



# City of Madison Meeting Minutes - Final LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

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5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER

*LRTPC Vice Chair Tim Wong called the 7-19-07 joint meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission and Transit and Parking Commission (TPC) to order.*

## 1 ROLL CALL/CONVENE JOINT MEETING OF LRTPC & TPC

**Present:** Kevin L. Hoag, Paul E. Skidmore, Michael A. Basford, Judy Bowser, Michael W. Rewey, Robbie Webber and Robert J. Schaefer

**Excused:** Mark N. Shahan and Dave deFelice

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

- 2 [06762](#) Supporting the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority that enables the expansion of multi-modal public transit in the Madison metropolitan area and supporting State legislation that would enable the formation of Regional Transportation Authorities.

**Sponsors:** David J. Cieslewicz, Michael E. Verveer, Satya V. Rhodes Conway, Brenda K. Konkel, Tim Gruber, Brian L. Solomon, Robbie Webber, Mark Clear, Michael Schumacher, Julia S. Kerr, Tim Bruer, Joseph R. Clausius, Eli Judge, Lauren Cnare and Marsha A. Rummel

**Attachments:** 06762 original resolution.pdf

*Two members of the public wished to speak on this agenda item. Patrick McDonnell said that he supported the creation of an RTA as an essential structure for implementing a mix of transportation modes in this region.*

*Royce Williams said that he serves on the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He said that he supports the RTA but would rather see the MPO as the boundary, not Dane County. He also objected the percentage breakdowns in the resolution, noting that this should be up to the future RTA members. Williams also said that the impact on Metro was unclear and that this should be discussed more.*

*Mayor Dave Cieslewicz then provided his thoughts on the RTA and said that the resolution is only a starting point for detailed discussions. He agreed that Metro funding challenges are a key need that the RTA should address. He said that, in the current Metro funding structure, fare increases and service cuts are necessary if property taxes cannot keep up with rising costs of a growing City and transit system.*

*Cieslewicz said that vehicle miles of travel are increasing tremendously and projected to continue to do so. He said that an RTA is the best way to address these regional challenges. He urged LRTPC and TPC support for the resolution, which will accomplish three primary objectives: (1) allow detailed discussions and negotiations to move forward locally, (2) send a message to the State Legislature that this community is serious about addressing its transportation challenges regionally, and (3) allow the federal New Starts Application for Transport 2020 to move forward. He said that a broad coalition of support will be necessary.*

*Kevin Hoag said that he supports the RTA concept, but he felt that the funding breakdown seems odd to include roadways. Mayor Cieslewicz said that that is for roadway maintenance and not expansion. Mike Rewey pointed out that other modes, such as bicycles and buses, use streets and roadways and benefit from good maintenance.*

*Michael Basford said that other cities and villages need to be brought into this coalition, and that providing some RTA funding for roadway maintenance will help in that endeavor.*

*After questions for the Mayor had been answered, LRTPC Vice Chair Tim Wong asked both Commissions for general discussion on the resolution.*

*Bob Schaefer did not support including the funding percentages in the resolution, noting that the categories lack clarity and specificity. Ald. Robbie Webber said that the categories and percentages are only a starting point for detailed negotiations, and that the resolution is not an ordinance. She also said that it is important to keep the City of Madison resolution as consistent as possible with the Dane County resolution, and that the funding percentages were an important part of the County's resolution.*

*Michael Basford said that the funding breakdowns help inform the public about the general use of the sales tax revenue, and this will be important to communicate given that a referendum will be necessary in the future.*

TPC member Brian Solomon said that the resolution should be approved essentially as it currently is worded, with only minor edits. He said that the details can come later, and that now is the time to send a message to the State Legislature that this community is serious about forming an RTA. He also said that the resolution will help keep the federal process moving forward.

TPC Chair Carl Durocher said that the provision of a dedicated revenue source for transit is very important and that he supports that. However, he said that including some of the funds for streets and roadways could be a bad precedent, and could open the door to a future where too many funds are used for that purpose. Durocher also said that sales taxes are somewhat regressive and that an income tax would be more progressive, although he noted that politically it would be next-to-impossible to enact.

