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Meeting Minutes - Draft LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 11, 2014

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 12-11-14 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee to order.

Present: 10 - Ken Golden; Margaret Bergamini; Robbie Webber; Marsha A. Rummel; Bradley A. Cantrell; Eric W. Sundquist; Steven M. Fix; Steve King; Susan M. De Vos and Al Matano

Excused: 1 - Mark N. Shahan

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 30, 2014 MEETING

The Minutes of the 10-30-14 LRTPC meeting were unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Margaret Bergamini/Steve Fix.

**A motion was made by Bergamini, seconded by Fix, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Eric Sundquist and Robbie Webber noted that they work for State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI), which is a partial sponsor of the TIGER grant being discussed this evening.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 5 [36321](#) Amending the 2015 adopted capital budget to create a new project with authorized expenditures of \$575,000 within the Planning and Community and Economic Development agency (PCED) entitled "Urban Footprint Scenario Transit Oriented Planning," and to transfer funds to the project from the Sustainability Fund; amending the 2015 adopted Operating Budget of the Planning Division to create a 1.0 Limited Term Employee Planner 2 or 3 to

serve as project coordinator; authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a sole source agreement with Calthorpe Analytics to provide UrbanFootprint scenario modeling software and training to be used by the Planning Division in support of Bus Rapid Transit station area planning.

A motion was made by Golden, seconded by Rummel, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ald. Marsha Rummel/Margaret Bergamini submitted a motion to modify the third "Whereas" clause, to read:

"WHEREAS, use of the UrbanFootprint will aid the City in making investment decisions that are fiscally sound and which contribute to the City's goals of racial and social equity, wise land use, efficient transportation, enhancement of public health, and environmental stewardship; and,"

Katherine Cornwell summarized the federal TIGER grant recently awarded to the City. She noted that it is a planning tool that will help demonstrate the value of a variety of land use/transportation system options throughout the City. She said that three areas were selected for the first round of analyses, but that over time this tool can be used in other areas of the City. Cornwell said that the Madison Area MPO and CARPC are also partners in the testing of this planning tool.

Margaret Bergamini said that the BRT corridor will likely be revisited, so the sites selected should be fairly certain to be located along the primary BRT corridors. Ald. Marsha Rummel said that equity should be a key criteria evaluating the alternatives.

Brad Cantrell said the he very much likes the idea that this tool can be deployed throughout the City, and is not just a one-time effort. Eric Sundquist agreed, noting that the tool should be used to help evaluate the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update. Susan DeVos supported the idea of taking a more strategic look at the options, using this tool.

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The LRTPC then voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 36321 (as amended), on a motion submitted by Ken Golden/Ald. Marsha Rummel.

6 [35852](#)

Accepting the South Capitol Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District Planning Study Final Report, Executive Summary (Report of the South Capitol District Planning Committee) and the recommendations contained within.

A motion was made by Golden, seconded by Fix, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE

COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ken Golden/Chris Schmidt submitted a motion to add a "Be It Further Resolved" clause:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and concept presented by the Madison Downtown Design Professionals work group appears to have sufficient merit to suggest further study and evaluation; and,"

That motion passed unanimously.

Ken Golden/Chris Schmidt then submitted a second motion to add another "Be It Further Resolved" clause:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consideration should be given to the narrowing of lanes on John Nolen Drive, in order to recover lands for pedestrian, bicycle and/or park facilities, and to make crossings safer; and,"

That motion passed unanimously.

Ken Golden/Steve Fix then submitted a third motion to add a "Be It Finally Resolved" clause:

"BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council rejects any filling of the lake at this time, based on the proposals contained in this plan; and,"

That motion passed 7-2 (Ald. Chris Schmidt and Ald. Seve King voted "no").

The Committee then voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 35852, on the motion submitted by Ken Golden/Steve Fix.

David Trowbridge summarized the key recommendations contained in the SCTOD Executive Summary Report. He also summarized some Law Park improvement options submitted by members of the public, including the Madison Downtown Design Professionals work group. He asked for comments from Committee members.

Ken Golden reacted to the alternative submitted by the Madison Downtown Design Professionals work group. He said that it should be viewed in the context of how much economic value it could create in the City, not just the sheer cost. Brad Cantrell supported that notion. Steve Fix said that filling the lake is a bad idea, and strongly felt that the Common Council should recommend against that. Eric Sundquist noted that the Big Dig in Boston, although very costly, generated a great deal of value for that City. However, he also said that he did not support any lake fill.

Tim Anderson (representing the Madison Downtown Design Professionals work group) said that lake fill would not be required with his group's option. He added that it would create 6 ½ acres of parkland and could be funded with federal grants - such as TIGER.

Some Committee members felt the report was weak in that it avoided

making a clear recommendation or decision (such as with Wilson Street). Ald. Marsha Rummel defended the process, noting that the study was very diligent and had numerous trade-offs. She said that the SCTOD planning committee did not feel comfortable weighing the trade-offs and making a firm recommendation. She said they felt it was better suited to a Council deliberation.

Ken Golden acknowledged that the report documented the challenges clearly and outlined the trade-offs, but he is disappointed that Traffic Engineering did not develop a staff report, noting that their input is critical. Margaret Bergamini agreed that a report from TE is important. David Trowbridge said that TE's concerns are noted in the Executive Summary, in the text directly below each recommendation (for the Gateway intersections and Wilson Street options).

Brad Cantrell said that he supports the concepts presented in the plan, noting that they are good ideas that should be evaluated further.

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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**

David Trowbridge noted that the next meeting will be held Thursday January 29th. He said that Outlook invites for 2015 are pending.

9 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:45 p.m.