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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Wednesday, March 20, 2013

5:00 PM

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month; 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building) (After 6 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present: 5 -

Bridget R. Maniaci; Jill Johnson; Robbie Webber; Lydia S. Maurer and

Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 4 -

Lisa Subeck; Michael W. Rewey; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Ronald B.

Steinhofer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 27, 2013

A motion was made by De Vos, seconded by Maurer, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- B. PUBLIC COMMENT None
- C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS None
- D. NEW BUSINESS
- D.1. 28436 Badger Rock Middle School Request for an Adult School Crossing Guard at Rimrock and Badger

Drew Beck from Metro attended and distributed a handout with the location of the proposed bus stop relocation on route 16. Beck stated that a sidewalk would have to be constructed at the proposed location, and added that this is not the optimal location, as it would require the bus to cross four lanes of traffic to make a left turn onto the Beltline. The proposed location would prevent kids from having to cross Rimrock Road in the morning, but they will still have to cross Rimrock Road after school to get to the outbound bus stop.

Bob Olson, Crossing Guard Supervisor, stated that he went to Badger Rock Middle School today to observe the crossing. Olson observed a total of ten kids crossing Rimrock Rd, and seven crossing Badger Road after school.

Webber asked what the cost of assigning a crossing guard would be. Olson responded that the average salary is \$6800 per crossing guard per school year.

Lt. Strasburg added that he spoke with Captain Balles about this location, and Balles indicated support for moving the bus stop so that students would not have to cross Rimrock. Strasburg added that assigning a crossing guard at this location may not be the most appropriate action, and there may be other safety measures available.

Webber asked what type of crosswalk was painted at Rimrock Road. Ross stated that it had standard crosswalk striping. Webber suggested marking the crosswalk with zebra stripes to make the crosswalk more visible to drivers. Ross stated that, because the County maintains the road, the City of Madison does not have the authority to remark the crosswalk. However, the recommendations can be forwarded to the County.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Johnson, to Deny the request for the assignment of an Adult School Crossing Guard at Badger Rock Middle School, and to recommend that the Metro bus stop on Route 16 be moved to the northbound side of Rimrock Road between Badger Rd and the Beltline Interchange as outlined in the attached document from Metro, and to recommend that a zebra crosswalk be installed at Badger Road. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D.2. 29255 Creating Sections 12.89(1)76., 77., and 78. of the Madison General Ordinances to designate heavy traffic routes on portions of American Parkway, East Park Boulevard, and Hanson Road.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Maurer, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D.3. 27737 Approval of Annual Traffic Signal Priority List

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Johnson, to Approve staff recommendations, and to request that Traffic Engineering Staff study the intersection of Gorham Street and Carroll Street for a HAWK signal, and return to PBMVC with the results of the study and cost estimates for the installation of a HAWK signal at this location. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D.4. 29165 ALTERNATE Creating Section 27.05(2)(bb) of the Madison General Ordinances to regulate vision clearance at corners within the Minimum Housing Code.

Mark Winter, City Traffic Engineering, stated that the ordinance was re-written to simplify it, but there were key items that were left out in the process. Winter provided the Commission with an alternate version of the ordinance which includes the key items left out in the first version of the ordinance re-write.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Johnson, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT the alternate- REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Alder Maniaci offered to sponsor the alternate.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

E.1. Discussion of the speed limit on Anderson Street near MATC.

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Traffic Engineering staff conducted a study to look at the speed limit on Anderson St. The staff report recommends making no changes at this time.

Commission members clarified that the action they are taking is to receive the staff report; the Commission did not vote on the approval of staff recommendations.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Johnson, to Accept the staff report. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aves: 3 -

Bridget R. Maniaci; Jill Johnson and Susan M. De Vos

Noes: 1-

Lydia S. Maurer

Excused: 4 -

Lisa Subeck; Michael W. Rewey; Ronald B. Steinhofer and Aaron S. P.

Crandall

Non Voting: 1 -

Robbie Webber

E.2. General discussion on the procedures for assignment and discontinuation of Adult School Crossing Guards

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Johnson, to Refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

F. REPORTS

F.1. 28437 Acceptance of the report of the Workgroup to Address Bicycles on Sidewalks, to be forwarded to Mayor Soglin.

Webber stated that the workgroup met several times and discussed options that can be done legally, focusing on the most practical and cost effective options. The group recognized that this is a difficult issue to address, and that it is not possible to have a police officer everywhere at all times to enforce. The workgroup noted that part of the issue is that some people are unaware that bicycling is prohibited on the sidewalk in certain areas. Education and signage could help with awareness.

The workgroup recommended a variety of options, as different areas of the community may have different preferences on how to address the issue, and some of the options recommended were longer-term solutions.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Maurer, to Accept the report and to send a copy of the report to the Mayor, Council Members, and the State Street Design Oversight Committee. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A packet of the minutes and report from the workgroup will be forwarded to the Mayor, Council Members, and State Street Design Oversight Committee members.

F.2. 15487 Reports of other Committees/Commissions (verbal reports for information only)

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Plan Commission
Long Range Transportation Planning Committee
Joint West Campus Area Committee
Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. General Announcements by Executive Secretary

Ross attended a public information meeting on Stoughton Road. The State is moving forward and information on the project should be posted online.

G.2. General Announcements by Chair

There will be disruption along the Old University corridor from mid-April to mid-August with the installation of a large stormpipe. Walnut Street will be closed to all motorized traffic, Highland will be one lane in each direction, and Campus Drive will be one lane in each direction at some point as well.

B-Cycle was launched.

G.3. Commission member items for future agendas

Webber requested periodic updates from staff on the rebuild of the lower end of State Street.

Maniaci has been holding meetings with business owners about the Johnson Street reconstruction. Maniaci put together suggestions for streetscape improvements to make the area more pedestrian and business friendly. Maniaci suggested that the Commission review preliminary plans for the reconstruction and streetscape improvements before the plans are finalized. Maniaci estimated that the plan would be available for the Commission to review at the June PBMVC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Johnson, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.