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Meeting Minutes - Draft LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 30, 2017

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Ken Golden called the 11-30-17 Long Range Transportation Planning Committee meeting to order.

Present: 8 - Ken Golden; Grant A. Foster; James F. Oeth; James E. Polewski; Larry Palm; Susan M. De Vos; Al Matano and Mark N. Shahan

Excused: 4 - Margaret Bergamini; Paul E. Skidmore; Kenneth G. Johnson and Steve King

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 MEETING

The Minutes of the 9-28-17 LRTPC meeting were unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Susan DeVos/Mark Shahan.

Excused: 4 - Margaret Bergamini; Paul E. Skidmore; Kenneth G. Johnson and Steve King

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak to items not on the agenda.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals reported by Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

5 [44190](#) Planning Division staff update on Comprehensive Plan - Imagine Madison

Colin Punt (Planning Division) provided an update on the Imagine Madison planning process, noting that the plan will hopefully be wrapped up in Summer 2018. He said that this phase of the planning process is focused on identifying where growth should occur. He said that about 70,000 new residents are expected by 2040, and the location of this growth (infill or peripheral) is being debated. He discussed three scenarios for how that growth could be allocated.

Ken Golden said that the planning process should consider how residential

growth will affect the school district. He also questioned the market for single family homes and whether or not Madison is keeping up with the region in that regard. David Trowbridge pointed out that the vast majority of residential growth in Madison since 2010 has been multi-family.

Ken Golden also asked LRTPC members if they would like an opportunity to have a more detailed review of the transportation-oriented strategies and actions in Imagine Madison. Committee members agreed that this would be beneficial. David Trowbridge said that he would schedule a work session on this topic.

Jim Oeth suggested that East Towne and West Towne areas be considered for a different kind of land use vision, given that regional retail malls are likely not going to be as popular over the next several decades.

Grant Foster suggested that the transportation actions be as specific as possible, noting that clear language will allow for better performance measuring and monitoring.

6 [47513](#)

Supporting the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Inter-Agency Staff Team recommendation to proceed with Phase 1 Project Development in an east-west corridor running through the UW Campus and Madison's Central Business District (CBD), with the east and west project termini to be determined.

Ald. Larry Palm/Mark Shahan submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 47513. Chair Ken Golden offered two amendments.

Ken Golden/Ald. Larry Palm submitted a motion to add a "Be It Further Resolved" clause that reads:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council shall create an oversight committee to guide further planning and implementation of BRT, and this oversight committee should be composed of alders, City residents, members of the two newly-formed transportation committees, representatives of UW-Madison and representatives of affected property owners"

Grant Foster said that it is important that the new Transportation Policy and Planning Board and new Transportation Director be closely integrated into the oversight of the BRT project. Ken Golden agreed that there should be close coordination.

That motion to add this amendment passed unanimously.

Ken Golden/Mark Shahan then submitted a motion to add another "Be It Further Resolved" clause that reads:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the oversight committee should consider all possible funding sources to help pay for BRT implementation, including (but

not limited to) TIF funding and special assessments”

That motion passed 7-1.

On the main motion submitted by Ald. Larry Palm/Mark Shahan to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 47513 (as amended), that motion passed unanimously.

Bill Schaefer (Madison Area MPO) provided an overview of the staff recommendation for the BRT start-up system. He summarized the criteria that were used to identify an east-west corridor for the first phase.

Robbie Webber (member of the public) suggested that a travel lane be taken for BRT. She said that it would likely be politically unpopular, but in the long term this is the best option. She said that the buses need an exclusive lane as congestion around it grows, allowing BRT to be the better travel option compared to driving. She felt that an existing travel lane should be dedicated along East Washington Avenue and University Avenue.

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REPORT OF LRTPC PARENT COMMITTEES

This is an opportunity for LRTPC members to give a brief (one or two item) report on significant issues, topics, projects or developments being deliberated by their respective Parent Committees.

- **Pedestrian-Bicycle-Motor Vehicle Commission**
- **Transit and Parking Commission**
- **Board of Public Works**
- **Plan Commission**
- **Madison Area Transportation Planning Board, an MPO**
- **Dane County Board of Supervisors**

Committee members provided brief updates on activities happening at their respective parent committees.

Ken Golden reported that the Transit and Parking Commission is addressing some potential changes to paratransit service in the City.

Susan DeVos mentioned that PBMVC recommended adoption of the BRT resolution. Grant Foster was pleased to report that PBMVC is seeing roadway and bicycle facility design projects much earlier than has been done previously, working with City Engineering. He hoped that this pattern of early project review will continue when the new Transportation Commission begins meeting in 2018.

Supv. Al Matano said that the MPO recently formed a joint task force with CARPC, with the possibility that the two entities may merge at some point in the future.

8 [08484](#)

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 Committee members.

9 [08486](#) **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

David Trowbridge noted that the next Committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 25th, 5:00 p.m., in Room 108 CCB. He said that the agenda has yet to be developed.

10 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:00 p.m.