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Comments from Bill Schaefer at the MATPB.

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John,

I haven't been following this until just recently, but did look at these materials and wanted to raise a concern about the lack of any reference to the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MATPB) (MPO) in the draft ordinance. The MPO is the body responsible for comprehensive, cooperative, continuing transportation planning in the metro area and also approves use of federal funds. Any project that receives federal funding must be included in the MPO plan or in the case of preservation and smaller projects determined to be consistent with the plan. We have a 3-party planning agreement with WisDOT and Metro Transit, which lays out the respective planning responsibilities of the three agencies. The MPO is responsible for leading medium and long-range planning efforts for Metro, one of the three divisions within the proposed department.

At a minimum, I think a paragraph needs to be added to the duties of the Dept. of Transportation to mention working with the MATPB to ensure that city transportation plans are consistent with the regional transportation plan and to work jointly to conduct studies and other planning efforts to implement both plans. There is mention of working with just about every other entity in the metro area, but the MPO. I also think it would be appropriate to require one of the three council members on the Transportation Policy and Planning Board to also be on the MATPB to help provide a link between the two boards. Currently, two of the LRTPC members must be MATPB members. In practice, that would probably end up occurring anyway, but good to have in the ordinance. Please pass these comments on to the full committee for their consideration. I have copied the Madison appointees to the MATPB that are on email list. Thank you.

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