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Meeting Minutes - Approved LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 21, 2011

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

LRTPC Chair Robbie Webber called the 4-21-11 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee to order.

Present: 8 -

Gary L. Poulson; Margaret Bergamini; Robbie Webber; Tim Gruber; Eric W. Sundquist; Lucas K. Dailey; Steve King and Susan M. Schmitz

Excused: 1 -

Charles A. Erickson

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2011 MEETING

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3 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Gary Poulson noted that he serves on the board of "Jazz at 5", which could be impacted by some of the Sustainability Plan recommendations. Robbie Webber said that she is on the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, which also could be impacted by some of the Sustainability Plan recommendations.

There were no other disclosures or recusals reported by Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5 [17817](#) **REVIEW OF VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN CURRENT (AND POTENTIAL FUTURE) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE DANE COUNTY AREA**

Chris Petykowski (City Engineering) provided an overview of various street and bicycle projects proposed to be included in the TIP. He summarized projects geographically for Committee members and asked them to provide comments as he went through them. Some highlights of Committee members comments are below.

Petykowski said that the outer loop streets, one block off the Capitol Square (Fairchild, Doty, Webster, Dayton), are scheduled to be reconstructed over the next three years (and one link has already started). Mark Shahan said that the signage and pavement markings on the Square need to be enhanced, and perhaps placed in more visible areas. He said that there is often confusion for drivers and bicyclists on where they should be. Webber added that the current restricted lane signage is often too high for drivers. In addition, she pointed out that the current restricted lane signs (bus/bike/right turn only) are too high, and many motorists don't see them.

Margaret Bergamini said that the Capitol Square should be evaluated for the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies - such as signal priority for buses - in order to speed up transit service in this area.

Petykowski said that the 700-800 blocks of State Street (Library Mall) were being planned for an upgrade, noting that most of State Street and the adjacent feeder streets have been reconstructed in recent years. Tim Gruber said that a clearly marked bicycle lane through Library Mall should be considered, noting that bikes already travel through there. Petykowski said that facility design would begin in the Fall of 2011.

Chris Petykowski noted that other bicycle facilities in the Capitol area are planned to move forward, including an upgrade to the bike elevator at Monona Terrace and a linkage to a potential "bicycle center" in the MMB area. Mark Shahan said that clear linkages from the Square to the Monona bike path need to be looked at carefully. David Trowbridge said that the Public Market Square planning process (slated to start some time this summer) would be evaluating bicycle connections from the path to the Square and other key downtown destinations. Lucas Dailey said that the Downtown Plan includes numerous recommendations in this area that should be considered in future capital budgets.

Petykowski said that the 100 block of King Street is planned for reconstruction, but not until around 2017. He also said that the City is urging WisDOT to reconstruct Blair Street (between East Washington and East Wilson), at which time the City may try to make some improvements to the challenging John Nolen/Williamson/East Wilson intersection.

Petykowski pointed out that East Johnson Street (from Butler to Baldwin) is planned for reconstruction in 2014. Mark Shahan said that the bicycle accommodations on Johnson Street (especially from Brearly to the east) need significant improvement. He said that the bicycle lane is on the left and simply ends at that location.

Chris Petykowski said that Winnebago Street is planned for reconstruction in 2013 and 2015, and that Atwood Avenue improvement (from Rusk to Fair Oaks) is planned for 2016 (although the intersection of Atwood and Fair Oaks will be reconstructed in 2012). He also said that West Washington Avenue (between Regent and Bedford) is planned for reconstruction in 2014. Mark Shahan noted that the intersection at Regent Street should be reviewed, and the “flying right turn” configuration for autos should be removed. He said that pedestrian safety would be enhanced with a tighter intersection. Shahan also felt that the bike/ped crossing of West Washington (at the missing link path) should be rebuilt with a shorter crossing of the street.

Susan Schmitz said that the Downtown Plan recommends some significant changes to development in this area, which could generate a great deal of additional pedestrian traffic in the area. She said that this should be kept in mind when designing this street segment and the intersections.

Petykowski noted that a segment of Monroe Street was planned for 2013. Eric Sundquist asked if information about the street reconstruction schedule (such as being presented this evening) was available on the web. Petykowski said that it is on the City of Madison web site, and he would forward that link to LRTPC members.

Petykowski said that several segments of University Avenue have been receiving attention recently. He noted that Old University Avenue would be reconstructed in the near future. He said that Dane County would be involved in the reconstruction of University Avenue between Segoe Boulevard and Allen Boulevard (in Middleton). He also pointed out that the recently repaved segment of University Avenue in Shorewood Hills would need to be done again, due to a failure in the work that was completed last year.

Petykowski showed a potential dual-roundabout design for the Old Sauk, Old Middleton and Rosa Road area, schedule for construction in 2016. He also said that the Good Neighbor Bicycle Path was planned for 2016, although there are numerous design challenges with that facility. Also in that general area, Old Sauk Road is planned for reconstruction (with a new traffic signal at Westfield Road).

Margaret Bergamini noted that the Verona Road project (planned to begin in 2013) needs to carefully consider transit circulation through and across Verona Road as the design process moves forward. Petykowski said that Metro has provided many detailed comments on the design, which has been evolving. Petykowski also said that Fish Hatchery Road would be reconstructed in the near future. Robbie Webber said that the width of the auto and bicycle lanes needs to be reviewed carefully, noting that some of that street has sub-standard widths.

Petykowski said that the entire length of STH 113 (Northport and Packers Ave) would be reconstructed in 2011, which will greatly improve the condition of that street segment (last reconstructed in the late 1950's).

Chris Petykowski said that, in terms of major bicycle facilities, the Cannonball bike path is slated for 2013 construction. He added that different concepts for the East Branch Starkweather bicycle path are also being looked at. He also said that the Capital City Bike Path, largely along the rail corridor (between Buckeye Road and the Interstate) are being planned for construction in the near future.

Petykowski then summarized the pavement condition for streets in the City (summarized by local street, collector and arterial level), as this is monitored on an ongoing basis. He said that the goal is to have no more than 10% of arterial streets in a condition of "5" or worse (based on a pavement rating from 1-10), 25% of collectors and 30% of local streets. Petykowski said that significant improvement has been made to street conditions over the past year, and he anticipates the arterials to improve quite a bit more in 2011 due to the complete reconstruction of STH 113.

The Committee thanked Mr. Petykowski for his presentation, adding that they find the annual presentation very useful.

6 [21481](#) To approve the Madison Sustainability Plan.

LRTPC member Lucas Dailey provided a brief overview of the key transportation-oriented components of the draft Madison Sustainability Plan. David Trowbridge distributed some staff comments on the Plan - including from City Engineering, Office of Business Resources and transportation-oriented comments from the Planning Division. However, he noted that the Planning Division comments are still draft and not yet complete.

Committee members wished to have more time to review the existing staff comments on the draft Sustainability Plan, and looked forward to receiving the completed comments.

The Committee then voted unanimously to refer ID 21481 to a future meeting, on a motion submitted by Mark Shahan/Eric Sundquist.

This Resolution was Refer

7 [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.

8 [08486](#) **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The May 19th meeting (5:00 p.m., Room LL-110) would include an update of the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Work

Program and continued discussion of the draft Madison Sustainability Plan.

9 ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:20 p.m.