



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

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Thursday, July 20, 2006

5:00 PM

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

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 7-20-06 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present: Amanda F. White, Mark N. Shahan, Matthew A. Logan, Ald. Kenneth Golden, Ald. Robbie Webber, Al Matano and Robert J. Schaefer

Excused: Tim Wong, Ald. Brenda K. Konkell, Judy Bowser, Michael W. Rewey and Dave deFelice

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 18, 2006 MEETING

A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Ald. Webber, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

4 ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO THE REFERRAL OF ISSUES TO CITY COMMITTEES: DISCUSSION BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair Mark Shahan reminded Commission members that various development projects need to be reviewed in a manner that ensures that issues pertaining to transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation are addressed. He said that auto impacts are usually addressed but that some projects of certain size need more careful review for other transportation impacts. Shahan said that there is currently some referral to transportation boards and commissions now, but it is on an ad-hoc basis and often creates delays for projects.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that Traffic Engineering does not always catch the most basic issues and that a threshold for the size of development had been suggested as a way to get some projects to receive broader review. Ald. Ken Golden said that there needs to be a way to identify those projects that really need broader review, and that some large trip-generating projects may not need it. Ald. Webber said that the Plan Commission has asked for this, noting that connectivity within site plans is an issue.

Bob Schaefer said that a standard needs to be set for how well bicycles and pedestrian

needs are met, as a benchmark for evaluation. Mark Shahan said that boards and commissions are a good way to get citizen feedback and provide a good balance to professional staff review.

Amanda White agreed and said that transportation demand management (TDM) measures should also be included in the review process. Ken Golden said that, with conditional use reviews, TDM measures can be used to help development proposals meet standards. Golden also felt that a discretionary process could help flag the types of projects that need broader review, noting that numerous projects need not be referred to LRTPC or other commissions. Ald. Golden asked that Traffic Engineering and City Engineering come to the next meeting for further discussion. Matt Logan asked for information regarding trends on what kinds of projects have been referred to commissions in the past.

Chair Mark Shahan asked David Trowbridge to ask Traffic Engineering and City Engineering to come to the next meeting where this item is discussed.

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Adopting the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan and recommendations contained therein as a supplement to the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. 19th Ald. Dist.

Sponsors: Noel T. Radomski

Ald. Ken Golden/Bob Schaefer then submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 03712 and forward the following comments:

- The LRTPC supports the addition of bicycle lanes along University Avenue;
- The LRTPC supports sidewalks as a general concept, as planned and implemented in consultation with neighborhood residents and businesses;
- Update the urban design district for the University Avenue corridor, with particular emphasis on a street redesign/configuration that helps to create a narrower field of vision for motorists; and,
- The LRTPC supports the commuter rail station at Whitney Way and supporting land uses (to be identified and adopted into appropriate City plans).

The motion carried unanimously.

Return By Lead to the PLAN COMMISSION

Archie Nicolette summarized some of the key transportation recommendations contained in the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan. Two members of the public wished to speak in support of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan.

The first speaker was Celesta Regenber, who spoke in support of the Plan. She noted that she is the co-chair for the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee. Ms. Regenber also said that the businesses in the area are supportive of the Plan.

Bob Steffen said that he is concerned about bicycle safety issues and hoped that the Plan would address these concerns. He also said that commuter rail stations should be located in the area.

Ald. Robbie Webber said that the current bicycle path along University Avenue is not safe, as it crosses numerous driveways in an unsafe manner. She said that bicycle lanes should be added in that area. Bob Steffen said that the railroad right-of-way could

be used for a bicycle path. Bob Schaefer expressed concerns about pedestrian safety and the railroad corridor. Archie Nicolette felt that City policy should provide funding for retrofitting sidewalks.

Ald. Ken Golden asked if sidewalks should be included in the Plan. Bob Steffen said that University Avenue should definitely have sidewalks. Ald. Golden asked if north-south bus service needs had been discussed. Bob Steffen said that some new services were requested on side streets, but not necessarily north-south service.

Sup. Al Matano asked that references to "light rail" be changed to "commuter rail" throughout the document. Ald. Golden said that the University Avenue corridor should be an "urban design district", which would help with the design of the roadway and have a positive influence on land use along the corridor. Golden also stressed the importance of a commuter rail station at Whitney Way, and what a profound impact it could have on land use in that area.

6 INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Note: No Discussion of Specific Items

Ald. Ken Golden said that the MPO board structure and name was being changed and he asked that a future Commission agenda include a discussion of how the LRTPC and the MPO interact.

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

7 SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Next Meeting: Thursday, August 17th, 5:00 p.m., Room LL-110 MMB

David Trowbridge noted that the August 17th meeting would likely be a joint meeting of LRTPC, PBMVC, TPC and the MPO to review the USH 51/Stoughton Road project.

8 ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:05 p.m.