

**Madison Area Transportation Planning Board  
Citizen Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2016**

**Madison Municipal Building, Room LL-130**

**5:00 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call/Introductions**

*Members Present:* D. Hoffert, M. Jones, J. Rider, G. Rylander, T. Stoebig, R. Williams

*Members Absent:* K. Canto, I. Rothe,

*Staff Present:* W. Schaefer, M. Cechvala

**2. Approval of March 30, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Rider moved, Rylander seconded, to approve the March 30, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Staff Reports**

Schaefer reported that two new MPO board members were appointed: Tim Gruber replaced Chris Schmidt who resigned from the Madison Common Council and Steve Stocker, a City of Sun Prairie Alder, replaced Jason Kramar.

Schaefer said that staff continues to work with HNTB and SRF on improvements to the travel demand model to more accurately forecast transit ridership. As part of this work, it was discovered that auto speeds in the model were too high in the urban area and too low in rural areas. WisDOT and the MPO will hire SRF to recalibrate the auto speeds in the model and revalidate it. This work will be coordinated with the transit related work and is expected to be done by end of July or early August. This will provide time for the MPO to complete some modeling runs in advance of the next series of public meetings on the RTP in late September.

Metro Transit has applied again this year for TIGER 8 funding for a new \$35 million bus garage on Nakoosa Trail and five new articulated buses. Staff continue to work with Dane County to set up the \$1.5 transit capital grant program that was approved last fall.

**4. Review of Draft Goals and Policies for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2050**

Schaefer reviewed the draft plan goals and policies document included in the meeting materials. He said that the RTP committee asked that the policies be prioritized in some way or that the most important ones be emphasized. Staff made a first attempt to highlight those in bold, however they probably won't be shown that way in the report. However, some of the key concepts such as livable communities and complete streets will be highlighted and illustrated in the report. A policy addressing use of roadways by agricultural vehicles was added in response to a committee member comment.

Stoebig commented that the complete streets goal is good but curb/gutter and sidewalk are expensive and special assessments can take a toll on property owners. Schaefer agreed that the goal might not always be achieved in retrofit situations. Rylander suggested changing "ensure" to "establish" financial viability of the transportation system and also changing "ensure" to "advance or promote" system-wide efficiency and reliability. Schaefer said those were good suggestions.

**5. Presentation on Draft Transportation Performance Measures Report**

Schaefer distributed an updated performance measures report dated May 18, 2016. He said new federal legislation requires moving to a performance based planning approach, and that federal rules were now being finalized for measures tied to national goals. In the future, targets will need to be set for the federal measures, performance will be tracked, and increased federal funds may need to be spent in certain areas such as safety if performance isn't improving. This report is the first of what will be annual performance

reports. Future reports will incorporate all of the federal measures as they are finalized. Measures will likely evolve to some extent as new data becomes available. Schaefer provided a presentation on the report. He noted some changes that still need to be made, including replacing the complaints data with actual transit on-time performance data and use of different roadway congestion and reliability measures than the proposed federal measures, which staff doesn't particularly like.

Rylander suggested additional normalization of the data that takes population into account such as VMT. Schaefer said that was considered but the annual population estimates in between the decennial Census have a high margin of error. Williams suggested measures related to inter-city transit. Schaefer said that a measure could possibly be added, but data availability (e.g. ridership) is an issue with the private, non-publicly supported services. The amount of service wouldn't change much from year to year.

**6. Presentation on Existing Transit System and Ongoing Planning Efforts**

Cechvala gave a presentation summarizing public transit available in the Madison area and ongoing transit planning work related to bus rapid transit, regional express service, and an intercity bus terminal. He also showed an alternative, point deviation service that might make sense for some low-income neighborhoods in peripheral areas since it is very difficult to serve many cross-town routes with conventional bus service.

**7. Review of Draft RTP 2050 Report Outline**

Item was deferred.

**8. Committee Member Reports**

None

**9. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 20, 2016, 5:00 pm, in Room LL-130 of City-County Building.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

*Minutes were recorded by W. Schaefer and M. Cechvala*