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Meeting Minutes - Draft LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 26, 2017

5:00 PM

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

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Ken Golden called the 1-26-17 Long Range Transportation Planning Committee meeting to order.

Present: 7 - Ken Golden; Grant A. Foster; Bradley A. Cantrell; James E. Polewski; Kenneth G. Johnson; Susan M. De Vos and Mark N. Shahan

Excused: 5 - Margaret Bergamini; Paul E. Skidmore; Steve King; Tim Gruber and Al Matano

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2016 MEETING

The Minutes of the 10-27-16 LRTPC meeting were unanimously approved, on a motion submitted Brad Cantrell/Susan DeVos. Ken Golden abstained.

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 [43726](#) Establishing Goals for Regional Transit Authority Legislation.

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Nick Zavos provided a brief summary of Resolution ID 43726, noting that Mayor Soglin wished to begin discussions with other Dane County communities regarding long term financing of a regional transit system. He said that, should a proposal be developed, discussions would eventually need to take place with State legislators.

Susan DeVos asked if the RTA board would be comprised of elected officials or that its members would be elected directly (as school board members are). Zavos said that nothing is in stone, but that the intent of the mayor was the former. DeVos also said that the state should consider one piece of legislation for all communities wishing to form an RTA, not separate legislation for each urban area.

Brad Cantrell said that he has been following this issue a bit and noted that communities in the Fox Cities have indicated a need for an RTA in their area.

Susan Schmitz (representing DMI) said that she was a member of the former RTA Board in Dane County. She said that having the members of the board be elected was very important to state legislators, and that this is somewhat of a non-negotiable requirement of anything that might go forward.

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6 [45285](#)

Adopting Madison in Motion as the City of Madison’s long-range transportation system plan, policy framework and resource for future transportation investments, as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

Ken Johnson/Grant Foster submitted a motion to recommend adding an addendum to the Madison in Motion plan, identifying the City department that will lead the implementation of the Action Items (as well as the supporting/participating departments). That motion passed unanimously.

Mark Shahan/Brad Cantrell submitted a motion to modify the language in the new recommendation below, pertaining to the use and refinement of transportation system performance measures over time. That motion passed unanimously.

New Theme – “Measuring and Monitoring Transportation System Performance”

Action Items (next 1-5 years)

o The City of Madison should work with local and regional partners (including the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and other area jurisdictions) to develop and maintain a transportation system performance measurement and monitoring program, to monitor transportation mode share changes over time. The performance measurement program should establish a base year 2016 dataset, utilizing the National Household Transportation Survey (NHTS) and providing necessary resources to increase the sample size (to ensure statistical validity) and to also allow for geographic targeting of data collection within certain locations of the City (to ensure that economically disadvantaged or other potentially underserved populations are reached). The City should also enhance its current data collection program to collect transportation system user volumes at specific locations throughout the City, including motor vehicle counts, transit user counts, as well as bicycle and pedestrian counts, and monitor changes over time. In addition, the City should continue to develop and refine new performance measures over time (as well as consider evolving measures), as new data sources and data collection techniques become available and reliable. Special emphasis should be given to performance measures that are specifically tailored to individual transportation modes, demographic groups and geographic locations in the City.

Brad Cantrell/Jim Polewski submitted a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution ID 45285 (as amended). That motion passed unanimously.

There were three registrants wishing to speak on Madison in Motion.

Kat Ruth Leigh said that she is an Epic employee, a transit user and lives in an apartment along the Beltline frontage road (between Seminole Highway and Todd Drive). She said that she was recently hit by a car that spun out of control on the ice, and that she is lucky not to have been seriously injured or killed. She said that walking and transit are her main ways of getting around and there is a serious need for sidewalks, especially on streets that are bus routes. She praised Madison in Motion for including a recommendation to install sidewalks on Tier 1 routes (which include bus lines). She added that there is also a need to provide safe pedestrian connections to transit stations, even if the routes are not directly on those streets.

Susan Schmitz, representing DMI, said that she wished to express support for Madison in Motion. She noted that it achieves a very good balance and is truly multimodal. She said that the recommendations in the plan are focused on providing realistic choices for people.

Gary Peterson also wished to express support for Madison in Motion. He said that he is a member of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), a member of the Bicycle Federation of WI Board and serves on the Platinum Bicycle Committee.

LRTPC members discussed some possible amendments to the Madison in Motion plan document.

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Grant Foster/Mark Shahan then submitted a motion to include an aspirational goal in the Madison in Motion plan, to recommend that the City strive to achieve a mode split of less than 50% of single-occupancy automobile trips (for employment purposes). That motion failed 2-4.

Grant Foster also noted that the LRTPC should be provided an annual report on the progress of Madison in Motion, in regard to the 1-5 year Action Items and their implementation status. Ken Johnson said that the plan review could also be integrated into the performance reviews of department heads.

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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

Grant Foster noted that the Transportation Ordinance Review Committee (TORC) has been meeting and considering changes to the transportation committee structured, as well as the potential of hiring a transportation department director.

Brad Cantrell reported that the Plan Commission adopted the Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan, and included a number of the transportation system revisions recommended by LRTPC.

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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 next Committee meeting will be held Thursday, February 23rd, 5:00 p.m., in Room 108 CCB. He said that the agenda will include the High Point-Raymond Neighborhood Development Plan.

10 ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:40 p.m.