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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Wednesday, February 27, 2013

5:00 PM

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month;
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)
(After 6 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: 5 -

Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Ronald B. Steinhofner; Lydia S. Maurer and Susan M. De Vos

Absent: 1 -

Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 3 -

Lisa Subeck; Jill Johnson and Michael W. Rewey

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 10, 2012

A motion was made by Steinhofner, seconded by De Vos, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

Item E.2. was taken out of order, following item C.

D. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES

D.1. [29166](#)

Madison Police Department Traffic Reports, 3rd and 4th Quarters 2012

Lt. Carl Strasburg presented the third and fourth quarter 2012 Madison Police Department Traffic Reports. In the third quarter of 2012, a total of 6,635 citations were issued; 4,131 for hazardous violations and 2,504 for non-hazardous violations. 2,298 of the total citations issued were for speeding. There were fifty-nine traffic enforcement overtime grant initiatives in the third quarter of 2012, resulting in 1,460 citations. There were four significant crashes, resulting in three deaths and significant injury to three others.

In the fourth of quarter 2012, a total of 4,863 citations were issued; 3,149 for hazardous violations and 1,714 for non-hazardous violations. 1,517 of the total citations were issued for speeding. The Traffic Hotline received 248 reports in

the fourth quarter. There were sixteen traffic enforcement overtime grant initiatives in the fourth quarter of 2012 which resulted in 287 citations. There were four significant traffic crashes resulting in three deaths and one significant injury, one of which involved a pedestrian.

Maniaci noted that a line or bar graph of the data in the report would be helpful. Maniaci asked about the changes in the number of citations issued and whether any specific conclusions could be drawn regarding the reason for the fluctuations. Strasburg responded that the number of citations issued in a particular timeframe varies for a number of reasons, such as events or activities that take the attention of officers away from traffic enforcement, and the number of grant initiatives during a particular timeframe. A decrease or increase in the number of citations issued is not necessarily indicative of changes in driving behaviors.

Maniaci asked about the availability of speed boards. Dryer responded that Traffic Engineering has speed boards, but their use is constrained primarily to locations within school zones.

Items E.6. and E.4. were taken out of order following D.1.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Maniaci arrived at 5:25 p.m. during public testimony of item E.2. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 6 -

Bridget R. Maniaci; Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Ronald B. Steinhofer; Lydia S. Maurer and Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 3 -

Lisa Subeck; Jill Johnson and Michael W. Rewey

E.1. [28542](#)

SUBSTITUTE Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the consultant team of Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., for South Capitol Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District Planning Study services for the City of Madison, and creating the South Capitol District Planning Committee.

David Trowbridge from City Planning, presented an overview of the study.

De Vos noted that she did not see a transit representative on the oversight committee list, and that a intermodal transportation study should include representatives of all modes of transportation. De Vos recommended that a transit representative be appointed to one of the citizen member seats on the oversight committee, the recommendation was friendly to the motion to adopt.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Webber, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER. The PBMVC recommended that a person with a background in transit be appointed to one of the citizen member seats of the study's oversight committee. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

E.2. [29013](#)

Accepting the N. Sherman Avenue Transportation Study report, implementing the recommendations in the report and providing the funding to do so by amending the 2013 adopted City operating budget to appropriate \$100,000 from the Contingent Reserve.

David Dryer, City Traffic Engineer, presented an overview of the plan. The project is proposed in response to concerns about traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. There was a public meeting held in October 2012. This proposal is not a new concept; the same problems were studied nineteen years ago, and again twelve years ago, with similar recommendations proposed to reduce lanes, but the district alder and PBMVC did not pass the proposal. Traffic Engineering would not be recommending this proposal if they thought it would result in significant traffic congestion or traffic diversion into neighborhoods. This plan will decrease the number of left turn lane crashes.

Registrants for public comment:

Doug Ayers, N. Golf Glen Rd, Madison 53704, registered and spoke in opposition. Larry Taff, Fuller Drive, Madison 53704, registered and spoke in opposition. Douglas Martin, Namekagon Lane, Madison 53704, registered and spoke in opposition. Mary Johnston, Fremont Ave, Madison 53704, registered and spoke in support. Josh Albarelli, Spaight St, Madison 53703, registered and spoke in support. Lauri Lee, representing the Northside Business Association, 1213 N. Sherman Ave, Madison 53704, registered and spoke in opposition. Jon Beckker, Kenwood Street, Madison 53704, registered and spoke in support. Donna Magdalena, Russell St, Madison 53704, registered and spoke in support.

