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## Meeting Minutes - Approved LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Thursday, February 23, 2017

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 357 (City-County Building)

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**The Plan Commission has been invited to participate in Item 4.  
A Quorum of the Plan Commission may be present.**

### 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Ken Golden called the 2-23-17 Long Range Transportation Planning Committee meeting to order. Members of the Plan Commission had been invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

**Present:** 11 - Ken Golden; Margaret Bergamini; Grant A. Foster; Paul E. Skidmore; Bradley A. Cantrell; James E. Polewski; Steve King; Tim Gruber; Susan M. De Vos; Al Matano and Mark N. Shahan

**Excused:** 1 - Kenneth G. Johnson

### 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### 3 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals reported by Committee members.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 4 [46149](#) Review and Discussion of High Point-Raymond Neighborhood Development Plan Update

David Handowski, Chairman of the Madison West Neighborhood Association was allowed to make a brief presentation to summarize the perspectives of his group.

Several other members of the public wished to speak on this topic. Mr. Handowski and the other residents essentially agreed and expressed support for the current park-like setting, supported the bicycle path, asked that the arterial street connectivity be improved (such as High Point Road and Midtown Road), opposed more traffic on neighborhood streets and opposed the extension of Jeffy Trail to Raymond Road.

Dan McAuliffe provided a brief summary of the proposed land use changes in the area, as well as some of the planned transportation infrastructure

recommendations.

Plan Commission and LRTPC members provided some feedback to staff, and specifically asked for additional information to help in the next discussion of the issues at the committee level. Committee members asked for more information regarding planned roadway improvements, utility implementation plans, phasing of various improvements, topographic maps of the area, property ownership, current and future bicycle and pedestrian facilities, street functional classifications, current/projected traffic counts, and existing and future land use.

Ken Golden suggested that it might be useful to plan a bus trip for interested committee members to tour this area and see the issues first hand

Grant Foster said that he would like to know more about the chronological order of land use, transportation and utility changes into the future.

Susan DeVos mentioned that connectivity is not just for cars, and that other modes need good connectivity as well. She said that there can be good bicycle and pedestrian connections without streets.

Ald. Tim Gruber supported the concept of complete streets and the connectivity of the street grid, especially arterial streets. He felt that high density development should be located close to retail opportunities. Ken Golden agreed that mixed use development should be located in strategically defined areas.

Mark Shahan said that Midtown Road is a good bicycle route and should remain a street that fully accommodates bicycle and pedestrian transportation. He said that Raymond Road should be connected to the south (not 5 points) and perhaps explore reconnecting the cul-de-sac to the northeast of Jeffy Trail. Shahan also questioned whether street vacations are necessary.

Plan Commissioners excused themselves to begin their meeting at 6:00 p.m., and LRTPC members took a brief recess to clear the room. City Staff noted that they will return for future discussions of this NDP Amendment and provide the requested information.

## 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26, 2017 MEETING

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

## 6 [45350](#)

Stating the City of Madison's Locally Preferred Alternative of Converting Stoughton Road (Highway 51) to an Urban Boulevard Within the Madison City Limits.

**A motion was made by Gruber, seconded by Matano, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Ald. Tim Gruber/Sup. Al Matano submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Substitute Resolution ID 45350.

Ald. Gruber stated that the roadway changes being contemplated are a policy decision about how we grow into the future. He supported an urban boulevard concept, better connections across USH 51 and a complete streets design. He did not support a grade-separated intersection at East Washington Avenue and felt that most USH 51 traffic should be rerouted to Interstate 39/90.

Sup. Al Matano said that there are policy and process issues with the USH 51 debate, and he felt that the process undertaken by WisDOT was not an effective one.

Ald. Denise DeMarb said that she was familiar with the WisDOT roadway plans and the Stoughton Road Revitalization Plan (SRRP) and said that new bridges across USH 51 between Buckeye Road and Pflaum Road would help connectivity and improve traffic safety. Ken Golden said that perhaps some sort of urban design district be considered for this area, with an emphasis on industrial development (given the importance of that type of land use in that area).

Mark Shahan felt that the City should ask WisDOT to adopt a “fix-it first” policy and not make such a major expansion, especially in light of technological changes in the transportation field that may be coming in the future.

Grant Foster asked for information to be provided about the process to be undertaken to complete a jurisdictional transfer between WisDOT and the City of Madison. Ken Golden asked that committee members be provided the letter sent by Mayor Soglin to WisDOT in late 2013, outlining concerns about this topic.

The LRTPC then voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Substitute Resolution ID 45350, on the motion originally submitted by Ald. Tim Gruber/Sup. Al Matano.

**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 Committee meeting will be held Thursday, February 23rd, 5:00 p.m., in Room 108 CCB. He said that the agenda will include a review of Connect Madison, the City’s Economic Development Strategy.

**9      ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:35 p.m.