

**Greater Madison MPO
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes**

February 22, 2023

[Virtual Meeting via Zoom](#)

2:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members present: Brown, Dunphy, Koprowski, Larson, Mountford (for Hedgepeth), Petykowski (for Wolfe), Stauske, Stouder, Tao, Voelker

Members absent: Clark, Cruz, Forlenza, Hall, Hessling, Sayre, Scheel, Semmann, Stephany, Tao, Violante, Wheeler

MPO Staff present: Hoesly, Lyman

2. Approval of January 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Clark moved, Brown seconded, to approve the January 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Review of Draft Scoring and Preliminary Funding Recommendations for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Applications for FY 2023-2026

Hoesly noted that there had been some changes to program funding scheduling. In the past, money could be shifted around within the 5-year program. Going forward, projects will have to be programmed to match each year's annual allocation as closely as possible.

Lyman reviewed the TAP grant applications received by the MPO for 2023.

Stauske asked about how long unspent TAP funding could be rolled over to later funding cycles. Lyman said that the MPO is still waiting on further guidance but that 1 year is likely fine. Lyman noted that this issue may be more of a problem with STBG-U funding for larger projects that sometimes require more funding than is available for a single year.

Hoesly said that the large MPOs in Wisconsin are working on a memorandum of understanding with WisDOT that will clarify these funding timelines.

Petykowski said he was not sure about the timeline for the Capital City Trail project since it would result in a dead end, and that maybe it would be better to shift that funding to the West Towne Path project. Lyman clarified that the timing of all of these projects will remain uncertain for a while because the MPO needs to get approval from all of the applicants as well as WisDOT before the funding schedules can be altered; and that the Board will just be deciding on which projects to fund, with decisions on scheduling to be hashed out later.

Brown moved, Clark seconded, to recommend the Board approve funding for all of the applicant projects. Motion carried.

4. Committee Member Reports

- Stauske said that the City of Middleton is starting construction on Pleasant View Road, from Timber Wolf Trail to Highway 14, on March 13.

- Voelker said that Syene Road is under construction, construction on Lacy Road will begin this year, and that the City of Fitchburg is beginning design on Fitchrona Road.
- Blau said that DeForest is upgrading Windsor and River Roads with curb and gutter, and that, ideally the River Road Bridge will be repaired this year after having been damaged last fall.
- Dunphy said Dane County is acquiring real estate for the CTH M project, from Oncken to STH 113, and that they are 90% plan.
- Petykowski said the Atwood Avenue project just started this week, and that it would continue through the summer and into the fall. The University Avenue project is under winter suspension and will resume in the first week of April. The John Nolen Drive project is in the design phase and the public information meeting is being held this Thursday night.
- Brown said the North Bird Street O’Keefe Avenue projects, both of which include the extension of parallel multi-use paths, are out to bid. The Commercial Drive Path reconstruction project, a TAP project from a previous cycle, is also out to bid. The City of Sun Prairie is also trying to install bus stops in advance of the beginning of Madison Metro bus service.
- Clark said that the Village Windsor is working with DeForest on the Windsor Road and Yahara River bridge projects, both of which should be completed this year. The village is also working on Charlie Grimm Road and a water and sewer project on another part of Windsor Road.
- Mountford said that Metro Transit’s network redesign will go into effect on June 11. Metro also has a bid out for new bus stop signs and an RFQ for the East-West BRT project.

5. Staff Report

- Hoesly said that funding for projects selected under the Carbon Reduction Program last year could not be obligated because it was not included in WisDOT’s federal expenditure plan for FY 2022, so everything had to be pushed back by one year, and 2022 funding will be used this year to fund projects selected in 2022. However, restrictions on the funding, put in place by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), have dramatically limited the variety of projects that can be funded. Projects related to electric vehicles and associated charging infrastructure are no longer eligible. The large MPOs in the state do not believe that those restrictions should apply to MPO projects, and we are in discussions with FHWA and other partners to see what the future looks like with those types of projects. We are hoping that we can find a way around the restrictions imposed by the JFC.

6. Next Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 22nd
- Wednesday, April 26th

7. Adjournment

Stauske adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.