

**Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (an MPO)
Technical Coordinating Committee
July 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

1. Roll Call

Members present: Smith (for Yang), Phillips, Dunphy, Erickson (for Koprowski)(arrived during item #3), VanderWegen (for Balke), Davis, Scheel, Huth (for Stauske), Bruun (for Stephany), Gritzmacher (for Semmann)(left after item #3), Larson, Holt (for Sayre), Batuzich,

Members absent: Beck, Stouder, Violante, Paoni, Hall, Hessling, Even, Wheeler

MPO Staff present: Schaefer, Kanning

Others present: Asad Rahman

2. Approval of April 24, 2019, Meeting Minutes

VanderWegen moved, Gritzmacher seconded, to approve the April 2019 meeting minutes. Vanderwegen noted correction that should be made under discussion of Item 7 that Mandli was working on the technology to scan underground utilities as well as road surfaces, but that wasn't available yet. Motion carried to approve minutes with that correction.

3. Review of Preliminary Draft Scoring of STBG – Urban Project Applications and Priority Listing of Projects for 2020-2025

Kanning reviewed the STBG-Urban project applications. Schaefer reviewed the project scoring and draft priority project listings tables, and then invited questions or comments. Huth asked whether the University Avenue project would be ready in 2021 given the issues surrounding the storm water facility expansion component of the project. Phillips admitted the project was complicated but said the Village of Shorewood Hills owns the golf course under which the storm water interceptor would run so there is no land acquisition required. Bruun asked if there was a scoring category for storm water improvements. Schaefer said that the Environment criterion addresses storm water and water quality with projects getting points based on reducing impacts through design or mitigation measures. Philips asked Schaefer to describe the TIP schedule. Schaefer said that staff reviewed the STBG scoring and priority projects with the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee at their meeting last week. Staff will review the STBG projects with the Policy Board at their August meeting and seek approval to release the draft the Draft TIP, including the STBG projects, for review and comment. Staff will review with the Technical Committee the draft TIP at the August meeting and seek a recommendation at the September meeting. The Policy Board take action on the TIP at its October meeting.

Schaefer described MATPB's funding allocation, noting that the MPO will receive \$3.4 million more than anticipated due to one-time supplemental funding. Staff is proposing to award federal STBG-Urban funding to the Pleasant View Road, CTH M, and Exchange Street projects. He said the Exchange Street project was proposed for funding despite its low score based on the MATPB policy goal to allocate 10% of its funding over time to small projects. MATPB had conditionally approved funding for the Pleasant View Road capacity expansion project in the last application cycle. Since then, the City of Middleton has proposed to extend the project south to Timber Wolf Trail. Philips said that he supports the change.

Huth asked about Phase 2 for the CTH M project, and whether improvements were planned to CTH K. Dunphy said the cross-section for CTH M south of CTH K hadn't been decided, and that the county had not yet looked at CTH K yet. Bruun asked if the Atwood Avenue project scoring reflect the pedestrian and bike plan completed for that area. Schaefer said that it did. He explained that while the Atwood Avenue project scored well for some criteria, especially enhancement of multi-modal options, it did not score as well as the John Nolen Drive project because of the nature of the

roadway. Huth asked about the impact on traffic operations of making the street one travel lane in the eastbound direction as left turning traffic into Olbrich Botanical Gardens parking lot would create traffic queues. Smith said that Madison Traffic Engineering modeled the roadway with the proposed travel lane changes, and the modeling showed that queues would be manageable. Bruun asked about the horizontal sight distance issue at the intersection of Atwood Avenue and Oakridge Avenue. Smith said that the retaining wall would be scaled back to improve visibility at that intersection. Erickson commended Madison and Fitchburg for keeping their previously approved STBG-Urban projects on schedule.

4. Presentation on MATPB Pedestrian Facility Database and Network

Seidensticker provided a presentation on the Pedestrian Facility Database and Network. He described the differences between the current model and the new, enhanced model. Philips asked why rural sidewalks were separated from urban sidewalks. Schaefer said this was a way to eliminate rural/undeveloped areas when we were looking at sidewalk gaps. Huth asked about situations where a multi-use path takes the place of a sidewalk. Seidensticker said that the Pedestrian Facility Database would indicate that a sidewalk is missing, but the paths are also in the network. Huth commented that there was a time gap between the bus stop service area (2019) and the household data points (2016) in the analysis shown. Bruun asked if the database considers multi-lane intersections as barriers, and Seidensticker responded that they could be added, but aren't coded in there now. Philips asked if the database covers the entire metro area, and Seidensticker said that the database covers all of Dane County. Smith asked if the data is available on the web, and Seidensticker said that it would be uploaded to MATPB's website. Philips asked how the database will be updated. Seidensticker said that image classification techniques are planned to be used. Smith said that Madison Traffic Engineering could provide audible traffic signal locations for the database, and Schaefer said that and potentially other data would be helpful to add. Batuzich asked if the database shows all locations where a curb cut is missing, and Seidensticker said that it does. Huth asked if the committee could be notified when it is available on the website. VanderWegen said that scooter companies might be interested in the database.

