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Meeting Minutes - Approved LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 17, 2012

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 5-17-12 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee to order.

Present: 7 -

Susan M. Schmitz; Margaret Bergamini; Robbie Webber; Eric W. Sundquist; Steve King; Chris Schmidt and Mark N. Shahan

Absent: 1 -

Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 1 -

Marsha A. Rummel

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 19, 2012 MEETING

The Minutes of the 4-19-12 LRTPC meeting were unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Lucas Dailey/Mark Shahan (Ald. Steve King and Eric Sundquist abstained).

This was Approve the Minutes

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Royce Williams (representing Madison Area Bus Advocates) asked that a standing item be placed on future LRTPC agenda - intercity bus terminal update. He said that the City has 35 intercity bus lines serving the area but has no permanent facility. He felt that a solution to this problem is needed, and that it will likely require City of Madison participation (possible providing the land for a terminal).

David Trowbridge reported that the upcoming Transportation master Plan will be addressing intercity transit access. He also said that the next phase of planning for the Judge Doyle Square project will be starting up this year, and will involve master planning for a larger transit-oriented development (TOD) district in the downtown. He added that this study will consider possible intercity bus terminal locations in the downtown area.

There were no other 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.

NEW BUSINESS

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REVIEW OF VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN CURRENT (AND POTENTIAL FUTURE) TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE DANE COUNTY AREA

Chuck Kamp (General Manager, Metro Transit) summarized some of the key capital items included in the TIP for Metro over the next few years.

Kamp said that there are plans to procure up to 16 buses per year, to keep the fleet (currently at 209 buses) current and operable. He said that he desires to obtain as many hybrid buses as possible, but said that they cost \$580,000 apiece (compared to \$390,000 for a diesel).

Mark Shahan asked when the cost of the hybrid would be recovered over time, in terms of fuel savings. Kamp replied that (at a diesel fuel cost of \$4.50 per gallon), the cost of a hybrid bus would be recovered in about 15 years. However, he said that hybrids are cleaner, quieter and more neighborhood-friendly (which has a value to the community as well).

Chuck Kamp said that Metro plans to replace its fare collection equipment as well, as it is 20 years old and is the #1 reason for on-the-road maintenance service calls. He said that Metro will be sure to purchase hardware systems that allow for easy upgrades over time, as smart card technologies emerge and costs for them come down.

In terms of the long-term maintenance facility, Kamp said that Metro is evaluating some satellite locations but wants to be sure that the operational efficiencies of being located in the central area are fully considered in the decision. Regardless, he said that Metro needs to address the situation as soon as possible.

Eric Sundquist asked about the study funds for Transport 2020. David Trowbridge replied that these funds may be used for further planning of regional transit initiatives, should the need emerge in the next year or two.

Chris Petykowski (City Engineering) concluded his overview of various street and bicycle projects proposed to be included in the TIP (on the north, south and east side of the City). He asked for Committee member comments. Some highlights of Committee members comments are below.

Petykowski said that Buckeye Road is planned for reconstruction in 2016. Committee members said that it would be important to ensure that the street design accommodates school drop-off issues and on-street parking. David Trowbridge suggested the eastern end of Buckeye Road as a possible cross-section to look at.

Chris Petykowski detailed a possible schedule for completing the east side bicycle path called the "Goodman Path", largely located adjacent to the railroad corridor to the east. Mark Shahan asked that an extension to Sun Prairie be evaluated – perhaps by partnering with the City of Sun Prairie.

Mark Shahan also stressed the importance of the Perry Street overpass of the Beltline, and hoped that funding could be secured for that improvement soon.

Ald. Steve King asked about the Post Road extension, and when that might occur.

Petykowski said that construction is planned for this year. Robbie Webber said that this will greatly improve the street network in this area.

The Committee thanked Mr. Kamp and Mr. Petykowski for this overview.

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Amending Section 3.14(7)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to replace the member of the Dane County Regional Transit Authority Board from the Long-Range Transportation Planning Committee with a citizen member.

David Trowbridge said that this change to the LRTPC ordinance is to address the dissolution of the Dane County RTA, and its appointment to LRTPC. He said that the proposed ordinance adds an additional citizen member (City resident).

Ald. Steve King liked the idea of having a new members that can provide a fresh look at items discussed by LRTPC. Mark Shahan said that he preferred having someone from an existing committee, to help with the learning curve of serving on a committee. He said that membership on any committee would be fine.

Ald. Steve King/Eric Sundquist submitted a motion:

(1) to modify the language in the ordinance, to replace "citizen" member with a "member of an existing standing City of Madison committee, board or commission"; and,

(2) Change the title of the File ID to read "Amending Section 3.14(7)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to replace the member of the Long-Range Transportation Planning Committee appointed from the Dane County Regional Transit Authority Board to a citizen member".

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by King, seconded by Sundquist, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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**DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL APPROACHES TO ADVANCE
TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM) INITIATIVES IN
THE CITY OF MADISON**

Eric Sundquist said that the Plan Commission is in need of some more refined guidance regarding TDM measures, in order to help better define what is required of various development applicants. He distributed an approach and asked that LRTPC review this at a future meeting. He said that he and David Trowbridge would work together to refine some draft language to include in the zoning code and would return to LRTPC at a future meeting.

The Committee agreed to that approach.

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Accepting the Report of the Judge Doyle Square Staff Team dated March 20, 2012 and Directing Further Follow-up Actions.

David Trowbridge reported that the June 21st meeting agenda will include this item for action, but that it appear on the May 17th agenda to provide an opportunity to address initial questions, and also to give committee members a start on reviewing the many reference materials included on Legistar.

Trowbridge said that LRTPC has seen the Block 105 concepts at previous meetings

and has been generally comfortable with them to-date. He added that George Austin would be available June 21st to answer specific questions pertaining to a potential hotel and some of the financial concerns.

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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.

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SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

David Trowbridge noted that the June 21st meeting (5:00 p.m., Room LL-110) will include continued discussion of Judge Doyle Square, as well as a review of progress on TDM initiatives.

11 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:50 p.m.