



**City of Madison**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Thursday, March 16, 2006

4:45 PM

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

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**Note: A quorum of the Transit and Parking Commission, Pedestrian-Bicycle-Motor Vehicle Commission, Plan Commission, Madison Area MPO, or Board of Public Works**

## CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Mark Shahan called the 3-16-06 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission to order.*

## 1 ROLL CALL

**Present:** Mark N. Shahan, Matthew A. Logan, Ald. Brenda K. Konkel, Ald. Robbie Webber, Al Matano, Dave deFelice and Robert J. Schaefer

**Absent:** Chris R. Carlsen

**Excused:** Tim Wong, Ald. Kenneth Golden, Judy Bowser and Michael W. Rewey

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

*Chair Mark Shahan suggested modifying one of his comments regarding the street standards, noting that his comment about "not unduly limit the supply of parking" (page 3, in section iv.D.3.d.) was not in the minutes, although it was included in the re-draft of the ordinance. Trowbridge said he would make this change.*

*The Minutes of the 1-19-06 LRTPC meeting were then unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Bob Schaefer/Matt Logan.*

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

## 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

## 5 REVIEW OF VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN CURRENT (AND POTENTIAL FUTURE) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE DANE COUNTY AREA: OVERVIEW BY LARRY NELSON, CITY ENGINEER

*Commission members agreed to take this agenda item out of order, to allow staff more time to arrive and speak to the street standards issue.*

*Rob Phillips (City Engineering) provided an overview of the major roadway and bicycle projects in the City, specifically focusing on those that are included in the TIP. He pointed out that projects are due to the MPO by mid-June and we welcomed*

Commission input or questions regarding projects. He added that the TIP is finalized in October or November of each year.

In regard to the Regent Street/Monroe Street intersection, Sup. Al Matano suggested re-engineering it, essentially re-aligning Monroe Street traffic to Breese Terrace. Ald. Robbie Webber said that the hill up Regent Street could be eliminated, since it was only there to keep the rail cars level (which is not needed anymore).

Larry Nelson said that a major bicycle path extension from Buckeye Road to the Village of Cottage Grove is in the planning stages. He said this last 6 mile link would complete the Glacial-Drumlin Trail, linking Dodgeville, Waukesha and Freeport, IL. Mark Shahan said that it may be a good idea for various City interests to write letters of support to keep momentum going on this project.

Bob Schaefer said that it may be a good idea to pursue a grade separation of the railroad crossing at Lien Road, due to the possibility of commuter rail and/or high speed rail in that corridor. Rob Phillips said that it could be considered, but that it would be very costly and would restrict access to numerous parcels in that area.

Larry Nelson also pointed out that a bicycle path to the north side, termed the "Sherman Flyer" was in the works. He said that this would improve bicycle transportation in that area.

Mark Shahan asked about the possible Junction Road bicycle/pedestrian overpass on the west side. Rob Phillips said that state enhancement funds could be used for that type of project, but added that WisDOT is financially stressed at this time. Shahan felt that the project could score well under the STP-Urban rankings done by the MPO.

Shahan also felt that the Perry Street bike/ped overpass would be a good project to bring back. Ald. Robbie Webber said that the alder in that district may now be willing to support the project.

Sup. Dave de Felice said that the USH 51 corridor project is an important one and he asked how he could help build momentum for it. Larry Nelson said that the project is in the planning stages, but is moving along. He said that funding the project will be a challenge for WisDOT and that it may be several years until anything is done to that corridor. Sup. de Felice said that better bicycle and pedestrian crossings of the corridor are needed at this time.

Matt Logan said that the interchange design at STH 30 and East Washington Avenue should be revisited, and pedestrian movements given a closer look. Rob Phillips said that this area was being worked on.

The Commission thanked Rob Phillips and Larry Nelson for their review and looked forward to future opportunities to comment on City transportation projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program.

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Repealing Section 16.23(4), amending Sections 16.23(8)(a)1. and 16.23(8)(a)8 .a., creating Sections 16.23(9)(d)6.h. and 16.23(9)(e)6. of the Madison General Ordinances to provide for local streets of variable size.

Chair Mark Shahan asked Commission members for comments on the proposed street standards ordinance.

City Engineer Larry Nelson distributed a memo requesting that the revised language on

page 3 (in section iv.D.3.a.), beginning with "Direct routes for bicycles..." be removed. He said that the recommended block spacing would significantly increase costs for maintenance and would result in less land for building lots.

Sup. Dave de Felice said that narrow streets should be tested, to see if they are functional re: snow removal, etc. Bob Schaefer agreed, noting that he does not believe narrow streets stop speeding and that there are too many unknown, potentially negative impacts for him to support this concept.

Ald. Robbie Webber felt that this is a good ordinance but that the proper street connectivity guidelines should be revisited at a future meeting. Larry Nelson said that he could support the ordinance, with reservations. He said that the 3-year audit allows for the removal of parking if the street determined to not be functioning acceptably. He said that there will be trade-offs (bad and good) and that only the future will tell if new narrow streets work or not. Nelson said that 28 feet is not the best design for local streets but that he can manage it.

Ald. Robbie Webber asked that a reference be inserted in section iv.D.3.a. that indicates the section describing the appropriate street connectivity guidelines. The maker of the motion (Sup. Matano) considered it friendly, although he expressed caution in using too many references in writing ordinance language.

**A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Ald. Konkel, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION with the removal of the language noted above (on page 3, in section iv.D.3.a.) and adding a "reference" per request of Ald. Webber The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Absent:** Carlsen

**Excused:** Wong, Golden, Bowser and Rewey

**Aye:** Shahan, Logan, Konkel, Webber, Matano and deFelice

**No:** Schaefer

6 **CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING LRTPC MEETING START TIME FROM 4:45 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.: COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

*The LRTPC unanimously voted to start future Commission meetings at 5:00 p.m., on a motion submitted by Bob Schaefer/Ald. Robbie Webber.*

7 **INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS**

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

*Matt Logan asked that a future LRTPC agenda include possible ordinance changes to address street connectivity (i.e., block length, spacing of sidewalks, etc.)*

*Bob Schaefer reported that the Stoughton Road/USH 51 project will be having two Public Informational Meetings, to unveil some preliminary designs for the roadway:*  
*- Wednesday, March 29, 5:00-8:00, MATC*  
*- Thursday, March 30, 4:30-7:30, LaFollette High School*

*Mark Shahan asked that possible changes in design standards for curb radii should be reviewed by Traffic Engineering and City Engineering, and asked that a presentation be given at a future LRTPC meeting. Larry Nelson said that his staff are reviewing the*

*issue.*

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

## **8 SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**- Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20th (meeting time 5:00), Room 260 MMB (note different meeting room)**

*David Trowbridge noted that the April 20th meeting would, at a minimum, include a review of MPO bicycle and pedestrian planning on the west side. Chair Mark Shahan reminded Commission members that the new meeting start time is 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will be held in Room 260 MMB.*

## **9 ADJOURNMENT**

**The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:15 p.m.**