

**Minutes of the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizen Advisory Committee**

August 15, 2006

Madison Municipal Bldg., Rm. LL-110

5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: L. Luttig, J. Rider, J. Guo, R. Ferrell, R. Williams

Members Absent: G. Banks, D. Phillips, B. Jamison, C. Wittke, T. Wilson

Staff Present: R. McDonald, B. Schaefer

Others Present: P. McDonnell

2. Review of Draft Summary of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

McDonald reviewed the draft summary, which was handed out at the meeting. The summary outlines the key features and concepts of the plan, summarizes some of the key recommendations, and includes the three primary maps for the plan showing major transportation improvements and studies, the future roadway functional classification system, and the regional bikeway system plan. The summary also includes a smaller map of the hybrid commuter rail alternative, illustrating how the rail and express bus system could connect the existing and planned future employment/activity centers together. Linking of these centers with the transportation system is one of the key plan concepts. Another is accommodating a higher level of congestion on roadways and implementing TDM and TSM strategies prior to consideration of roadway capacity expansion. He noted the congestion that will continue to exist in the arterial roadways through the Isthmus where roadway expansion is not feasible. This is the reason that development of a high capacity, fixed guideway transit system is so critical. Discussion followed. Among the issues discussed was the need for coordination of the commuter rail and streetcar planning efforts and the possibility of the two projects competing for the same Federal funds.

3. Review of Draft RTP Recommendations/Implementation Strategies

Schaefer said that a new version of the recommendations/implementation strategies, dated August 11, was at members' places. It includes additional recommendations referencing the plan maps (listed under "capacity expansion projects and studies" in the Streets section) as well as some other recommendations under rail and air transportation. Schaefer reviewed the recommendations, highlighting and explaining some of the major ones. Williams suggested adding a recommendation to continue working on developing a downtown Madison intermodal transportation center in the future. He also suggested the region pursue implementation of a 311 number for people to report non-emergency problems or situations (e.g., debris in the roadway). McDonald said staff would add those recommendations. Williams also mentioned the issue of creating a regional transit authority. Schaefer said the recommendations address this in a couple of different places. McDonald asked members to continue to review the draft recommendations and get back to staff with any comments or questions.

4. Review of Draft 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Schaefer noted that the draft TIP was mailed out to members. Staff had previously reviewed the draft STP-Urban Priority Project Listings with the committee. McDonald said the public hearing on the draft TIP is at the MPO Policy Board's September 6 meeting. The Board could act on the TIP at its October meeting, but likely won't act on the TIP until its November meeting. The Board must approve the RTP update prior to approving the new TIP and won't likely do so until the November meeting.

5. Staff Reports

McDonald said that a copy of a newspaper article on bicycle paths was at members' places. Schaefer mentioned that the MPO Board voted to change the name of the MPO to the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board. The letterhead will include a subtitle referencing that the Board is an MPO. McDonald said the name change would not take affect until later after the new MPO board structure agreement is approved.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- October 17

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer