

**Minutes of the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Citizen Advisory Committee**

**June 20, 2006**

**Madison Municipal Bldg., Rm. LL-110**

**5:00 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call**

*Members Present:* J. Rider, J. Guo, R. Williams, C. Wittke

*Members Absent:* G. Banks, L. Luttig, B. Jamison, D. Phillips, T. Wilson

*Others Present:* B. Schaefer, Ronn Ferrell

**2. Introductions**

Schaefer introduced Ronn Ferrell who has expressed interest in serving on the committee. His appointment needs to be confirmed by the MPO Board. Ferrell said he lives on the City of Madison's West side and had been an interim alderperson a few years back. He said he thought that insufficient attention was given to long range planning issues and was looking forward to serving on the committee. Other members present introduced themselves to Ronn.

Williams asked that "committee member reports" be added as a regular agenda item. Schaefer said this was done for the technical advisory committee and could be done for the citizen committee. Williams said he wanted to discuss his concerns about parking at the airport. He said they are building more parking and raising rates, but there still isn't convenient, 7-day transit service to the airport.

**3. Review of MPO Selection Criteria for STP Urban Projects and Preliminary Draft Priority Listing and Scoring and Ranking of Candidate Projects for STP Urban Funding for 2007-2011**

Schaefer handed out a copy of the STP Urban Transportation Projects Selection Process and Criteria Paper and reviewed it. In response to requests from the MPO Board, staff has looked at possible revisions to the criteria a couple of times but hasn't been able to come up with any improvements. He emphasized that the scoring criteria was just a tool for decision making. He also noted that the MPO does not initiate projects, but only scores and ranks projects submitted for funding by Dane County and local units of government. Williams asked about a criterion in italics entitled "Improves Information, Comfort, and Convenience to Users." Schaefer said he mistakenly copied a draft paper with some additions that were considered a few years ago. The MPO Board decided not to make any changes. Williams said he liked the criterion and thought it should be added. Schaefer said this could be brought up with the Board in the future, but that the criterion wouldn't have been applicable to any recent projects.

Schaefer then reviewed the preliminary draft of the STP Urban Priority Project Listings for 2007-2011. He noted the standing policy to use some funding to support the MPO's planning and ridesharing programs and the City of Madison's pedestrian/bicycle safety education program. He said that most of the major projects funded have been arterial roadway (re)construction projects. Metro has been able to secure additional discretionary Federal transit capital funding and the area has also averaged over \$1 million a year in Transportation Enhancements funding for independent bicycle projects (paths, over/underpasses). He then reviewed the major projects.

**4. Review of Draft Travel Modeling Results for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**

Schaefer reviewed the transportation scenarios that have been modeled starting with the transit scenarios. He said the approach is to try to address traffic congestion problems first through transit service improvements, TDM/TSM, and completion of "grid" street network before consideration of expanding capacity on the arterial roadway network. The roadway improvement scenarios modeled thus far include: (1) Existing + committed (E+C) projects; (2) E+C plus street connections/extensions; (3) Local arterial capacity expansion projects included in the current plan; (4) North Mendota Parkway; and (5) Verona Road/West Beltline project. The scenarios are cumulative with each including all of the projects in the

previous scenario. Schaefer deferred review of the traffic congestion maps showing the results of the modeling until the next meeting due to the late hour.

## **5. Staff Reports**

Schaefer provided an update on the status of the change in structure of the MPO Policy Board. The purpose of the change is to increase the representation of the smaller cities and villages to account for the large increase in the MPO urban and planning areas following the 2000 Census. Another issue brought up by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) staff as part of the MPO recertification review is the number of elected officials versus citizen appointees on the Board. The Board has agreed to increase its size from 11 to 14 members with two additional small cities/villages representatives for a total of three and one additional City of Madison representative for a total of six. Also, it was agreed that 2/3's of the appointments by each appointing authority (County Executive, Madison Mayor, small cities/villages) must be local elected officials. An agreement is being drafted to circulate to the local units of government in the MPO area for signature to execute the change. The Governor must also sign the new agreement.

## **6. Next Meeting Dates**

- July 18
- August 15

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Bill Schaefer*