and Whitney Way.

**4. Review and Recommendation on Madison Area TPB Resolution #52 Regarding Amendment #4 to the 2011-2015 TIP for the Madison Metropolitan Area**

Schaefer distributed and reviewed the draft TIP amendment resolution with the project listing table. The new projects included in the amendment are a small transit planning grant for Metro to conduct a fleet analysis, several intercity bus service projects, two pavement replacement projects on USH 51, and installation of a roundabout at the CTH M/CTH MM intersection to go along with those being constructed at the USH 14/CTH M interchange ramp terminals. It also includes revisions to the costs

and funding for the program control and design projects for the Interstate 39/90 (Beltline to County line) expansion project.

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Dunphy, to recommend approval of Amendment #4 to the 2011-2015 TIP. Motion carried.

#### **5. Update on the Madison Area Congestion Management Process (CMP) Project**

Schaefer said the schedule for the project had been pushed back about a month. He said MPO staff was working with the consultant, Ayres & Associates, to complete a draft report. The Congestion Management Committee would be meeting on July 13 to review the draft report and make a recommendation on the system performance measure targets and performance monitoring plan. He handed out and reviewed a brief progress report that included an outline of the report, the preliminary system performance measures, and a revised schedule. He said MPO staff wanted the report to include an analysis by general corridor or area that included data on current performance, issues, programmed or planned projects, and other applicable congestion management strategies. He thought this would be most helpful in organizing the report and also ensured some analysis for each roadway corridor. He said MPO staff was completing the bicycle and transit analyses. A presentation would be given to the TCC at its July meeting and to the MPO Board at its August 3 meeting. The public hearing would be at the Board's September meeting.

Trowbridge asked about the travel time index measure. Schaefer said that was a long-term measure that compared peak vs. off-peak period travel times and the variability of peak travel times. The data isn't available yet to use it, especially for the local arterial system. He said MPO staff also wanted to measure the duration of congestion for the freeway system initially and local arterials at some future time. Hourly count data from the continuous count locations on the Beltline and Interstate could be used initially with an assumption made about a similar distribution of traffic at other locations.

#### **6. Status Report on the Interim Regional Transportation Plan Update**

Schaefer provided a brief update on tasks related to the long-range plan update. He said most of the travel modeling work had been completed. Staff had also completed the revenue side of the financial analysis and was working with WisDOT and local staff to develop project lists and costs. Staff was also working on a transit corridors map to include in the plan and some minor updates to the bikeway plan map. Most of the background data had been collected. Staff recently completed maps showing the 2010 population and employment density. Staff was also preparing an updated 2010 map of minority and Hispanic population concentrations for the environmental justice analysis of the plan and future TIPs.

#### **7. Committee Member Reports**

Woodard reported that the USH 14 interchange project would be let soon with construction starting this year.

Kennedy said that the work on Observatory Drive would be completed and it would be open in time for the start of classes in the fall. Additional work would be done next summer.

Phillips reported that City engineering submitted its capital budget to the Mayor. Also, proposals were due July 1 for an RFP to conduct a traffic operations analysis of converting Johnson and Gorham Streets to two-way operation. Good progress was being made on the city's street construction projects.

Beaupre mentioned that WisDOT staff had heard federal transportation bill reauthorization proposals would be coming out soon, and they were gearing up for that.

Stephany said that a number of local streets projects were ongoing in the Belle Isle neighborhood along with a river dredging project.

Trowbridge reported that the City of Madison had a new planning department director and he was interested in the city preparing a transportation master plan. The scope of the plan was still being worked out.

**8. Staff Reports**

Schaefer reported that all but one of the MPO Board appointments had been made. Jerry Mandli was reappointed, but the County Executive still needs to appoint someone to serve the remainder of Brett Hulsey's term. New members included Ken Dahl, a Cottage Grove Board Trustee, and Ken Golden, who will be returning to the Board. He said one of the vacant planner positions had been filled. Nick VanderZwan was hired as the new planner/modeler. Applications for the other position are being reviewed now and interviews would be set up in July.

**9. Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting date is July 27. The August meeting will be moved up to August 17 because the MPO/DOT conference is the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Adjournment**

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

*Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer*