



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Thursday, June 21, 2007

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Shahan called the 6-21-07 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Mark N. Shahan, Mary P. Conroy, Judy Bowser, Michael W. Rewey, Robbie Webber and Robert J. Schaefer

Absent: Dave deFelice

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2007 MEETING

Bob Schaefer suggested modifying two sentences on page 2 of the Minutes, basically correcting some typos and incorrectly worded sentences.

The Minutes of the 5-17-07 LRTPC meeting were then unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Mary Conroy/Bob Schaefer.

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

3 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- 4 [05547](#) SUBSTITUTE - Requiring a Binding Referendum, in a Form to Be Approved by the City Attorney, Prior to Expenditure of City Property Tax Funds to Construct a Streetcar or Commuter Rail System in the City of Madison.

Sponsors: David J. Cieslewicz, Zachariah Brandon, Austin W. King, Paul J. Van Rooy, Larry Palm, Noel T. Radomski, Lauren Cnare and Tim Gruber

David Trowbridge reported that the City-County Liaison Committee did not act on the resolution and that he had communicated this to the staff of the Committee. He said that he also communicated the fact that LRTPC planned to act on the resolution in June, regardless of whether or not all referral committees had acted.

Bob Schaefer/Mary Conroy submitted a motion to recommend adoption of the Substitute Resolution 05547. Bob Schaefer felt that more facts are needed before a referendum is held. Judy Bowser agreed, noting that the streetcar issue needs more facts and public discussion before a referendum is held. Tim Wong agreed and said that people will be asked to vote without being adequately informed on the subject.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that the facts will need to be clear before a referendum is held. She is not in favor of the resolution and said that a dollar amount could be added, where a referendum is held for all projects over a certain amount (including road projects). Bob Schaefer said that highways do not need a referendum, and that streetcars are a different kind of transportation mode.

Ald. Robbie Webber/Judy Bowser then submitted a motion (as a substitute to the Schaefer/Conroy motion): "to place Resolution ID 05547 on file without prejudice", noting that the time is not right for this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Bowser, to Place On File Without Prejudice. The motion passed by acclamation.

- 5 NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: OVERVIEW BY MICHAEL WAIDELICH (PLANNING UNIT) AND COMMISSION REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Rick Roll (Planning Division) summarized the key issues and opportunities in the Northeast Neighborhood Development Plan (NDP) area and asked for initial comments from Commission members.

Mike Rewey said that the planned high speed passenger rail proposals should be noted in the plan (in addition to the Transport 2020 commuter rail plan), as the high speed rail corridor is one of the boundaries of the planning area.

Tim Wong said that he would like to obtain copies of the NDP land use recommendation map, in color, so that he could mark up comments.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that the NDP needs to show strong bicycle and pedestrian

connections - both within the neighborhood and to areas outside the neighborhood. She said that these facilities need to be constructed when the area is platted, or else they will be difficult to retrofit. She said that crossings of the Interstate (to the west and south) will be important.

Mike Rewey said that the NDP should consider utilizing roundabouts at all intersection where traffic signals might be planned. He said that roundabouts have many advantages (when used at appropriate intersections). He said that roundabouts help traffic by incorporating median/access control (to reduce left turn movements at driveways) and allowing u-turns at the roundabout location. He also said that traffic moves slower (so crashes, if they occur, are lower-speed and less serious) and there is less delay at the intersections. Rewey also stressed the importance of extending Milwaukee Street to the east.

In terms of bicycle-oriented comments, Mike Rewey said that the NDP should show a good system of off-street bicycle paths that lead to a larger regional bike path system (not just on-street bike facilities). He said that bike paths can be constructed between the back yards of homes (before they are built). He said that paths can also be constructed parallel to the Interstate or other major roadways in the area (such as along Lien, Reiner/Sprecher, or Gaston Roads). He said that the railroad corridor could provide a good opportunity for an off-street bicycle path as well. Finally, Rewey also suggested showing the location of on-street bicycle facilities on the map (such as Reiner Road, Felland Road, etc.).

Mike Rewey also felt that the employment areas shown on the map should have better bicycle access provided to them, and that these linkages should be shown on the map.

Mark Shahan said that good transit, sidewalk and bicycle linkages should be provided to the planned Transport 2020 commuter rail stations (at Reiner Road and Lien Road).

Bob Schaefer said that transit service in this part of the City should be more direct, with better transfer opportunities. He recalled his days in Milwaukee where there were many basic east-west and north-south bus routes and easy transfer opportunities along the grid system there. Schaefer also felt that Reiner Road should not have as much residential development along it, due to the high volume of expected traffic and noise. He said that commercial development might be more suitable.

6 PUMPKIN HOLLOW NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: OVERVIEW BY MICHAEL WAIDELICH AND COMMISSION REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Michael Waidelich (Planning Division) summarized the key issues and opportunities in the Pumpkin Hollow Neighborhood Development Plan area. He said that there are many special features located within the planning area, especially Token Creek County Park and lands surrounding Token Creek. He said that much of the area around Token Creek is in private ownership and that it will be important to try to preserve as much of this open space as possible, as the neighborhood develops.

Waidelich said that the preliminary concept plan for the neighborhood proposes a neighborhood-scale commercial node and activity center near the Portage Road/Hoepker Road intersection, and potentially office uses adjacent to the Interstate highway. He said that major retail uses are not recommended, and no access to the Interstate is proposed.

Waidelich also noted the historic Lutheran church on Portage Road. He said that a roughly 20-acre park is also part of the NDP recommendation, located near the center of the planning area. The rest of the planning area is proposed for predominantly

residential uses with a mix of housing types, ranging from single-family to street-oriented apartments. A "grid-like" local street pattern will be supplemented with on-street bicycle lanes and routes, and off-street paths connecting with the planned regional bicycle system. Waidelich then asked for comments from Commission members.

As with the Northeast NDP, Mike Rewey said that the Pumpkin Hollow NDP should consider utilizing roundabouts at all intersection where traffic signals might be planned. He also said that the Pumpkin Hollow NDP should show a good system of off-street bicycle paths that lead to a larger regional bike path system (not just on-street bike facilities). Rewey also supported the recommendation that it was important to maintain full access to USH 51 at Portage Road, and that Interstate access at Hoepker Road was not desirable

Tim Wong said that these neighborhoods will be important in facilitating bicycle travel between Madison and Sun Prairie, and that proper accommodations should be made.

7 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.

8 SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Next Meeting: Thursday, July 19th, 5:00 p.m., Room LL-110 MMB

Chair Mark Shahan noted that he will be out of town on July 19 and that Tim Wong (Vice Chair) will chair the meeting.

David Trowbridge noted that the July 19th meeting agenda would likely include the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Plan and a report on progress to create a process to prioritize City projects for inclusion into the TIP.

9 ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:10 p.