



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

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Thursday, October 19, 2006

5:00 PM

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

Note: A quorum of the Transit and Parking Commission, Pedestrian-Bicycle-Motor Vehicle Commission, Plan Commission, Madison Area MPO, or Board of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Shahan called the 10-19-06 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Tim Wong, Mark N. Shahan, Matthew A. Logan, Kenneth Golden, Robbie Webber, Al Matano, Dave deFelice and Robert J. Schaefer

Absent: Brenda K. Konkel

Excused: Amanda F. White, Judy Bowser and Michael W. Rewey

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 MEETING

A motion was made by Logan, seconded by Schaefer, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

4 [04579](#) Creating an ad hoc committee on parking strategic planning.

Sponsors: Kenneth Golden, Noel T. Radomski and Jed Sanborn

Bill Knobloch summarized the key components of Resolution ID 04579 and asked if the Commission had any recommended changes.

Ald. Ken Golden/Ald. Robbie Webber submitted a motion to add some language in the first BE IT RESOLVED clause, inserting "one representative of a downtown advocacy/booster organization" directly after "three downtown business representatives". Also, the motion suggested adding a sentence in that same paragraph, after "...Motor Vehicle Commission". The following language should be inserted: "One of the members of this ad-hoc committee shall serve as an alternate member".

Bob Schaefer said that he would like to see a person that uses parking facilities represented. Ald. Golden said that there is a wide range of users (commuters, shoppers, special event users, etc.) and that numerous members of the ad hoc committee could represent those interests. Sup. Dave de Felice said that a Dane

County representative might be considered.

The Commission then voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 04579, on a motion submitted by Ald. Ken Golden/Ald. Robbie Webber.

A motion was made by Golden, seconded by Webber, to Return By Lead to the TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION. The motion passed by acclamation.

5 [04629](#)

Approving Geometrics for Monona Drive from W. Broadway through the Pflaum Road/Nichols Road intersection (includes roundabout at Pflaum/Nichols intersection). (16th AD / City of Monona)

Sponsors: Paul J. Van Rooy

Tom Lynch summarized the design details of the Monona Drive corridor between Broadway (CTH BW) and Cottage Grove Road. David Trowbridge noted that Resolution ID 04629 only applies to the cross section between Broadway and the area just south of the Pflaum Road intersection. He said that the potential roundabout at that location will be studied further in the next couple of years.

(Note: A copy of Mr. Lynch's slides can be obtained by request)

Lynch said that the corridor design plans are broken out into 5 segments, and will be funded and constructed in different years between 2008 and 2012, depending upon the availability of funds.

Ald. Robbie Webber reacted to the fact the southern portion of Monona Drive has numerous mid-block rear-end crashes, which seems unusual (i.e., most of those types of crashes are at intersections). Tom Lynch agreed, noting that there are currently far too many driveways along Monona Drive, which contributes to the high crash rate. Tim Wong said that bicyclists would prefer that section 5 be improved first, as that is the worst section for cycling. Lynch agreed that section 5 is difficult for bicycle travel, but that funding and traffic safety issues helped make the southern portion the first priority.

Ald. Ken Golden asked if the design of the roadway would be safe given future land uses along the corridor. Tom Lynch said that traffic volumes will likely grow due to some redevelopment, but that the Stoughton Road design will have a bigger impact on how well Monona Drive functions.

Ken Golden reacted to the fact that numerous business parking lots are encroaching on the public right-of-way. He said that allowing private businesses to do this (without vacating the land or having some sort of lease arrangement) is setting a bad precedent. He said that Dane County should address this situation.

Mark Shahan felt that 4-foot bike lanes are too narrow, given the high volume of auto traffic along the corridor (he would prefer 5 feet). Tom Lynch said that the designers had a very constrained cross-section, and tried to do as best they could given the competing interests. Matt Logan asked if the median could be narrowed to allow for wider bicycle lanes. Lynch said that 14 feet is a good median width, noting that cars would then be able to cross one direction of traffic and wait in the median for a break in traffic (i.e., make a left turn movement in 2 stages). He said that there are many trade-offs to consider when the right-of-way is severely constrained.

Ald. Ken Golden said that, even though the potential roundabout design at Pflaum Road is being pushed back for further review, he is asking the Madison Area MPO and WisDOT to conduct a workshop for municipalities in Dane County on roundabout

design, safety issues, bicycle and pedestrian incorporation, and the appropriateness of roundabouts in various situations.

Ald. Robbie Webber asked about the cost of a roundabout vs. a traditional signalized intersection. Tom Lynch said that a roundabout like the design proposed at Pflaum Road costs about \$200,000 to build. He said that a signalized intersection would be similar but that it also has signal operating costs every year (the roundabout does not have these annual costs). Lynch pointed out that, if conducting a cost-benefit analysis, the roundabout fares better due to the better safety record (and the reduced costs of having less severe crashes). Ald. Webber asked that the roundabout be kept on the table for future review.

Ald. Ken Golden/Bob Schaefer then submitted the following a motion:

"Recommend that the PBMVC adopt resolution ID 04629, and include language that ensures that a roundabout design at the intersection of Monona Drive and Pflaum Road is reviewed and considered in the future. The PBMVC should also consider and address the issue of private encroachments into the public right-of-way along Monona Drive, and that whatever roadway design and right-of-way arrangement is adopted be capable of serving as a precedent for future projects by including any necessary agreements - such as leases for private use of the right-of-way - to avoid a bad precedent)".

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Golden, seconded by Schaefer, to Return By Lead to the PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION. The motion passed by acclamation.

6 BUCKEYE AMENDMENT TO THE COTTAGE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: OVERVIEW BY MICHAEL WAIDELICH (PLANNING UNIT) AND COMMISSION REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Michael Waidelich summarized the key components and recommendations contained in the plan amendment.

Bob Schaefer pointed out some areas that could accommodate mixed use development. He also acknowledged that some of the parcels are fairly isolated and may not be best suited for commercial development. Michael Waidelich agreed with that.

Mark Shahan said that he would like to see more detail regarding the Plan's street and bicycle network. Michael Waidelich said that site plans would get to that level of detail. Shahan said that 17 acres is a fairly large area and that a more detailed evaluation of the street and bicycle network would be helpful.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that a north-south bicycle and pedestrian connection close to the Interstate should be emphasized.

The Commission then unanimously voted (on a motion submitted by Sup. Al Matano/ Bob Schaefer) to send the following comment to the Plan Commission, as they consider the Buckeye Amendment to the Cottage Grove Neighborhood Development Plan: "ask the Plan Commission to ensure that specific transportation connections contained in the Plan are addressed as part of future site plan evaluations".

7 DRAFT 2007 MADISON AREA MPO UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM: OVERVIEW OF WORK PROGRAM BY BOB McDONALD, MADISON AREA MPO

Given the loss of quorum, the LRTPC asked Bob McDonald and MPO staff to come to a future meeting to review the 2007 MPO Work Program.

- 8 DRAFT 2007-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE DANE COUNTY AREA: OVERVIEW OF TIP BY BILL SCHAEFER AND BOB McDONALD (MADISON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION), AND COMMISSION REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF DRAFT TIP

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9 **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.

10 **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

David Trowbridge noted that the November 16th meeting would include a review of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2007 Unified Planning Work Plan.

11 **ADJOURNMENT**

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