

Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
January 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting hosted via [Zoom](#)

Opitz called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Members present: Richelle Andrae (arrived at 6:56 p.m.), Liz Callin, Phil Caravello, John Duncan, Michelle Ellias, Derek Field, Tom Lynch, Mark Opitz, Kristi Williams, Doug Wood

Members absent/excused: Clement Abongwa, Paul Esser (excused), MGR Govindarajan, Barbara Harrington-McKinney (excused)

MPO staff present: Alex Andros, Ben Lyman, Prasad Packirisamy

Others present in an official capacity: None

2. Approval of December 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Andros noted that there were some instances of resolutions being misnumbered in the meeting minutes for the December 4, 2024 meeting. She asked that the minutes be revised to change Resolution 23 to Resolution 26, Resolution 24 to Resolution 27, Resolution 25 to Resolution 28, and Resolution 26 to Resolution 29. Opitz asked that the minutes also be revised to reflect that he arrived at the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Williams moved, Field seconded, to incorporate the changes suggested by Andros and Opitz and approve the revised December 4, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Communications

- WisDOT 2025 UPWP authorization letter

WisDOT and FHWA approved the MPO's 2025 Unified Planning Work Program.

- WisDOT 2025 TIP approval letter

The funding numbers are correct and in line with what the MPO anticipated.

4. Public Comment (for items *not* on MPO Agenda)

None.

5. Presentation of the Transit Development Plan and potential adoption of MPO 2025 Resolution No. 1 Adopting the 2025-2029 Transit Development Plan for the Madison Urban Area

Lyman explained that this Transit Development Plan (TDP) was delayed for a number of reasons and that the last adopted TDP was for the years 2013-2017. He noted that the Board could adopt Resolution No. 1, formally adopting the TDP, tonight if it chooses.

He described the three-party agreement between WisDOT, Madison Metro Transit, and the MPO that requires the MPO to lead the development of the TDP and requires the TDP to include certain components. Lyman then summarized the key aspects of the plan.

Opitz asked whether Lyman had received a lot of input from Madison Metro staff throughout the process

of developing the TDP. Lyman replied that he had received a lot of input from Metro. He described his process of reaching out to Metro and area municipalities for initial input and review of draft sections.

Callin asked about when recommendations will be developed. Lyman said that he developed draft recommendations that have been shared with Metro but that Metro staff did not have sufficient time to review and comment on those recommendations during 2024. He said that he will be working with Metro during 2025 to develop final recommendations.

Opitz suggested taking up the potential adoption of MPO 2025 Resolution No. 1 Adopting the 2025-2029 Transit Development Plan for the Madison Urban Area at the next Board meeting.

Lynch motioned, Field seconded, to table the potential adoption of MPO 2025 Resolution No. 1 Adopting the 2025-2029 Transit Development Plan for the Madison Urban Area to the next Board meeting. Motion carried.

6. Announcements and Staff Reports

- **CARPC Population Projections**

Andros told the Board that CARPC is now collaborating with other area communities and agencies to develop new population projections.

- **Welcome Prasad Packirisamy, new Transportation Planner**

Andros introduced Packirisamy. Packirisamy greeted the Board and provided a summary of his background and work experience.

7. Adjournment

Williams moved, Lynch seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2025.