



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, April 23, 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 5:00 p.m.

Present: 5 -

Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Ronald B. Steinhofer and Susan M. De Vos

Absent: 1 -

Lydia S. Maurer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 20, 2013

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by De Vos, to Approve the Minutes.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 -

Robbie Webber; Ronald B. Steinhofer; Lydia S. Maurer and Susan M. De Vos

Abstentions: 1 -

Michael W. Rewey

Non Voting: 1 -

Aaron S. P. Crandall

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Maurer arrived at 5:25 during item D.1. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 6 -

Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Ronald B. Steinhofer; Lydia S. Maurer and Susan M. De Vos

D.1. [17817](#)

Review of various transportation projects in current (and potential future) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Dane county area

Chris Petykowski from City Engineering, presented an overview of Transportation projects proposed for the next five years, for input and

comment from the Commission.

Rewey suggested that if Atwood Avenue does not change to a two-way during the reconstruction, a counterflow bike lane should be considered.

De Vos commented that bike lanes should be included at the intersection of Midvale and Mineral Point Road, Rewey agreed that bike lanes should be installed at least at the intersection.

Petykowski said City Engineering is considering extending the West Beltline Path along the north side of the Beltline and installing a pedestrian/bike underpass under Gammon Road. De Vos stated that underpasses for pedestrians are unsafe, and asked about whether an overpass could be considered. Petykowski replied that the grades at this location work well for an underpass. Alder Rummel asked if it would be possible to have lighting in the underpass. Petykowski said that they will look into daylighting options for the underpass.

Rewey asked if the State DOT was going to correct the bike lane widths on the Seminole Hwy bridge when they redo it. The bike lanes on the south side were too narrowly striped the last time it was done. Petykowski will look into the width of the bike lanes.

Crandall stated that bike lanes should be installed on West Washington Ave between Bedford and Henry Streets.

Webber asked if there was a way to slow down traffic or tighten the turn from West Washington Ave onto Regent Street in conjunction with the repavement project between Bedford and Proudfit. Webber stated that the turn seems wide, and motor vehicles tend to accelerate into the curve. Rob Phillips, City Engineer, replied that they will look at the geometry of that turn.

E. NEW BUSINESS

- E.1. [29613](#) Amending Section 24.09(6) of the Madison General Ordinances to conform to state vehicle noise statutes.

Alder Strasser noted that this ordinance does not distinguish between a vehicle operated on public property versus private property. Alder Rummel suggested that Alder Strasser talk to the City Attorney's Office about specifying between public and private property.

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Steinhofer, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 -

Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Ronald B. Steinhofer and Lydia S. Maurer

Abstentions: 1 -

Susan M. De Vos

Non Voting: 1 -

Aaron S. P. Crandall

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1. [28442](#)

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

This policy dates back to 1976, with minor revisions. It is based on national standards and general practices across the country. The criteria for assigning an adult school crossing guard (ASCG) relates strictly to elementary school aged students. This has been a major issue in Madison with requests from middle schools for ASCGs. Criteria includes the availability of gaps in traffic, determined by measuring the crossing distance and giving 3 feet per second. For a signaled crosswalk, the timing was 4 feet per second until recently, when it was changed to 3.5 feet per second. Criteria looks at the speed of traffic, sight distance for drivers to the crosswalk, and safety history. A number of miscellaneous factors have been added to accommodate a number of situations where the location has not met criteria. There needs to be a minimum of 25 students and 40 points on the hazard rating to meet the criteria for the assignment of an ASCG. For K-3 schools, the criteria is a hazard rating of 30 points and a minimum of 15 students.

Typically, when a location is recommended for discontinuance, it is because the number of students crossing falls below the requirement, but discontinuation is often not approved when it is recommended. Crossing guards are supervised and in the budget of the Police Department. Each year's budget only includes the number of guards in existence, and if a recommendation to add a new crossing guard is made, it has to go through a budget amendment.

Webber asked if Madison's criteria are still in line with the standards of the rest of the country. Attitudes have changed over the years to encourage kids to walk and bike to school. Ross added that schools also have the authority to assign crossing guards; there is state statutory authority for both schools and municipalities to assign school crossing guards.

Maurer stated that schools regulate the age of children who are allowed to bike to school. In Madison, kids under the age of 10 are not allowed to bike to school, even if accompanied by a parent/guardian. Rewey stated that he would like to see this rule changed, and that schools do not have the authority to regulate how students get to and from school on their own time. He noted that most schools that have restrictions on bicycling only pertain to bicycling on school property. Madison is the only district in the state that Rewey could find that prohibits students under a certain age from bicycling to school. Rewey noted that bicycling is the only mode of transportation regulated by this rule; it does not address walking, taking a bus, taking a taxi, rollerblading, etc.

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Steinhofner, to Refer to the next meeting with a request that staff brings recommendations for changes to the criteria, if any, and provides information on national standards and practices. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

G. REPORTS

G.1. 15487

Reports of other Committees/Commissions (verbal reports for information only)

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

The Plan Commission discussed issues regarding maintaining grid patterns in new development and certified survey maps. Webber asked if Traffic Engineering or City Engineering provide input on these. Rewey replied that Traffic Engineering, Engineering, and Parks, are all supposed to have input.

LRTPC had the TIP presentation at their last meeting.

Joint West Campus Area Committee: There is a University Avenue Corridor Study going on from Midvale Blvd. to Breese Terrace. PBMVC should have an update or presentation on the study at some point.

Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee: The committee has not met recently.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary

H.2. General announcements by Chair

Bike to Work Week is May 13th through the 17th.

H.3. Commission member items for future agendas

Steinhofer asked if the parking space at the intersection of South Carroll Street and Doty could be bagged. It is dangerous for vehicles to have to back out after dropping off mail at the mailboxes into the intersection with a cross-walk. Rewey stated that this area is getting redeveloped and the mailboxes will be relocated. Ross will look into options.

Rewey requested that staff give a presentation to PBMVC on the State Street 700-800 Block project, based on what they hear at the initial public information meeting tonight (April 23rd).

Webber requested a presentation/update on the University Avenue Corridor Study.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Steinhofer, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.