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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, August 25, 2015

5:00 PM

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month;
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)
(After 5:15 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: 7 - Ledell Zellers; Paul E. Skidmore; Michael W. Rewey; Grant A. Foster;
Susan M. De Vos; Scott A. Kolar and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

Excused: 3 - Rebecca Kemble; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Ronald B. Steinhofner

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 28, 2015

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Shahan (Piper Drive, Madison, WI), registered and spoke. Shahan stated he would like to see the bike lanes to be widened at Old Sauk Road and the Beltline, perhaps during a future reconstruction project. Shahan suggested that the words "bike path" be removed from the signage on the SW Path and changed to indicate that it is a multi-use path. Shahan also stated that education is needed to inform pedestrians and other multi-use path users that they should travel in the same direction as other traffic on paths; Shahan stated that it is difficult to maneuver in traffic on a bicycle with pedestrians walking against traffic and also shortens the available reaction time when users are traveling toward one another as opposed to traveling in the same direction.

Dryer responded that there are path etiquette signs that can be installed along the path to educate users. Staff will follow up on the items addressed by Shahan; no future agenda item related to these items is required at this time.

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None.

D. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Kemble arrived at 5:10 p.m. during item D.1. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

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D.1. [39763](#)

Informational presentation and update on the Madison application to the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Bike Friendly Communities Program.

Renee Callaway of MPO and Sarah Gaskell of Wisconsin Bike Fed gave an informational presentation on the Bike Friendly Communities application process and status of the Madison application, which was submitted in August 2015. Callaway stated that it will take several months for the applications to be reviewed with response likely in late fall.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Skidmore left the meeting at 6:00 p.m. during item E.1. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

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E.1. [36916](#)

Review and Action on Recommended Changes to the Criteria for the Adult School Crossing Guard (ASCG) Program

Arthur Ross of Traffic Engineering, stated that the purpose for reviewing the criteria is to resolve the disconnect between the written policy and criteria for the Adult School Crossing Guard program with the Commission's decisions related to the assignment and discontinuation of adult school crossing guards. Historically, the Commission has largely ignored the criteria, often voting to assign guards to locations that do not meet minimum criteria and retaining assignments at locations recommended for discontinuation.

Members were asked to identify specific changes to the criteria that they would be willing to follow for future decisions related to assignment and discontinuation. Ross added that if members do not want to base decisions related to assignment and discontinuation on criteria, and prefer to use a political process, then the policy should be updated and the practice of studying locations should be eliminated.

Members discussed the changes they would like to see made to the criteria and requested that staff assign points to lower vehicle speeds, change the point system based on severity of crash rather than a straight-line point system, and assign points to the lower end of the number of kids crossing.

A motion was made by Kemble, seconded by Zellers, to request that staff make the recommended alterations to the point system based on the discussion, and draft language to be included in the policy that outlines the procedure for contacting the school, PTA, and alder when a location is being considered for discontinuation, and return to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice

vote/other.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- F.1. Recommending a PBMVC representative to the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee

Zellers moved to nominate Skidmore as the second representative to serve on the LRTPC, seconded by Kemble. No further nominations were made. The motion passed by voice vote.

- F.2. [39421](#)

Accepting the Greening America's Capitals: Brittingham - Triangle Green Project Report and authorizing staff to further study the concepts and actions contained in the Report during future planning and infrastructure activities within the project area.

Bill Fruhling of City Planning presented on the report.

A motion was made by Zellers, seconded by Foster, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- G.1. [39764](#)

Review of Capital City Trail Plan (Blair to Dempsey)

- Current Construction - City Engineering staff to present
- Brearly Street Results
- Jackson Street Results
- Future Actions

Tim Wong (Jackson St, Madison, WI) registered and spoke in support, and provided suggestions to the plan.

Corey Stelljes of City Engineering gave an update on the Capital City Trail resurfacing project. Stelljes stated that the work is on schedule and the contractor is expected to complete the work by the November 16, 2015 deadline.

- G.2. [39765](#)

Update on Complete Streets

Rewey stated that new legislation requires municipalities to specifically request complete streets on any state project, restricting the ability to build complete streets.

- G.3. [39766](#)

Outdoor eating areas - Sidewalk width

Members discussed sidewalk cafes and the impact on pedestrians. Rewey suggested that the Commission could make a recommendation at some point that there be a minimum sidewalk width of eight feet. Zellers stated that there are a number of competing uses for space that need to be considered and

balanced, and that the Commission should look at the issue more holistically before making a recommendation.

H. REPORTS

H.1. Bicycle Facility Maintenance Workgroup update

Rewey stated that there will be a pilot this winter to pre-salt the SW Path with brine. Kathy Cryan has been the lead on the pilot project.

H.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

Sustainable Madison Transportation Master Plan Oversight Committee

Bicycle Facility Maintenance Policy Workgroup (PBMVC Workgroup)

Sustainable Madison Transportation Master Plan Oversight Committee meeting topics were discussed.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

I.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary - None.

I.2. General announcements by Chair - None.

I.3. Commission member Items for future agendas

Kemble requested a future agenda item on the Jeffy Trail extension. Foster requested an update on the Platinum Report and progress made to date.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Zellers, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.