5. Discussion on Local ADA Transition and Pedestrian Plan Survey and Potential MATPB Assistance

Bruun asked where he could find the requirements for Local ADA Transition Plans. Schaefer said he had a summary he could send, and Batuzich said that he could send the requirements to Schaefer. Phillips said that it took the City of Madison about ten years to complete ADA improvements. Whenever a roadway improvement was done, such as a resurfacing, ramps were added, and later truncated domes. Schaefer added that MNDOT provided funding to MPOs to prepare plans for metro areas. Batuzich said that he might ask a contact from MNDOT to speak at the next Director's meeting.

6. Committee Member Reports

Rahman: WisDOT has hired Thor Jefferson to join the Traffic Forecast section.

Huth: There was an addition to the high school and the city is coordinating with the T Wall development company on traffic issues. A high school traffic circulation study is being done. The University Avenue project is done and the Maywood Avenue reconstruction project is close to completion.

Batuzich: WisDOT will hold a public information meeting on dynamic shoulder running on the Beltline today at 5 pm.

VanderWegen: The extension of Central Park Place to Lacy Road and the extension of E. Cheryl Parkway to Greenmarket Place will start this fall, with construction ending next year. The railroad

crossing at Central Park Place will be completed this October. The Nesbitt Road/Fitchrona Road roundabout is under construction. VanderWegen said that he would be retiring from the city next month, and starting a new teaching job with MATC. Mike Bisbach will become the new Director of Public Works. Mike Bisbach or Bill Balke will attend future TCC meetings.

Holt: The City of Verona is currently working on its Bicycle Friendly application. The City is still searching for an administrator.

Dunphy: CTH S (Mineral Point Road) from Pioneer Road to CTH P is under construction. CTH P is closed from north of CTH K to USH 12.

Clark: The Village of Windsor has completed its chip sealing/resurfacing projects.

Scheel: The S. Monroe Street, Patterson Street, and Lowell Street reconstruction projects will be completed by the end of October. The Lincoln Avenue and Jackson Street resurfacing projects will be completed by the end of September. He also mentioned the Nordic Ridge development.

Bruun: Monona is in the final stages of preparing its first pedestrian and bicycle plan. The Bridge Road reconstruction project has just started and will include new sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian islands. The City is working on its Bicycle Friendly application, and hopes to attain "Silver" status. The Monona City Council and Public Works Committee have approved the planning and design component of the Atwood Avenue reconstruction project, located in the City of Madison. The City of Monona is in the process of redesigning a five-way intersection located adjacent to Winnequah Elementary School. Monona will begin outreach to the school district to begin the process of developing a Safe Routes to School Plan.

Larson: The reconstruction of Cottage Grove Road is about half done, and will include bike facilities. The Main Street Corridor Path Extension south of I-94 is also in progress. The Village may apply for additional grant funding next year to complete the north half of the project.

Philips: CTH M and E. Johnson Road are under construction. The PS&E for Cottage Grove Road and Gammon Road are coming up. The City is well along in the design of Atwood Avenue. The McKenna Blvd. storm water project is underway. The Wilson Street/Williamson Street project, which includes bike facility improvements, is wrapping up.

7. Staff Report

Schaefer said that the Policy Board approved TIP Amendment No. 3 at their meeting last June. The Draft 2020-2024 TIP will be released next month. He thanked members for providing staff with street project information. Applications for the anticipated Transportation Alternatives Program Application Cycle for 2020-2024 will be available in the fall and due to the MPO/WisDOT in early 2020. MATPB will make its Intersection Screening Analysis data available to communities in Dane County. The Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan was adopted in June. The annual Section 5310 Program applications are due next month. The East-West BRT Study is continuing. MATPB has hired Zia Brucaya as the new Rideshare/TDM Coordinator. Ken Golden will no longer service on the Policy Board. An appointment to replace him will be forthcoming.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for August 28.

9. Adjournment

Dunphy moved, VanderWegen seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by D. Kanning and W. Schaefer