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## Meeting Minutes - Approved LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Thursday, August 27, 2015

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 108 (City-County Building)

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### 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Ken Golden called the 8-27-15 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee to order.

**Present:** 6 - Ken Golden; Grant A. Foster; Steven M. Fix; Susan M. De Vos; Al Matano and Mark N. Shahan

**Excused:** 4 - Margaret Bergamini; Bradley A. Cantrell; Steve King and Chris Schmidt

### 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 26, 2015 MEETING

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### 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### 4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals reported by Committee members.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 5 [39314](#)

Adopting the Bicycle Transportation Plan for the Madison Metropolitan Area and Dane County, as a supplement to the City's Comprehensive Plan, including the relevant recommendations and proposed bicycle facility improvements contained within the plan.

**Grant Foster/Mark Shahan submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 39314 (incorporating additions and revisions in the Addition/Revision sheet, dated 8/26/15).**

**Mark Shahan/Sup. Al Matano submitted a motion to add an amendment to the recommendations, regarding roadway shoulders in rural areas: "Although 4-foot shoulders are the minimum bicycle accommodation on rural roadways,**

5-foot shoulders should be given special consideration on County Trunk Highways (CTHs) when particular conditions exist that affect bicyclist safety (including high traffic volumes and speeds, prevalence of driveways or heavy use access points, and/or topography and curvature that affect visibility.” That motion passed unanimously.

Grant Foster/Mark Shahan then submitted a second motion to remove “Optional” from Addition/Revision Sheet Item 6, which would endorse the Recommendation to “Consider alternatives to trail fees for bicyclists on shared-use paths that are used for transportation purposes”. That motion passed 5-0 (Steve Fix abstained).

Susan DeVos/Mark Shahan then submitted a third motion to add language that states “Bicycle trail maintenance should be provided at a level of quality on par with roadway maintenance”. That motion passed unanimously.

The LRTPC then voted 5-0 to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 39314, as amended (Steve Fix voted “present”).

A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Shahan, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION,. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Ken Golden; Grant A. Foster; Susan M. De Vos; Al Matano and Mark N. Shahan

**Excused:** 4 - Margaret Bergamini; Bradley A. Cantrell; Steve King and Chris Schmidt

**Non Voting:** 1 - Steven M. Fix

Mike Cechvala (Madison Area MPO) provided an overview of the key components and recommendations contained in the Regional Bicycle Plan. He also distributed an Addition/Revision sheet with some recommended changes.

Steve Fix stressed the importance of enforcement in the Plan, noting that bicyclists often behave poorly (especially on the UW Campus). Cechvala noted that both motor vehicles and bicycles are targeted for enforcement in the Plan, in order to enhance cycling safety.

Sup. Al Matano said that some of the recommendations and goals stop short on specific, noting that the MPO decided that local communities should set these goals for themselves..

Ken Golden said that on rural roadways, the shoulders should be wider, especially in situations where visibility is poor and safety of cyclists is at risk. He said that this should be added to the recommendations.

Steve Fix noted that there should be some way for bicyclists to pay for the facilities we build, including paths and expensive bridges. Susan DeVos said that the transportation system is shared by numerous users, noting that her property taxes pay for roadways even though she does not directly use them. Grant Foster said that on-street parking is often subsidized by non-auto users. Mark Shahan pointed out that gas taxes only pay for State highways and that local roads are heavily supported by property taxes, whether or not you drive.

6      [08484](#)      **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**- Note: No Discussion of Specific Items**

Sup. Al Matano reported that the County Board recently were given a presentation on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) planning, and that there was good support for moving forward. Ken Golden said that Sup. Robin Schmidt is organizing a number of transit listening sessions, to identify transit needs in communities outside of Madison. He said he is pleased with the turnout so far.

There were no other announcements or information submitted by the Chair or Committee members.

7      [08486](#)      **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

David Trowbridge noted that the next Committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 24th, again in Room 108 CCB.

8      **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:40 p.m.**