

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

**October 17, 2006**

**Madison Municipal Bldg., Rm. LL-110**

**5:00 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call**

*Members Present:* D. Phillips, J. Rider, J. Guo, B. Jamison, C. Wittke, R. Ferrell,

*Members Absent:* G. Banks, L. Luttig, R. Williams

*Staff Present:* R. McDonald, B. Schaefer

**2. Review and Recommendation on Revised Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2030**

Schaefer said committee members received a proposed list of proposed changes/additions to the draft plan and a summary of comments received on the plan and staff responses to the comments. He reviewed the major proposed changes to the plan related to the goals, policy objectives, and recommendations. First, a new policy objective #9 under Streets and Roadways was being added, which says that bicycle and pedestrian accommodations should be provided along and across all streets in conjunction with (re)construction. There is a more general policy objective that deals with this issue in the Streets section and this specific language is also included in the Pedestrian and Bicycle sections already, but the language would also be added in the Streets section. Language is being added to the Streets section to clarify that recommendations for any state roadway capacity expansions will come out of the ongoing corridor studies and that congestion management strategies will be needed for corridors that will remain congested, in particular the arterials leading into the Isthmus. In response to a City of Sun Prairie request, Egge Road will be designated on the planned projects/studies map for right of way acquisition as a potential future arterial street. Significant changes to the table listing major roadway projects include moving the North Mendota Parkway to a new section with “illustrative” projects (without identified funding). Some of these projects (e.g., Anderson Street) may occur with local funds. A recommendation is being added to continue to initiate detailed planning and construction of collector street extensions and connections, and a list of key projects is included. The plan includes a policy regarding this issue, but the specific recommendation will emphasize the importance of the issue and these particular projects. A few changes are being made to the future functional classification map in response to City of Middleton staff comments.

Schaefer said the MPO received a number of comments in support of creating a regional transit authority. This is an issue that’s being addressed as part of the Transport 2020 study, and the plan references this. However, language will be added to note that this is likely to be the recommendation to come out of the study and to mention the problems with the current structure of a city-owned transit system. Language is also being added in the transit section to emphasize the recommendation to expand the network of bus lanes where possible. A recommendation will be added in the TDM section to explore public/private partnerships for door-to-door transit service, which was requested by a MPO board member. Schaefer said there are some issues with this, including the financial feasibility and the interaction with Metro, but it was something that could be looked at. Schaefer then reviewed the changes to the Bicycle section. These included changes to the bicycle system map being made in response to comments by Middleton and Sun Prairie staff.

Rider said the plan refers to a balanced transportation system and providing mode choice, but he wondered where the major transit improvement recommendations were in the plan. McDonald responded that in addition to the recommendations to improve local bus service the plan also recommends implementation of a fixed-guideway transit system in the East-West Transit Corridor—the subject of the current Transport 2020 Study—and complementary express bus service as

illustrated in the hybrid rail system map. The system proposed goes beyond the initial start-up system being studied. Rider said he didn't realize this. Guo asked about the issue of service equity. Schaefer said that the last section of the draft plan includes an environmental justice analysis, which covers these issues. With respect to the fixed-guide system recommendation, it is true that it doesn't directly serve many of the neighborhoods with concentrations of minority and low-income persons on the north and south sides. However, they will still benefit from it. The system is being proposed in the corridor that has the highest ridership potential. Extensions may be possible in the future to more directly serve these neighborhoods.

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Wittke, to recommend approval of the revised draft RTP 2030 with the proposed changes. Motion carried.

### **3. Review and Recommendation on Revised Draft 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program**

Schaefer highlighted the major changes to the draft TIP. The Lien Road (Thompson Dr./Zeier) intersection project will be dropped as a candidate STP-Urban project as the city has decided to use local funds for the project. The Mineral Point/Junction Road/CTH M interchange will be shown as a programmed project with STP-Urban funding in 2011. The City of Madison is working on a design for this project and is interested in going forward with the project despite the fact there won't be sufficient funding to cover the 80% cost share. The plan is to complete the construction over a two-year period. It is uncertain how much funding will be available for the project. The last segment of the Monona Drive reconstruction project is scheduled in 2012. Also, the listings for the Ice Age Junction Trail (McKee Road to Badger Prairie Park) and Pheasant Branch Creek Trail Enhancements projects are being revised to reflect the fact they are now programmed projects that were selected for funding by the State's Enhancements committee. Two Beltline projects—the resurfacing from Seminole Highway to Fish Hatchery Road and the Todd Drive Bridge Deck replacement—that were deleted from the TIP because it was thought they would be completed in 2006 are being added back for construction in 2007.

Moved by Wittke, seconded by Guo, to recommend approval of the 2007-2011 TIP with the proposed changes. Motion carried.

### **4. Review and Recommendation on the 2007 MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

McDonald briefly highlighted some of the planned major work activities. These include participation on all of the ongoing corridor studies. A major work effort will be completion of an amendment to the regional transportation plan to make it compliant with all of the requirements of SAFETEA-LU. The re-designation of the MPO Policy Board needs to be completed and the new appointments made. The technical coordinating committee membership and voting structure will also be addressed.

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Rider, to recommend approval of the 2007 UPWP. Motion carried.

### **5. Committee Member Reports**

Wittke mentioned an upcoming traffic summit that the Safe Communities Coalition is sponsoring with a focus on issues for the Hispanic population. She said the data shows large disparities in safety belt use by race. McDonald suggested that the summit could be an opportunity to get the word out about the MPO and what it does.

**6. Staff Reports**

McDonald said that MPO staff would be sending out the revised re-designation agreement to change the MPO board structure to local units of government for their ratification. He also mentioned some of the agenda items for CAC meetings next year. They include primarily the many ongoing studies, including the Transport 2020 Study, Streetcar Study, and USH 51 Corridor Studies.

**7. Next Meeting Dates**

The committee will not meet in November or December. The next meeting will be January 17, 2007.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer*