



# City of Madison

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Madison  
Madison, WI 53703  
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Thursday, November 16, 2006

5:00 PM

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

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Mark Shahan called the 11-16-06 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission to order.*

#### 1 ROLL CALL

**Present:** Tim Wong, Amanda F. White, Matthew A. Logan, Brenda K. Konkel, Michael W. Rewey, Robbie Webber and Robert J. Schaefer

**Excused:** Mark N. Shahan, Kenneth Golden, Judy Bowser, Al Matano and Dave deFelice

#### 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2006 MEETING

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

#### 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

*Mike Neuman (Madison Bus Advocates) said that traffic congestion problems are*

*contributing to health problems in the community. He said that air quality is at risk and that traffic issues need to be dealt with now rather than later. Mr. Neuman distributed some articles on global warming and urged the LRTPC to address air quality issues in discussions about transportation policy.*

*Bob Schaefer asked if he had any suggested solutions. Neuman said that financial incentives to reduce vehicle miles of travel (VMT) or to increase development density should be explored.*

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

### 4 ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO THE REFERRAL OF ISSUES TO CITY COMMITTEES: UPDATE BY PLANNING UNIT STAFF AND DISCUSSION BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

*Brad Murphy summarized a recent meeting of staff involved in development project referrals. He said that numerous actions have been taken to address the need to review bicycle, pedestrian and transit issues - primarily the addition of a separate section on the comment sheet pertaining to these types of impacts and the review of projects by Arthur Ross (City Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator). Murphy said that additional changes to the review process could be pursued in the future, such as referring certain projects to PB MVC (those projects required by ordinance to complete a traffic impact analysis, or TIA).*

*Ald. Robbie Webber asked how large such projects would be. Murphy said that projects required to complete a TIA are retail projects greater than 50,000 square feet. Webber asked about residential projects. Murphy said that residential subdivisions consistent with the neighborhood development plans (NDPs) would not be reviewed by committees, since the NDPs are reviewed by LRTPC and others. Mark Shahan said that residential subdivisions inconsistent with NDPs should be referred to committees for additional review. Shahan said that if the street connectivity is compromised or the density of development is not consistent there should be greater committee review.*

*Ald. Robbie Webber asked if Traffic Engineering (TE) staff reviews the TIAs. Murphy said that they do and that TE staff will comment on the projects and make recommendations if problems are anticipated. Ald. Brenda Konkel said that the review is set up to catch problems, rather than approve a TIA. Mark Shahan felt that TIAs could be reviewed by PB MVC as well.*

*The Commission agreed to see how they changes recently made to the development review process address concerns with bicycle, pedestrian and transit impacts. The Commission also agreed to explore the issue after some time and invite Traffic Engineering to a future meeting to discuss how the process is working.*

## NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

### 5 [04720](#) Adopting the Hiestand Neighborhood Plan and recommendations contained in the plan. 3rd Ald. Dist.

**Sponsors:** David J. Cieslewicz and Lauren Cnare

*Mike Rewey/Ald. Robbie Webber submitted a motion to modify the following language in the resolution (additions shown as underlined, deletions indicated by strikethrough), in the "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED" cause that recommends that the appropriate City*

agencies be requested to consider assigning priority in future work plans to proceed with the implementation of the highest priority projects and activities in the Plan.

*Engineering Division*

1. Request that the City Engineering Division, in conjunction with Hiestand Neighborhood, explore constructing an accessible pedestrian/bicycle path adjacent to the drainage way system from Hiestand Park to Honeysuckle Park. The desirable 10- 6- 8 foot wide accessible asphalt path would be designed for neighborhood users with energy efficient solar lighting along stretches of the pathway. Hiestand Neighborhood Association will host informational public meetings of adjacent property owners and neighborhood residents and business community.

*Traffic Engineering Division*

3. Request that the Traffic Engineering Division to explore removing on-street parking on the south side of North Thompson Road, to allow for the addition of marked parking and bicycle lanes. markings. with An the exception should be made in the vicinity of The Meadows Apartment complex, where parking would continue to be allowed on the south side of North Thompson Drive.

4. Request that the Traffic Engineering Division work with WDOT to determine the feasibility of: 1) Installing a noise barrier or alternative strategies to reduce noise along Highway 30 at the I90 system., 2) Constructing a bicycle lane on the east side of Highway 51 from Milwaukee Street to Nakoosa Trail, and 3) Installing guardrails adjacent to the sidewalk under the Highway 51 overpass at Milwaukee Street.

5. Request that Traffic Engineering develop a bike route between Milwaukee Street and Nakoosa Trail approximately in the vicinity of Wittwer Road extended. The route would include use of existing streets, new paths and a bridge over Highway 30.

The Commission then voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 04720, with the recommended modifications, on the motion submitted by Mike Rewey/ Ald. Robbie Webber.

**A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Webber, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by acclamation.**

Archie Nicolette (Planning Unit) and Beth Esser (Hiestand Neighborhood Steering Committee) reviewed the boundaries of the Plan and the key transportation-oriented recommendations contained in the Plan, such as improved lane markings along Milwaukee Street, better bicycle lane striping, improvements to pedestrian crossings, and better bike/ped connectivity to the north and east of the neighborhood area (i.e. Cub Foods, Wal-Mart, East Towne).

Mark Shahan said that a bicycle path through the park area needs to be at least 8 feet in width, and 10 feet would be more desirable. Robbie Webber said that there should be a path connection between the American Family development and the neighborhood area to the east. Other Commission members stressed the need for a pedestrian/bicycle overpass of STH 30 to the north.

Bob Schaefer supported a roadway concept for Milwaukee Street similar to North Thompson and Buckeye Road, where a shared bicycle and parking lane is used.

*Bill Schaefer (Madison Area MPO) summarized the key components and recommendations contained in the TIP, which was adopted by the MPO at its November 2 meeting.*

*He said that University Avenue and the intersection of CTH S and CTH M are new projects that could occur in the next 5 years. Bob Schaefer said that Lien Road should be grade-separated and that increased rail traffic in that area could create some problems in the future. Mark Shahan felt that the Perry Street bike/ped overpass of the Beltline should be included.*

**7 DRAFT 2007 MADISON AREA MPO UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM: OVERVIEW OF WORK PROGRAM BY BOB McDONALD (MADISON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION)**

*Bob McDonald (Madison Area MPO) summarized the MPO's work program for 2007, noting that the MPO needed to be redesignated by April 30, 2007 (which will include a restructured policy board and composition of the Technical Coordinating Committee). He also said that the MPO staff are involved in several area projects, such as Transport 2020, South Beltline study, Stoughton Road corridor project and the North Mendota Parkway project. McDonald also pointed out that the transit portion of the travel demand forecasting model was being updated at this time.*

*The Commission thanked MPO staff for their updates of the TIP and the Work Program.*

**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, December 21st, 5:00 p.m., Room LL-110  
MMB**

*David Trowbridge noted that the December 21st meeting would include a review of the Cherokee Small Area Plan and possibly, design options for the CTH S/CTH M intersection on the west side.*

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

**The Commission adjourned its meeting at 6:50 p.m.**