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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, July 24, 2012

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.)

NOTE: This meeting was not televised due to the unexpected meeting location change.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. and recessed due to a fire alarm in the building. The meeting location was moved to CCB 118 and reconvened at 5:52 PM.

Present: 8 -

Bridget R. Maniaci; Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Robert M. Holloway; Susan M. De Vos; Ronald B. Steinhofer and Lanh X. Nguyen

Excused: 2 -

Lisa Subeck and Jill Johnson

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 26, 2012

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

D. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

D.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

De Vos nominated Webber for Chair. Rewey nominated Crandall for Chair, seconded by Holloway. No further nominations were made; the nomination for Crandall for Chair was approved by voice vote. Rewey nominated Webber for Vice-Chair, seconded by Steinhofer. No further nominations were made; the nomination for Webber for Vice-Chair was approved by voice vote.

D.2. [27143](#)

Approval of Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Rules and Procedures

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Holloway, to Approve the rules. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D.3. Reconfirm meeting schedule of the fourth Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Crandall to reconfirm the meeting schedule of the 4th Tuesday of the month. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D.4. Recommending Appointment to Mayor for Joint West Campus Area Committee

Webber was recommended by Crandall to serve on Joint West Campus Area Committee, the recommendation was approved by unanimous consent.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Maniaci moved suspension of the rules to take Item F.4. out of order; the motion passed by unanimous consent.

E.1. [26849](#)

Approving the roadway geometry for the CTH M - Prairie Hill Road to Cross Country Road project. (1st AD)

Chris Petykowski, City Engineering, presented the proposed geometry for the CTH M project. Petykowski had presented the preliminary design to the PBMVC several months ago. They are requesting approval on the design as they head into the final design for the project. This is a collaborative project between the City of Madison, Dane County, and Verona.

The roundabout design was selected for PD and the traffic signal design was selected at Midtown Rd. The two lane roundabout design at PD is similar to that at Pleasant view and Mineral Point and can be expanded in the future.

They decided to keep the Raymond Rd connection as it exists. They had considered disconnecting, but people would have to travel an additional two miles without that connection. Phillips stated that the bike underpass should connect with Raymond Road and will add this connection to the design.

Rewey commented that the bike path should continue all the way to the roundabout rather than drop off at the taper. Petykowski will look at extending the lane. Rewey stated that the tapers leading into the roundabout should be shortened which would reduce the conflict point for bikes. Holloway stated that bikes will also have problems on the exit of the roundabout. Bikes will have to move over one entire lane to the right into the oncoming traffic originating from the northbound right turn lane. Bikes will have traffic on their left and right. Petykowski stated that they could install a dashed lane. Rewey suggested putting in a yield sign to the people turning right.

Petykowski stated that the traffic signal at Midtown will have two left turn lanes onto M, and a single left onto Midtown Rd, with right turn lanes at each. The right turn lanes on Midtown can be expanded if needed in the future. There are bike lanes traveling in both directions and a multi-use path.

Steinhofer asked what the decision making process was in doing an underpass vs. an overpass. Phillips replied that the topography works well for an underpass. Petykowski added that underpasses are significantly less expensive to build than overpasses. The underpass will have lights, but they may not be able to do daylighting for a variety of reasons. Steinhofer asked if the underpass will be wired with cameras. David Dryer, Traffic Engineering, replied that there will be cameras. De Vos commented that the underground crossing is unsafe. There will be underdrains and crowning in the underpass

to keep water out.

Rewey asked if the bike path is five feet wide plus the gutter width. Petykowski replied yes, that the gutter width is in addition to the five foot wide bike lane. Webber asked about the section where there is not a sidewalk planned for both sides of the road, and if future development is expected at that location. Petykowski replied that the section without sidewalk is along Morse Pond and there is not development expected.

They are working on getting a connection from M toward Elver Park. Rewey stated that a bike path crossing mid-block on Midvale would be better than having the crossing at a signalized intersection. Dryer replied that the intent is that the crossing would allow kids going to school to cross more easily. Holloway stated that he feels safer crossing at a signal than mid-block without a signal.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Crandall, to approve. Crandall added a friendly amendment that City Engineering look at options that would provide daylight in the underpass; Rewey added a friendly amendment to shorten the tapers to the roundabout; Holloway added a friendly amendment that the roundabout and right merging traffic lane be improved to allow bicyclists to safely merge across the right traffic lane.

