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Meeting Minutes - Draft PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, September 24, 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 5:02 PM.

Present: 5 -

John Strasser; Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Ronald B. Steinhofner and Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 6 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Maurice S. Cheeks; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Lydia S. Maurer; Scott A. Kolar and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 27, 2013

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

Items E.3., E.4., and E.1. were taken out of order after Disclosures and Recusals. Lehner arrived at 5:06 PM. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 6 -

John Strasser; Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Ronald B. Steinhofner; Susan M. De Vos and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

Excused: 5 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Maurice S. Cheeks; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Lydia S. Maurer and Scott A. Kolar

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

D.1. [31650](#)

OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE NEAR WEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS AND UNIVERSITY AVENUE TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Jeff held from Strand Associates Inc. presented an overview of the transportation study to the Commission. The study is a joint effort between Shorewood Hills, UW-Madison, and the City of Madison. Presentations and exhibits are available on the website.

Webber noted that congestion only occurs during peak commuter hours, if people were not all driving at the same time to commute, there would not be a problem with congestion. Steinhofer asked if the City has looked at ways to change commuter times. Dryer stated that the City does not have the authority to tell agencies and businesses to alter their shift times, but will discuss with Rob Kennedy, UW-Madison Transportation Planner.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Crandall arrived at 5:42 PM during item E.1. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 7 -

John Strasser; Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Ronald B. Steinhofer; Susan M. De Vos and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

Excused: 4 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Maurice S. Cheeks; Lydia S. Maurer and Scott A. Kolar

E.1. [31366](#)

Request for All-Way stop at Nakoosa Trail and Commercial Avenue.

Registrants: Steven Schooler, Executive Director of Porchlight, spoke in favor of an all-way stop at this location. Schooler stated that there are fifty to sixty pedestrians crossing each day, and is concerned about pedestrian safety.

Rewey asked Schooler if he had asked Metro about moving the bus stop closer to Porchlight so that pedestrians do not have to cross the street to reach the stop. Schooler stated that he had contacted Metro but the request was denied to move a stop.

Mark Winter, City Traffic Engineering, provided an overview of the intersection and the process involved in studying a location for consideration of an all-way stop.

Alder David Ahrens spoke in favor of the installation of an all-way stop at this intersection.

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Strasser, to install additional pedestrian signage at this location and review the intersection in a year for consideration of an all-way stop. Rewey amended the motion to include a request that Traffic Engineering Staff work with Metro to move or add a bus stop near Porchlight. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 -

Michael W. Rewey and Ronald B. Steinhofer

Noes: 3 -

John Strasser; Susan M. De Vos and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

Abstentions: 1 -

Aaron S.P. Crandall

Excused: 4 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Maurice S. Cheeks; Lydia S. Maurer and Scott A. Kolar

Non-Voting: 1 -

Robbie Webber

A motion was made by Strasser, seconded by De Vos, to approve the installation of an all-way stop at this location. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 -

John Strasser; Susan M. De Vos and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

Noes: 2 -

Michael W. Rewey and Ronald B. Steinhofer

Abstentions: 1 -

Aaron S. P. Crandall

Excused: 4 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Maurice S. Cheeks; Lydia S. Maurer and Scott A. Kolar

Non Voting: 1 -

Robbie Webber

E.2. [31557](#)

Authorizing the release of a public right-of-way reservation that encumbers the property located at 3394 E. Washington Avenue.

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

E.3. [31564](#)

Approving the conceptual plan and geometry for the State Street 700 & 800 Blocks Reconstruction Project.

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

E.4. [31579](#)

Creating Section 12.167(2)(c) of the Madison General Ordinances to allow bicycles to be ridden within the redesigned State Street Mall, effective September 1, 2014.

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

F. REPORTS

F.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
South Capitol District Planning Committee

Plan Commission, LRTPC, Joint West Campus Area Committee, and Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee meeting topics were reported.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. General Announcements by Executive Secretary - None

G.2. General Announcements by Chair

Webber stated that the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin and the City did pedestrian and bicycle counts at forty locations, and will be doing counts quarterly. Volunteers are needed to help with the counts.

UW-Madison police will be doing bike light enforcement on Wednesday September 25th, and Wednesday, October 2nd, and need volunteers.

Strasser announced that Saturday, September 28th is National Plug In Day; electric vehicles will be at the eastside Hy-Vee.

G.3. Commission member items for future agendas - None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rewey, seconded by Strasser, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.