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Meeting Minutes - Draft LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 26, 2016

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108 (City-County Building)

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Interim Chair Mark Shahan called the 5-26-16 Long Range Transportation Planning Committee meeting to order.

Note: Ald. Tim Gruber, Sup. Al Matano, Jim Polewski and Susan DeVos are not in the Legistar system at this time, and are not shown as present (although they are still officially members and were present).

Present: 4 - Margaret Bergamini; Grant A. Foster; Bradley A. Cantrell and Mark N. Shahan

Excused: 2 - Paul E. Skidmore and Steve King

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 26, 2016 MEETING

The Minutes of the 4-28-16 LRTPC meeting were unanimously approved, on a motion submitted Margaret Bergamini/Tim Gruber.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak to items not on the agenda.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals reported by Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

5 [43100](#) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF LAW PARK VISION (MADISON DESIGN PROFESSIONALS WORKGROUP)

Tim Anderson (Madison Downtown Design Professionals) provided an overview of the concept for Law Park and John Nolen Drive developed by the Downtown Design Professionals. He presented the alternative vision, which maintains the existing shoreline and creates a new six acre park on top of John Nolen Drive. He said the concept would creating a safer, more walkable/bikeable connection to the lake and eastside. He also said that this option provides significant environmental benefits, including reduced street widths, eliminating six storm sewer outflows, and creating a wetland lake

edge. He added that the concept also provides economic benefits, including reinvestment in the surrounding areas, connecting Downtown and the eastside, and accelerating development of the Capitol East district.

Chris Petykowski (City Engineering) said that a study would begin soon, that reviews numerous concept sin this area, including this one. He said that the intersection of Blair/JND/Williamson was the main focus, but that it will assess how these visions could be integrated with the street.

Margaret Bergamini said that transit access through this area is important, and should be a design consideration. Susan DeVos agreed with that, and added that she felt that a large amount of new parking is not needed. Mark Shahan said that the railroad corridor is still important and needs careful consideration in the design.

Brad Cantrell liked the concept, particularly creating new park space, but added that the intersection is still a tremendous problem that needs attention. He felt that the parking was important for users of the facility and surrounding uses.

Ald. Tim Gruber said that removing parking from the lakeshore is a good idea, and that improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity is a great benefit as well. He also said that the proposed boathouse need not be huge, noting the fact that the Brittingham boathouse is not huge and is a tremendous asset to that area. He said it is the use that matters, not the size of the facility. He finally added that the intersection needs better bike/ped access. Grant Foster agreed with that, and also noted that the transit linkages need to be identified and addressed.

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Overview of Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (TPB) STP Urban Projects Evaluation Criteria & Scoring Guidelines

Bill Schaefer (Madison Area TPB/MPO) summarized the criteria that the MPO uses to evaluate a variety of street and bicycle facility projects. He said that a number of changes to the criteria were recently adopted, which he summarized for the Committee.

Susan DeVos said that the PBMVC evaluates criteria that are used for locating new traffic signals, and that sometimes point systems do not always yield the best results. Schaefer replied that the staff agree with that and always do a subjective check on the results, to be sure that they make sense.

Grant Foster said that there should be a more clear distinction of bike improvements as part of street projects, noting for example that a protected bike lane is much better than a striped bike lane (and should therefore receive higher points in the rating). He also added that winter maintenance is critical to improving bicycle mode share, and that a commitment to year-round maintenance should be a condition of funding such facilities.

Jim Polewski said that additional factors - like health benefits - should be called out and rated as well. Margaret Bergamini said that new federal rules (requiring “congestion reduction benefits”) are likely going to run counter to many of our region’s long-standing goals.

7 [08484](#) **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.

8 [42461](#) **REPORT OF LRTPC PARENT COMMITTEES**

This is an opportunity for LRTPC members to give a brief (one or two item) report on significant issues, topics, projects or developments being deliberated by their respective Parent Committees.

- Pedestrian-Bicycle-Motor Vehicle Commission
- Transit and Parking Commission
- Board of Public Works
- Plan Commission
- Madison Area Transportation Planning Board, an MPO
- Dane County Board of Supervisors

Margaret Bergamini said that the Transit and Parking Commission would be evaluating a potential fare increase at a future meeting. Grant Foster said that the PBMVC were provided a presentation from Madison BCycle, noting that they would like to continue to expand. However, their financial situation is experiencing some challenges.

9 [08486](#) **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

David Trowbridge noted that the next Committee meeting will be held Thursday, June 30th, 5:00 p.m., once again in Room 108 CCB.

10 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 7:25 p.m.