The motion to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendations: to shorten the tapers leading into the roundabout, look at options to allow daylight in the underpass, and make improvements to the north bound lane in the roundabout at PD to allow for bikes to merge safely from the roundabout to the right merging traffic lane passed by voice vote/other. De Vos abstained from the vote.

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F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- F.1. [25457](#) Review of a potential four-way stop at Baldwin and East Wilson and potential reversal of the stop signs at Dickinson and East Wilson - for discussion only.

Mark Winter, Traffic Engineering, presented an overview of the recommendations. Winter stated that Traffic Engineering completed recent traffic counts for Baldwin and East Wilson, including bicycle counts. This intersection does not meet criteria for an all-way stop. MUTCD warrants look at crash rates and minimum vehicular traffic volume. Rewey asked why Baldwin and Jennifer was recommended for an all-way stop when it has less traffic than Baldwin and East Wilson. Winter replied that other factors were taken into consideration including significant crashes, bus operations and bus shelter location. Baldwin and Wilson has a good crash record and good site distance.

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofner to refer this item to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

- F.2. Discussion on park and bike locations for short and long-term car parking

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofner to refer to the next

meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

F.3. Progress on Dunning and Atwood Intersection

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofner to refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

F.4. [27160](#)

Update on Appeal with the City Railroad Crossing on the isthmus and quiet zone implementation

Tony Fernandez, City Engineering, presented information on the status of the City's appeal on railroad crossing road closures. There was a hearing in February 2012. The City vigorously opposed the closures which will cause traffic and pedestrian crossing problems. The proposed decision is not final, but is unlikely to change. There is a 15 day comment period in which the City will be submitting comments in opposition to the proposed decision. The Office of Commissioner of Railroads seems to be considering the request by the City to add a crossing at Few Street with WI Southern Railroads requests for closures. The City will also request more time to implement and request that Livingston be left open to pedestrians and bicycles. Fernandez stated that if Livingston is closed it will be turned into a cul-de-sac and there will probably be a fence installed to prevent pedestrian traffic from crossing. Maniaci asked if a pedestrian overpass would be built. Fernandez replied that the height and slopes required to install an overpass would not allow for an overpass at this location.

Registrants: Karen Matteoni, 1710 Yahara Place, Madison, 53704 registered and spoke in opposition of street closures. Matteoni stated that WI Southern Railroad is not making decisions based on pedestrian safety, but that they are requesting the closures so that they can move through the city faster and save money, and that Madison will have to pick up the tab. Matteoni stated that the railroad asked for something extreme (three closures) in order to get at least one of the closures approved. The closures will require pedestrians to go further to get to their destinations and traffic on Williamson Street will be backed up.

Lisa Lantin, 320 S. Baldwin #217, Madison, 53713 registered and spoke in opposition to street closures. Lantin is an affected neighbor whose goal is to silence the trains from blowing their whistles at night. Lantin asked when the upgrades would be completed so that the quiet zones will be implemented. Rob Phillips, City Engineering, responded that there is \$725,000 budgeted in 2013 for quiet zones and intend to apply for a quiet zone in the fall for implementation up to Baldwin Street. Blair most likely cannot be implemented as a quiet zone because of the configuration of the intersection; it would be difficult to make the intersection safe enough without the gates. Phillips stated that they will apply this year, but the quiet zones most likely will not be implemented until next year.

Rewey stated that all of the streets were platted before the railroads came through, and asked why the plat doesn't overrule the railroad company's desires. Rewey stated that the City worked with the railroad and had three voluntary road closures. The voluntary closures should count toward the closures that are being considered.

Maniaci asked where comments should be sent. Phillips replied that people

should send comments directly to the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads:
<http://ocr.wi.gov/>.

- F.5. [27161](#) Discussion on how to improve unsignalized intersections where crosswalks are painted and whether HAWK signals could be used.
- A motion was made by Crandall, seconded by Maniaci, to Refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

G. REPORTS

- G.1. 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
- A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofer to refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- H.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary
- A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofer to refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- H.2. General announcements by Chair
- A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofer to refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- H.3. Commission member items for future agendas
- A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofer to refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Maniaci, seconded by Steinhofer, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.