

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

August 31, 2011

Madison Municipal Building, Room LL-130

5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: F. Bartol, G. Hull, D. Newton, J. Rider, T. Stoebig, K. White, R. Williams

Members Absent: R. Ferrell, C. Gjerde, E. Sundquist

Others Present: Al Matano

Staff Present: B. Schaefer, N. VanderZwan

2. Approval of April 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Stoebig moved, Williams seconded, to approve the April 20, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Presentation on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area

Schaefer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Congestion Management Process to the Committee. During the presentation, Stoebig asked whether as part of the federal requirement, travel demand reduction could be accomplished by mode shift. Schaefer responded that the reference was to a reduction in the actual number of trips. He said a mode shift was more achievable. Rider asked for clarification of ITS. Schaefer responded that it stands for Intelligent Transportation Systems and refers to things such as ramp metering, real time travel information, adaptive traffic signal systems, etc. Hull asked about the service patrols on the Beltline and who pays for them. Schaefer said that they are trucks that roam the Beltline and assist in clearing incidents and breakdowns. Schaefer said he wasn't sure who funded them, probably WisDOT, but under contract to the Dane County Sheriff's Office that operates the patrols. Williams asked whether any data in the American Fact Finder could be used in the CMP. Schaefer responded that there wasn't much Census data directly related to the CMP. Matano commented that the Level of Service (LOS) performance measure would be more helpful if it factored in the length of time a road was congested. Schaefer responded that congestion duration is in fact one of the proposed performance measures for the CMP, but the data is not readily available yet, especially for the urban arterial streets. Rider commented that bicycle professionals have been working on a better tool for calculating bicycle LOS for different bike facilities. Hull asked if the CMP would address safety, and Schaefer responded that it would although in more of an indirect way as one of the causes of non-recurring congestion. Williams asked how the Isthmus, University Avenue, Monroe Street, and similar corridors would be analyzed to better utilize existing capacity due to constraints on widening or even intersection improvements. Schaefer stated that the idea of having a different performance target accepting more congestion was discussed by the Congestion Management Committee given the limited options for TSM type improvements. It was decided to have just one performance standard or goal, but recognize that it won't be achieved in some corridors, especially given the undesirable impacts of adding capacity (e.g., removing parking). Bartol asked how much of the data for the CMP would be new and commented that it could be used for other planning purposes. Schaefer said that a significant amount of the data would either be new or compiled and analyzed for the first time. He said the monitoring plan in the report identifies the agency or agencies responsible for collecting, analyzing, and archiving the data. Bartol said it would be nice if there were a centralized database of City, Metro, WisDOT data. Newton asked if the CMP would assist in planning to address future needs. Schaefer stated that the CMP is focused on immediate and short-term needs. The regional plan addresses long-term needs. The gap is probably the mid-term needs, but hopefully that can be remedied over time.

4. Review of Revised Draft Listing and Ranking of Candidate Projects for STP Urban Funding for 2012 – 2016

Schaefer reviewed the STP Urban projects. He mentioned the upcoming two-way conversion study of Johnson Street, which could potentially impact the MPO's scoring and funding for the project depending upon the outcome. He distributed revised priority listings that reflected some proposed changes in the timing of projects to more fully fund projects that are short of funding. Allen Blvd. and Cottage Grove Road would be delayed a year under this scenario. Stoebig mentioned some of the design issues that have been worked through on the Monona Drive project. Williams asked about bigger street signage through this corridor and others to improve night visibility. VanderZwan responded that federal requirements are in place to address sizing and retro-reflective qualities of signs. National standards are defined in the MUTCD.

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

Schaefer reviewed some of the more significant programmed roadway, bicycle, and transit projects included in the TIP. He said there would likely be some changes in the timing of some of the City of Madison projects that are locally funded as part of the city's capital budgeting process. Williams asked about the timing and management of the Dutch Mill Park & Ride lot. Schaefer said construction was delayed from this fall to next spring so the project would need to be added back in the final TIP. He said city would not be charging for the long-term parking at this time. Williams said he was concerned that not enough spaces were being added.

6. Committee Member Reports

None

7. Staff Reports

- MPO Board Appointments

Schaefer reported on the status of MPO Board appointments.

- MPO Staffing Situation

The vacant planner position with the MPO has been filled. Mike Cechvala starts on Oct. 3.

- New Intercity Bus Service, City Staff Team to Address Station Issue

The City of Madison has created a staff team to work on the station issue. Dave Trowbridge is chairing the committee.

- Regional Transportation Plan Update Schedule

Schaefer said that due to being short staffed and the work on the CMP the schedule for the RTP has been pushed back with adoption planned for early next year.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21.

9. Adjournment

Hull moved, Newton seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Notes recorded by Bill Schaefer and Nick VanderZwan