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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, October 26, 2010

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 5:02 p.m.

Present: 6 -

Ron J. Prince; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore;
Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 5 -

Susan M. De Vos; Judy Compton; Judy Bowser; Charles W. Strawser III
and Bridget R. Maniaci

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 24, 2010

A motion was made by Crandall, seconded by Prince, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Items D.1. through E.1. were discussed prior to the 6:00 p.m. public hearing,
item C.

C. 6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY LIST

Eagon left at 6:19 during discussion of item C.1. A new roll call is shown to
reflect this.

Present: 7 -

Ron J. Prince; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Compton; Paul E. Skidmore;
Robbie Webber; Robert M. Holloway and Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 4 -

Susan M. De Vos; Bryon A. Eagon; Judy Bowser and Charles W. Strawser
III

C.1. [20018](#)

Annual Traffic Signal Priority List

Item C.1 was discussed after item E.1.

Registrants: Suzanne Dove, 4137 Hiawatha Drive, Madison, WI 53711 spoke in
support of a signal at Nakoma/Seminole/Yuma, written comments are attached.
Dove stated that she lives in the Nakoma area and is concerned about heavy
traffic volumes. There is a school, park, and a church within a quarter mile of
this intersection. Dove would like the area to be signalized or to be considered
for a four way stop, whichever would be the best option for the intersection.

Dove stated that there is already conduit installed at this location and could be signalized at a lower cost.

Brian Smith, Traffic Engineering, attended the discussion and requested that the PBMVC recommend additional studies for intersections that they want more information on. Smith stated that there is an update to the manual on warrants for traffic control devices, not yet adopted by Wisconsin, which includes an additional warrant for intersections in close proximity to railroad crossings. There were also changes for pedestrian warrants that will allow for more flexibility for intersections to meet this warrant.

Smith stated that length of time on the traffic signal priority list is not an indicator of priority for a signal. There are intersections that have been on the list for years that for various reasons would not be a good location for a signal to be installed.

The Commission requested that additional studies be conducted for the following intersections:

Fordem and Sherman
Cottage Grove and Thompson
Seminole/Nakoma/Yuma
Buckeye and Thompson
Cottage Grove and McLean
Cottage Grove and North Star

The intersection of Seminole/Nakoma/Yuma will also be studied for other options if a signal is not recommended at this location.

The Commission also requested that the intersections of Colony and Gammon; Plaza and Watts; Doty and Pickney, Mifflin and Webster be removed from the Traffic Signal Priority list. Prince requested hose counts for Milwaukee and Thompson. Maniaci requested hose counts for Sherman and Marston.

Traffic Engineering staff will provide the Commission with a report on the study results at the January 2011 meeting.

Prince left at 7:00 p.m. and Compton left at 7:05 p.m. after item C.1. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 5 -

Aaron S. P. Crandall; Paul E. Skidmore; Robbie Webber; Robert M. Holloway and Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 6 -

Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Judy Bowser and Charles W. Strawser III

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1. [19729](#)

Authorizing the creation of a buffered bicycle lane and removal of a traffic lane in each direction of S. Segoe Rd, from Mineral Point Rd to Regent St. (11th AD)

There were previously two lanes in each direction with parking on both sides and no bike lanes. Segoe was reduced to one lane in each direction, with an eight foot parking lane, and the addition of a three foot buffer lane and five foot

bike lane. Skidmore asked if there will be signage to clarify the lane designations. McCormick stated that there may be additional signage added. A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Holloway, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D.2. [20000](#) Approval of 2011 meeting schedule

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Holloway, to Approve the 2011 meeting schedule. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Compton arrived at 5:14 and Maniaci arrived at 5:24 after item D.2. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 8 -

Ron J. Prince; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Robbie Webber; Robert M. Holloway and Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 3 -

Susan M. De Vos; Judy Bowser and Charles W. Strawser III

E.1. [19646](#) Discussion on the draft zoning code ordinance related to bicycle parking

