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Meeting Minutes - Draft LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 19, 2011

5:00 PM

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

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

LRTPC Chair Robbie Webber called the 5-19-11 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee to order.

Present: 8 -

Gary L. Poulson; Margaret Bergamini; Robbie Webber; Tim Gruber; Steve King; Chris Schmidt; Susan M. Schmitz and Charles A. Erickson

Excused: 3 -

Eric W. Sundquist; Lucas K. Dailey and Mark N. Shahan

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2011 MEETING

Gary Poulson noted that he made a disclosure at the meeting, stating that he is on the Board of "Jazz at 5". He said that some of the recommendations in the Sustainability Plan could affect that organization. Robbie Webber also said that she is on the board of the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin. David Trowbridge said that he would make these changes.

Ald. Chris Schmidt said that he was in attendance at the 4-21-11 meeting. David Trowbridge said that a Legistar glitch does not allow his name to show up in the system, until his appointment is renewed.

The Minutes of the 4-21-11 LRTPC meeting were then unanimously approved, as amended, on a motion submitted by Gary Poulson/Ald. Chris Schmidt.

A motion was made by Poulson, seconded by Schmidt, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals reported by Committee members.

5 [21085](#) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE DANE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA)

The LRTPC agreed to take this agenda item first, given that this would be a short update and some members had to leave early.

David Trowbridge said that resolution ID 22481 was adopted at the Common Council's 5-17-11 meeting, which basically expresses support for the Dane County RTA and suggests some modifications to it. He distributed the resolution to the Committee.

Sup. Chuck Erickson/Susan Schmitz submitted a motion "to express LRTPC support for the resolution, and note this support in any future City of Madison correspondence regarding the resolution." This motion passed unanimously.

6 [21481](#)

To approve the Madison Sustainability Plan.

Margaret Bergamini/Tim Gruber submitted a motion to refer Resolution ID 21481 to the June 16th meeting, and asked Committee members to email specific comments to David Trowbridge, and to focus review of the draft Plan primarily on the Transportation section (pp. 20-26)". The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bergamini, seconded by Gruber, to Refer. Sent to the LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Jeanne Hoffman (Facilities and Sustainability Manager) provided a brief overview of the process undertaken to prepare and solicit comments on the draft Sustainability Plan. She said that the Plan is an outgrowth of the Natural Step framework. She added that the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee (SDEC) will be reviewing all of the comments received and modifying the Plan, as appropriate.

Tim Gruber expressed some concerns about the Plan's recommendations regarding transportation demand management (TDM) measures. He said that LRTPC was working on a policy for the City and that specific recommendations in the Sustainability Plan may not be appropriate until that policy development process is a bit further along. Gary Poulson agreed, noting that the TDM recommendation regarding special events needs more discussion.

Jeanne Hoffman (Facilities and Sustainability Manager) said that she would like the LRTPC to comment on the overall sustainability Goals, and provide opinion on whether or not those Goals are moving the City in the right direction. She also noted that the Actions included in the draft Plan were examples of how the goals might be achieved (and should not necessarily be considered firm recommendations or required courses of action).

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OVERVIEW OF MADISON AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Bill Schaefer (Director, Madison Area MPO) summarized the major work elements of the Madison Area MPO, noting that the City of Madison (and LRTPC) would be significantly involved in each of them.

Bill Schaefer noted that the MPO was in the midst of developing a Congestion Management Process (CMP). He said that the development of a CMP is a federal requirement of all urbanized areas over 200,000 population. He said that the process will utilize congestion performance measures and is intended to develop targets for transportation system performance.

Bill Schaefer said that a draft of the CMP would likely be presented to LRTPC at the July 21st meeting, and he hopes the MPO Board adopts the CMP at its August meeting. Margaret Bergamini suggested scheduling a joint meeting of various City committees, to help solicit comment in an efficient manner.

Secondly, Mr. Schaefer noted that the MPO will be completing an interim update of its Long Range Transportation Plan, which is required to be undertaken every 5 years. He said that, unlike the 2011 update, a major update of the Plan is conducted every ten years, after Census data is ready for analysis. He said that he hopes a draft of the Plan update is ready by September 2011, and LRTPC would likely be presented the Plan in Fall.

He said that the third major work element planned for 2011 is the update of Metro Transit's Transit Development Program (TDP), which is a 5-year plan for transit improvements. He noted that this document has been put off in recent years, primarily due to uncertainty regarding the Dane County RTA and its role in the area's transit planning and operations.

The LRTPC thanked Mr. Schaefer for the update of MPO activities and looked forward to seeing him back before the Committee over the next few months.

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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.

9 [08486](#)

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

David Trowbridge noted that the June 16th meeting (5:00 p.m., Room LL-110) will include continued discussion and action on the draft Madison Sustainability Plan.

10 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:10 p.m.