Alder Rhodes-Conway represents this area as the district 12 alder. Rhodes-Conway stated that when she was first elected about six years ago, Traffic Engineering proposed changing the lane configurations when they resurfaced the street. As a new alder at the time, she asked Traffic Engineering to delay the reconfiguration so that she could first get public input. When Traffic Engineering resurfaced Sherman Ave without any configuration changes, Alder Rhodes-Conway received a lot of feedback from area residents who were outraged that the lanes were not reconfigured, and bike lanes were not added. Residents have stated that they will not cross the street because they do not feel safe, and it is especially difficult for seniors and people with children. This conversion will make the corridor safer for cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. Rhodes-Conway stated that even if an alternate off-road path existed, she would still support the conversion. Rhodes-Conway has heard a lot of feedback from constituents on this topic, recently and over the years, and the vast majority of people are in support of this proposal. Rhodes-Conway supports the proposed project and urged PBMVC members to approve it.

Steinhofer asked if there had been an additional follow-up public meeting since the meeting in October 2012 to notify people of the proposal. Rhodes-Conway stated that there was not another meeting held, however, she notified every person who had contacted her about this issue within the last six years and submitted a press release. There were also several news stories on the proposed project.

De Vos noted that the democratic process is important; the PBMVC recognizes the importance of notifying the public and receiving public input in the process.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Webber, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 -
Bridget R. Maniaci; Robbie Webber; Lydia S. Maurer and Susan M. De Vos

Noes: 1 -
Ronald B. Steinhofner

Excused: 3 -
Lisa Subeck; Jill Johnson and Michael W. Rewey

Non Voting: 1 -
Aaron S. P. Crandall

E.3. [28968](#) Determining a Public Purpose and Necessity and adopting a Relocation Order for the acquisition of land interests required for the construction and maintenance of the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Path, a new multi-purpose (bicycle and pedestrian) path and on-street bike route from the Capital City path at Marquette Street to the Marsh View path at Highway 30. (6th and 15th AD)

Tony Fernandez from City Engineering presented. Maniaci asked if the path location plans are compatible with future high speed rail development. Fernandez replied that the path would be a minimum distance of 35 feet from the rail and would allow for future high speed rail development.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Webber, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

E.4. [28436](#) Badger Rock Middle School Request for an Adult School Crossing Guard at Rimrock and Badger

Vanika Mock, Fiedler Lane, Madison 53713 registered and spoke in support. Mock stated that she has a son that attends Badger Rock Middle School and the location where he has to cross is dangerous. Mock added that drivers are in a hurry to get onto the Beltline, and there are a number of other drivers unfamiliar with the area that are distracted while looking for a particular business, so having a crossing guard would help. There is a gas station with 16 pumps being built, which Mock feels may substantially increase the amount of traffic. Kids have to typically run to get across the four lane street, and the entry/exit for the Beltline is there. They had a parent volunteer to help kids cross last year.

A second registrant also spoke in support and stated that cars are often speeding in this area, and he has seen kids almost get hit by a vehicle when trying to cross.

Arthur Ross, Traffic Engineering, stated that the criteria for an Adult School Crossing Guard (ASCG) is only for elementary schools, but even if this school was an elementary school, it would not meet the criteria for assigning an ASCG. David Dryer added that the Metro bus stop location was going to be changed so kids would not have to cross Rimrock Road. This stop is along the Madison Metro route 16. A sidewalk will also need to be built for the bus stop to be relocated. The Commission requested an update from Metro on the status of the bus stop location change for discussion on this item at their next meeting. Dryer suggested that a representative from the Police Department also attend the discussion. The ASCG positions are funded by the Police Department and would require a budget amendment to assign an ASCG at this

location.

