

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

**September 18, 2019** *Madison Water Utility, 119 E. Olin Ave., Room A-B* **6:00 p.m.**

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**1. Roll Call**

*Members Present:* P. Caravello, C. Clow, D. Krause, B. Preboski, J. Rider, E. Sullivan, R. Williams

*Members Absent:* R. Clark, M. Jones, C. Lawler, S. Schmitz, T. Wilson

*Staff Present:* W. Schaefer, D. Kanning

**2. Approval of July 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Clow moved, Caravello seconded, to approve the July 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Staff Reports**

- **2020 MATPB Work Program**

Schaefer reported that the draft work program is currently being developed. Staff will meet with WisDOT to discuss the work program later this month.

- **Streetlight Data/Platform Subscription Purchase**

MATPB recently purchased a one-year subscription to Streetlight Insight for analyzing local traffic and origin-destination data.

- **MPO and TDM Program Rebranding Project**

MATPB released the rebranding RFP on September 10. Proposals are due October 4.

- **MATPB Office Move**

MATPB will be moving to 100 State Street and co-locating with CARPC staff at the end of October.

- **Final 2019 MPO Board Appointment**

Margaret Bergamini was recently appointed to the Policy Board, replacing Ken Golden.

- **Potential Beltline Project**

WisDOT is studying the feasibility of using the Beltline's shoulders as travel lanes for peak travel periods (Dynamic Part-Time Shoulder Use) and will make a decision soon on whether to move forward with the project.

- **East-West BRT Study**

The East-West BRT study is ongoing. A design charrette public engagement session is planned next month.

**4. Review of Section 5310 Program (Enhanced Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) 2020 Grant Project Applications Proposed for Funding**

Schaefer said that staff received a total of three Section 5310 grant program applications this year. The City of Madison is requesting funding for its Paratransit Eligibility & Mobility Coordinator program; Dane County is requesting funding for its Mobility Management program; and Community Living Connections (CLC) is requesting funding to purchase an accessible bariatric van to support adults living in adult family homes on the west side of Madison. Schaefer

said that because these applications are all eligible and only utilize a portion of the available funding, staff chose to forego a competitive scoring process and fund all three projects.

Clow asked what kind of feedback staff has received, and why others did not apply for funding. Schaefer noted that MATPB awarded Section 5310 funding to Madison Area Rehabilitation Centers, Inc. (MARC) last year. However, MARC did not seek additional funds this year. Perhaps agencies that receive Section 5310 funding in a given year do not believe there is a realistic chance of securing funding in a subsequent year. Staff will follow-up on this and develop a plan to try to encourage more applications next year.

## **5. Review and Recommendation on Draft 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area and Dane County**

Schaefer described the selected STBG-Urban projects and recent changes to cost estimates and project boundaries. Krause commented that construction costs are increasing faster than inflation. Kanning reviewed the significant pedestrian/bicycle and roadway projects in the planning area. Caravello asked if the Lower Yahara River Trail Phase 2 schedule (construction in 2022) was fairly certain, and Schaefer said yes. He commented that it would be nice to see CTH AB south of McFarland resurfaced with a wider paved shoulder while waiting for the section of the trail paralleling the road to be built. Krause asked how projects get into the TIP. Schaefer said that other than projects funded by MATPB, they are budgeted and submitted to the MPO by WisDOT and local municipalities. Krause mentioned that the City of Fitchburg added a planned path in the Dunn's Marsh area to their 2026 CIP. That path will connect to the Capital City Trail. Preboski asked what percentage of the planned path system was constructed at this point. Schaefer said he did not know, but there was still much to be done. MATPB identified priority projects in the regional plan, and the North Mendota Trail and Lower Yahara River Trail were among them.

Preboski moved, Krause seconded, to recommend approval of the Draft 2020-2024 TIP. Motion carried.

## **6. Presentation on the Potential Beltline Dynamic Part-Time Shoulder Use Project**

Schaefer reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the potential Beltline Dynamic Part-Time Shoulder Use (DPTSU) project that was prepared by WisDOT. He described the project background, the purpose and need, project alternatives, DPTSU concept, and project schedule. Krause expressed concern about reducing the width of the travel lanes on the Beltline from 12 to 11 feet and asked if that had been done elsewhere. Schaefer said he did not know, but it was worth checking into. He said FHWA was apparently fine with this. The committee discussed the average/uncongested speeds on different highways in the Madison area, including the Beltline. Schaefer said that speeds should decrease if the travel lanes are narrowed. There was discussion of the future impact of driverless vehicles, though they would be phased in over a period of time. Clow said she thought the concept made a lot of sense as a cost-effective solution to traffic congestion. Caravello and others agreed. Krause commented on the need for additional roadway and ped/bike crossings of the Beltline.

**7. Committee Member Reports**

Krause reported that a parcel north of Oregon is no longer being considered for a park and ride lot because the Oregon school district purchased it. Caravello noted that the bike racks on Metro buses will not accommodate electric bikes.

**8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2019

**9. Adjournment**

Rider moved, Caravello seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

*Minutes were recorded by W. Schaefer and D. Kanning*