Holloway stated that the language in the zoning code distinguishes between short term and long term parking, and requires that long term parking be accessible, but the language does not define the meaning of accessible as it relates to long term bicycle parking. A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Compton to include the additional language to define long term parking, "All long term parking shall be at least as accessible as the average car parking for residents." The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The Commission discussed the requirement for bicycle racks to be two and one half feet by six feet in size when 2.5 feet width rack sizes are not currently commercially available to purchase. Most handlebar widths are wider than two feet which is why the two and one half foot width was proposed. Holloway stated that overlapping handlebars on bikes can cause damage to shifters and breaks, and that a wider rack should be required. The current zoning code states that racks must support the frame in two places and allow the frame and one wheel to be locked with a standard u-lock, and should also be included in the rewrite. A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore, to change " two and one-half (2 1/2) feet" to " two feet (2)", to add the language "Racks must support the bicycle frame in two places," and "Racks must allow the frame and one wheel to be locked with a standard U-lock." Skidmore moved to call the question, and the motion passed by voice vote. The vote on the motion to change the language to the zoning code passed by the voice vote/other. Holloway abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Compton to amend the zoning code to require that all long-term parking shall support the bike in the center of the parking stall with no overlap. Maniaci stated that in many areas, it would not be possible to accommodate adequate parking for all bicycles if this restriction were required. In high density bicycle parking areas with limited space, bicycles must overlap in order to accommodate secure parking for the high demand. Maniaci stated that bicycle racks where overlapping occurs is

preferable to no parking at all. Skidmore moved to call the question, the motion failed by the following vote:

Excused: 3- Susan M. De Vos; Judy Bowser; Charles W. Strawser III

Ayes: 4 - Paul Skidmore; Judy Compton; Robert M. Holloway; Bridget R. Maniaci

Noes: 4- Ron J. Prince, Bryon A. Eagon; Aaron S.P. Crandall; Robbie Webber

Webber stated that requiring no overlap for bicycle parking would limit developers and reduce options.

The motion to amend the zoning code to require that all long-term parking shall support the bike in the center of the stall with no overlap failed by the following vote:

Excused: 3- Susan M. De Vos; Judy Bowser; Charles W. Strawser III

Non-Voting: 1 - Robbie Webber

Ayes: 3 - Judy Compton; Robert M. Holloway; Ron J. Prince

Noes: 4- Paul Skidmore, Bryon A. Eagon; Aaron S.P. Crandall; Bridget R. Maniaci

E.2. [20303](#)

Discussion of Legislative File 20239: Providing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation with the City of Madison's comments on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Verona Road/USH 18/151 Project.

The PBMVC will be expected to discuss and make recommendations on this item at the next meeting in November. Information was provided in members' packets and is available to view online. There was a presentation on this item at the October 21st special meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee (LRTPC), which can be viewed on the City Channel's website at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/mcc12/>.

Registrants: Ted Collins, 2109 Westchester Rd, Fitchburg spoke to the PBMVC regarding the Verona Road SDEIS. Collins spoke regarding his concern over air quality and increased traffic in the area. Collins stated that the DOT did not include truck traffic and destination studies or an air quality study as recommended by the DNR as part of the EIS. Collins stated that he would like the City to recommend to the state that DOT does the air quality and truck traffic studies and that the City works with DOT to reduce impacts from traffic, noise, and air pollution to the area neighborhoods.

The PBMVC will act on this item in November to submit their recommendations to the lead referral (LRTPC) who will then forward final recommendations to the Council for action in December.

F. REPORTS

F.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

LRTPC has been working on the Verona Road SDEIS, the train corridor study, the train station, and Transportation Demand Management.

Joint West Campus Area Committee will meet on October 27th.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary - None

G.2. General announcements by Chair - None

G.3. Commission member items for future agendas

Crandall requested information on whether the City has looked at signaling any bicycle path intersections. McCormick stated that a comprehensive 1-5 year infrastructure plan is in the works and could be presented at the February or March meeting next year. Skidmore stated that he would also like information on this topic and how to evaluate a "danger level" of intersections. McCormick stated that a priority schedule is being developed to address path intersections. Webber stated that there are counts on several bicycle paths, and that volume is approaching that of small arterial roads at some locations. A future agenda item is to discuss any plans that the City has on how to evaluate path traffic using some of the same or similar methods that are used to evaluate motor vehicle traffic.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Crandall, seconded by Holloway, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.