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Maniaci, to Refer to the PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION's next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

E.5. [28891](#)

Approval of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program annual priority list.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofner, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

E.6. [28893](#)

Approval of Capital City Path crossing treatment plan

David Dryer gave an overview of the Capital City Path crossing plan. This document is packet of treatments along the corridor; it is a living document that will likely change, but can serve as a guide going forward during reconstruction and resurfacing. Some of the signage changes can be done right away, and others will be implemented in conjunction with future projects.

Alder Marsha Rummel spoke on this item. The Marquette and Schenk neighborhoods have been talking about safety for years on this path. There are a number of conflicts and crossings along the path. Staff studied the corridor and created this document with treatment options for the crossings. Rummel stated that she would support adding Fair Oaks to the document as well.

Registrants: Janice Niefert, Joylynn Dr, Madison 53716, registered and spoke requesting signage at the crossing at Baldwin & E. Wilson to warn cars that there is a bike crossing ahead. Bicyclists have good signage and know that they need to stop, but the cars coming from Williamson do not have any indication that there is a busy bike crossing ahead.

Weber noted that a sign at this location is included in the plan.

William Niefert, Joylynn Dr, Madison 53716, registered in support of adding a bicycle crossing sign at E. Wilson & Baldwin.

Donna Magdalena, Russell St, Madison 53704, registered and spoke. Magdalena stated that she would like to see a stop signs for motor vehicles installed at Baldwin and Ingersoll Streets.

Maniaci asked about the area by Williamson and Thorton Ave, and whether the plan addresses this area, where kids are coming up the bike bath along the river and crossing to get to the middle school. Winter replied that this plan does not address that specific area.

Steinhofner stated that he is concerned about the installation of stop signs at Blount and South Livingston for motor vehicle traffic but not for bicycles along the path. This may give bicyclists a sense of false security that they do not have to stop, but there is nothing to prevent cars from running the stop signs. Steinhofner stated that it seems dangerous and suggested adding a caution sign to warn bicyclists that they are approaching a street with motor vehicle traffic. This is a flat stretch, and bicyclists can easily start back up again if they slow or stop. Rummel replied that there are more bicyclists than motor

vehicles at this location, and all drivers and bicyclists should still check intersections before crossing, regardless of whether there is a stop sign or not. Dryer added that these locations have very low motor vehicle traffic volume, and there will be additional signage with larger stop signs, overhead stop signs, and bump-outs. Crossings with higher volumes of motor vehicle traffic were not considered for this type of treatment.

Rummel added that the timing of crossings will need to be monitored between bicyclists and motor vehicles. Another issue that will need to be looked at is the path where it crosses Waubesa near the Goodman Center. Dryer stated that the path was recently reconfigured, and was moved at that time. Rummel asked staff to look at expanding the plan to include Fair Oaks in the corridor treatment plans.

Crandall added that he would like to see additional treatment options at Baldwin to help people cross.

Rummel asked if staff could provide a timeline or list of items to be completed in the near future. Staff will compile a list of the treatments that can be completed this year. This list will also go back to the Commission as an informational item.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A motion was made by Webber, seconded by Maniaci, to refer items F.1., G.1., and G.2. to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- F.1. [28442](#) General discussion on the procedures for assignment and discontinuation of Adult School Crossing Guards

This item was referred to the next meeting.

G. REPORTS

- G.1. [28437](#) Acceptance of the report of the Workgroup to Address Bicycles on Sidewalks, to be forwarded to Mayor Soglin.

This item was referred to the next meeting.

- G.2. 15487 Reports of other Committees/Commissions (verbal reports for information only)

Plan Commission
Long Range Transportation Planning Committee
Joint West Campus Area Committee
Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee

This item was referred to the next meeting.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- H.1. [29223](#) General announcements by Executive Secretary
· Downtown Bicycle Parking Study Draft RFP

Webber noted that the parking study also includes moped parking. Webber

asked if there would be enough money for the study to do a study of both bike and moped parking. Webber also asked if the study would preclude the implementation of the Moped Committee's recommendations. Ross responded that the ability to implement those recommendations would not be impacted. Staff will not know the cost of the study until they receive the bids. Webber added that she would like to see the Moped Committee's recommendations.

H.2. [28904](#)

General Announcements by Chair

- Recent increase in the fine for failure to yield to a pedestrian

There was an increase in the fine for failing to yield to pedestrians.

H.3. Commission member items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Webber, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.