

Greater Madison MPO
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024

[Virtual Meeting via Zoom](#)

2:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members present: Blau, Clark, Dietz, Forlenza, Grady, Husen, Larson, Mountford, Petykowski, Schmid, Stauske, Tao, Vieth, Violante

Members absent: Bruun, Cruz, Igl, Koprowski, Kahler, Pritchard, Holt, Wheeler

MPO Staff present: Andros, Hoesly, Lyman, Brucaya

Other present in official capacity: Jason Valerius

2. Approval of February 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Tao moved, Larson seconded, to approve the February 28, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Committee Member Reports

- City of Middleton (Stauske): Pleasant View Rd nearing completion, target end of May for near completion. Starting to revise subdivision ordinance, including street standards. Planning for possible improvements to Parmenter has been ongoing for many years, and the current restrictions on condemnation for bike and pedestrian accommodations has held up the process.
- Village of DeForest (Blau): Going out for bid for a connection of North Towne Road from where it ends at the Village of Windsor up to Bell Labs. WisDOT approved signalization at WIS 19 and Williamsburg Way, as well as to try to get signalization along USH 51 at Williamsburg Way and Metro Drive.
- City of Madison (Petykowski): University Ave nearing completion, should be done end of May. Autumn Ridge ped/bike overpass construction has started. Working on final design for John Nolen Drive. Working on designs for West Towne Path Phase Two and Badger Rusk Path to get ready for a let in fall.
- City of Sun Prairie (Veith): Several projects underway on WIS 19. O'Keefe Ave resurfacing will be starting, will include on-street bike lanes. Other projects include work in the Vandenburg neighborhood and several path connections projects.
- City of Madison (Tao): Starting to implement some smaller safety projects throughout the City as part of the Safe Streets program. Renee Callaway promoted to Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering. Tao also noted that there was recently passed legislation allowing traffic signal priority for snow plows.

4. Presentation on Draft Regional Safety Action Plan and Recommendation to Release for Public Comment

Hoesly provided a presentation on the Draft Regional Safety Action Plan. She gave an overview of the plan, as well as the Safe Systems Approach, which is the holistic strategy that aims to reduce death and serious injury on roads. The contents of the plan focus on the “Safe Roads” element of the Safe Systems Approach, which says roads are designed to accommodate human mistakes, encourage safe behavior, and reduce crash severity and frequency. In September, the Board recommended for the plans Vision Zero goal is to have zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries on regional roadways by 2040. The plan aims to help meet this goal and focuses on vulnerable roadway users, especially bicyclists and pedestrians. The goals of the plan are to (1) elevate the need to address safety improvements for all users across the regional transportation system, (2) collaborate with partner agencies in a shared mission to improve transportation safety and create a culture of safe driving behavior, and (3) invest in equitable transportation safety improvements. The plan includes a crash profiles by mode, and a toolbox of recommended strategies, and maps of priority locations for further investigation and improvement by crash profile. Hoesly then outlined the next steps following the plan’s adoption, including developing a regional application for funding for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program.

Dietz moved, Violante seconded, to recommend release of the draft Regional Safety Action Plan for public comment. Motion carried.

5. Review and Discussion of Draft MPO Comments on the I-39/90/94 Interstate Study

Hoesly provided a presentation on the proposed I-39/90/94 Interstate Study recommended preferred alternative, which was previously presented to the Policy Board by WisDOT study team staff. Hoesly noted that MPO staff reached out to local agencies directly impacted by the proposed alternative to compile comments from those agencies, and then MPO did a review of the traffic study done for the EIS as well as review of MPO plans and policies to develop draft comments to submit to the study team, which were included in the meeting packet.

Hoesly also noted that with several major WisDOT planning studies going on, it is help if local agencies copy the MPO on any comments submitted to WisDOT.

Blau moved, Larson seconded, to recommend the draft I-39/90/94 Interstate Study comments on the recommended preferred alternative. Motion carried.

6. Discussion on Upcoming MPO Projects: Active Transportation Plan

Holloway explained that the MPO is getting ready to develop an active transportation plan. The active transportation plan would update the existing MPO Bicycle Plan, and also incorporate the pedestrian network, and account for new and emerging micromobility options. Staff is seeking input from the Technical Committee on developing the scope of the Plan, goals and objectives, and stakeholders.

Stauske noted it would be helpful if the plan would provide some guidance on how to accommodate micromobility devices. Schmid noted that the Dane County Highway Department should be added to the list of stakeholders. Violante said it would be beneficial if this plan could help promote active transportation in the more rural communities, and that it could be helpful when working on the transportation element of comprehensive plans. He also recommended adding the Dane County Town’s Association as a stakeholder. Valerius added that CARPC should be listed as a stakeholder as well. Veith noted that he thought the benefit of the regional active transportation plan was in identifying the regional connections between jurisdictions. Veith also noted one of the challenges Sun Prairie had when developing their active transportation plan is going from a 2-D line on a map to the actual construction and ROW feasibility of some of those lines on the map.

7. Presentation on the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) & RoundTrip Platform

Brucaya provided a presentation on the Roundtrip TDM program. She gave a program overview, including 2023 metrics on program performance. Brucaya also described program initiatives for 2024 and provided a demonstration of the rideshare platform website.

8. Staff Report

- Local Program Update- A solicitation for the Carbon Reduction Program should be released soon, with applications anticipated to be due at the end of June. Also, if local agencies are applying for any federal redistribution funding, please let the MPO know as soon as possible so we can get them added to the TIP if they are not already included.
- Request for 2025-2029 project listings for TIP Update- David Kanning will be sending out an email asking for 2025-2029 TIP project listings, including an excel spreadsheet with projects from the current TIP. Listings should be submitted by June 7th.
- Regional Travel Model Update Project- Will be working with Cambridge Systematics on a minor travel model update to address no longer having access to UrbanFootprint software.
- UW TOPS Lab Upcoming Studies- Trail Count Modeling and Vulnerable Roadway Users Crash Reporting
- Other

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date

- Wednesday, March 27th

10. Adjournment

Stauske adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.