

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

***March 22, 2023***

*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

***2:00 p.m.***

**1. Roll Call**

***Members present:*** Blau (for Hall), Bruun (for Stephany), Brown, Clark, Dunphy, Koprowski, Mountford (for Hedgepeth), Petykowski (for Wolfe), Peterson (for Larson), Kuehn, Scheel, Stauske, Stouder, Tao, Thao, Violante, Voelker

***Members absent:*** Cruz, Forlenza, Sayre, Semmann, Wheeler

***MPO Staff present:*** Hoesly, Holloway

**2. Approval of February 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Tao moved, Petykowski seconded, to approve the February 22, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Recommendation on Proposed Interim Project Evaluation Criteria for the Greater Madison MPO's Carbon Reduction Program**

Hoesly explained that WisDOT released a solicitation for FY 2022 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects last year; the MPO received four applications, including two projects to upgrade street lighting to LEDs and two projects for fleet vehicle electrification and EV charging infrastructure, however WisDOT was not able to deliver the program last year, and instead the whole 5-year program will be delayed one year. WisDOT released a funding solicitation for the program on March 13<sup>th</sup>, and applications are due April 7<sup>th</sup>. For the State FY 2023 funding cycle the MPO will receive a suballocation of \$1.1 million, which must be obligated this year. Eligible projects selected last year will be forwarded for consideration for this year's solicitation. Due to eligibility restrictions placed on this round of funding by the Wisconsin Legislative Joint Finance Committee, Hoesly noted that 2023 CRP funding in Wisconsin may only be used for the following activities:

- Replacement of street lighting and traffic control devices with energy-efficient alternatives
- Deployment of advanced transportation and congestion management technologies (e.g., infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems, capital improvements and the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communications systems)
- Right-of-way (ROW) projects that improve traffic flow that do not result in the construction of new capacity

Hoesly explained that staff had been working on developing project evaluation criteria and policies for the MPO's CRP suballocated funding, however given the uncertainty and restrictions on the funding, staff developed proposed interim project evaluation criteria which would be used to evaluate this year's CRP applications, and the MPO will develop a formal project selection process and policies when more state and federal program guidance becomes available. Stauske asked that if the funding must be obligated this year, did that mean that all the funds had to be spent this year. Hoesly replied that we are still waiting for more guidance from WisDOT on that issue.

Tao moved, Violante seconded, to recommend the Proposed Interim Project Evaluation Criteria for the Greater Madison MPO's Carbon Reduction Program to the MPO Policy Board. Motion carried.

#### **4. Discussion on the Development of a MPO Complete Streets Policy**

Hoesly explained that the MPO has had a policy that all roadway projects funded through the STBG-U program be "Complete Streets" for many years; however, the adopted policy references a state law that was rescinded in 2015, and is overdue for an update. She reviewed a presentation that includes the 10 components of an ideal Complete Streets Policy recommended by the National Complete Streets Coalition, and asked for committee feedback, noting that the goal is to present a draft Complete Streets Policy for TCC review and recommendation at the April meeting.

Violante asked how long the current policy has been required for STBG-U funding, and Hoesly stated at least a decade, possibly longer. Stauske noted that it would be helpful to include definitions for things like vulnerable users, underinvested communities; he also stated that the exception for sparsity of population wasn't very clear, as well as an exception for the state restriction on the use of eminent domain to obtain ROW for bike and pedestrian facilities. Middleton recently adopted a Complete Streets Policy, but it would be helpful if there was more specific design guidance. Brown mentioned that Sun Prairie would be interested in adopting a Complete Streets Policy. Tao said that Madison recently adopted the Complete Green Streets Policy and Guide, and would be happy to help other communities in policy development.

#### **5. Presentation on Development of the Dane County Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan**

Holloway stated that MPO staff have been meeting with a stakeholder group of public and private partners to help develop a regional electric vehicle charging infrastructure plan. The plan will provide some basic background on EVs, policy and planning tools available to increase EV charging infrastructure deployment, key considerations for public charging, funding sources, the regional context in Dane County (existing charging infrastructure, projected growth in EVs, existing programs and policies, etc.), charging characteristics of different locations (homes, workplaces, elsewhere), and priority locations for the installation of public charging infrastructure.

Holloway explained that Streetlight Analytics data will be used to identify priority locations for the installation of different types of charging infrastructure, based on daily traffic levels, median trip lengths, and dwell time. For example, high volumes of vehicles stopping in a zone for less than 30 minutes, indicate that it may be a good location for the highest speed charging infrastructure (level 3/DCFC). The big data analysis will focus on a set of 100 zones covering primarily commercial land use clusters, and will focus on identifying top locations for level 2 and level 3 charging infrastructure. Other types of land uses, where people normally remain for durations longer than four hours will be identified as potential locations for level 1 or level 2 infrastructure.

Stouder noted that Madison adopted a zoning code ordinance change a few years ago to require some EV and some EV ready infrastructure in multifamily and commercial developments, although there was some concern from the development community about the requirements, and she also thought they may not have been as aggressive in the requirements as they maybe could have been and the ordinance may be revised in the future to accommodate the project rapid growth in EVs. She said it may be helpful if this plan provides some regional guidance in what the right number of charging stations and infrastructure siting might be, especially in new private developments. Additionally, guidance on what the right mix of charging could look like—public versus private, home-based and employment-based etc.—would be helpful.

## **6. Committee Member Reports**

- Stauske- Middleton is close to finalizing their zoning code update
- Blau- Several large projects this year, including Windsor Road Bridge, the River Road Bridge, as well as upgrading River Road.
- Tao- The City released traffic safety statistics showing marked improvements in fatality and serious injury reductions.
- Petykowski- Pleasant View Road and Atwood Avenue construction starting soon; University Avenue construction will be starting again soon; 2nd PIM for John Nolen Drive, received good input and working on environmental document; Autumn Ridge Bike Path Bridge has an approved environmental document and working towards an August PSE; working on RFPs for design of new TAP projects.
- Koprowski- New interchange at US 12 and CTH AB will begin construction and should be completed in October; 113 between Madison and Waunakee pavement replacement project, which includes pedestrian crossing improvements, which will last all summer.
- Stouder- Announced that Alexandra Andros has accepted the offer to be the new MPO planning manager and will start May 1st.

## **7. Staff Report**

- Hoesly noted that the slides from last months the traffic safety action plan focus group meeting were included in the meeting packet, and she encouraged everyone to complete the survey that was included in the email.
- The STBG project solicitation notice will be released in late April.
- MPO staff are working on setting up an ADA transition plan training for interested local staff led by FHWA Resource Center staff in June.

## **8. Next Meeting Dates**

- Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

## **9. Adjournment**

Tao moved, Blau seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 pm.