### 3 LRTPC TO RECESS AND RE-CONVENE IN ROOM LL-110 MMB

LRTPC then recessed at 6:15 p.m. The TPC briefly adjourned and re-convened its meeting in Room 260 MMB. LRTPC re-convened its meeting in Room LL-110 MMB at 6:30 p.m.

### 4 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in regard to future LRTPC agendas.

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Basford, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

### 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 21, 2007 MEETING

The Minutes of the 6-21-07 LRTPC meeting were unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Mike Rewey/Michael Basford.

### 6 [06762](#)

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Sup. Al Matano suggested the following modification to the first "whereas" clause on the second page:

"WHEREAS, the City of Madison will continue to support efforts to expand the Madison Metro Bus System to outlying cities and villages within Dane County, such as, but not limited to Monona, Sun Prairie, Waunakee, Stoughton and Cross Plains; and"

Mike Rewey suggested modifying the fifth "resolved" clause to read:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Regional Transportation Authority would be a comprehensive, countywide, regional transportation system, which would provide transportation infrastructure to the entire region, with funding to be apportioned as

*follows; 33% for the first phase of Transport 2020, 25% for Metro Transit Services Busses, 25% for town, village, city and county road maintenance, and 17% for Paratransit services, Rail and Bus enhancements, and Bicycle Facilities; and"*

*Rewey also supported the Transport 2020 Implementation Task Force recommendation to add "-Madison" to UW references in the resolution.*

*The LRTPC then unanimously recommend approval of resolution ID 06762, with the amendments noted above, on a motion submitted by Judy Bowser/Bob Schaefer.*

**A motion was made by Bowser, seconded by Schaefer, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the Mayor's Office. The motion passed by acclamation.**

7 [06761](#)

Adopting the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

**Sponsors:** Brenda K. Konkel

**Attachments:** TLNA Draft June 2007.pdf, Tenney Lapham Plan 2007\_Traffic Eng memo 06.26.07.pdf

*Patrick McDonnell, President of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA), provided an overview of the key transportation and land use recommendations contained in the draft Plan. He noted that there are changes in the demographics in the TLNA area and that this creates a need to revisit the transportation and land use goals for the neighborhood. He said that, in general, the neighborhood supports more jobs in the area, a commitment to schools and parks, and a re-integration of owner-occupied family housing. McDonnell also felt that the high volumes of traffic on Johnson Street and Gorham Street are not compatible with the land use goals for the neighborhood and that strategies should be undertaken to address this.*

*Michael Basford expressed concern about the recommended conversion of Johnson and Gorham to 2-way operations, and said that there needed to be better data and analysis to back that up.*

*Kevin Hoag stressed the importance of park-and-ride lots, but located further out than is recommended in the Plan. He also cautioned the location of the park-and-ride lots in terms of their impact on our air quality, noting that this region is on the borderline of becoming non-attainment (i.e., federal air quality standards). Hoag said that he supported strong transit through the area and the need to better manage traffic through the neighborhood.*

*Tim Wong said that a "bicycle boulevard" concept should be considered for East Mifflin Street, as a way to provide better bicycle travel and discourage cut-through auto traffic. He also said that there needs to be better cross-isthmus bus transit in the area.*

*Judy Bowser said that she had some questions for Traffic Engineering staff and requested that they be present at the next meeting.*

*Mike Rewey said that he would like another month to make some detailed modifications to the Plan's recommendations and that a referral would be a good idea.*

*The LRTPC unanimously then voted to "refer resolution ID 06761 to the August 16th LRTPC meeting, request that Traffic Engineering staff be available at the meeting to answer questions, and request that the Plan Commission delay action on the TLNA Plan until LRTPC acts", on a motion submitted by Mike Rewey/Bob Schaefer.*

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Schaefer, to Refer to the LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION. The motion passed by acclamation.

**8 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**- Note: No Discussion of Specific Items**

*There were no announcements or information submitted by the Chair or Commission members.*

**9 SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**- Next Meeting: Thursday, August 16th, 5:00 p.m., Room LL-110 MMB**

*Judy Bowser noted that she would be out of town on August 16th, but would submit comments and questions regarding the draft Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan prior to that.*

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:25 p.m.