

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

***August 23, 2023***

***[Virtual Meeting via Zoom](#)***

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

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**1. Roll Call**

***Members present:*** Blau, Brown, Clark, Schmid (for Dunphy), Husen, Larson, Kahler, Koprowski, Mountford, Petykowski, Tao, Sayre, Semmann, Stauske, Violante

***Members absent:*** Bruun, Cruz, Forlenza, Stouder, Thao, Wheeler

***MPO Staff present:*** Andros, Hoesly, Kanning

**2. Approval of July 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Brown moved, Larson seconded, to approve the July 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Committee Member Reports**

- Middleton: A couple new relatively large subdivisions recently approved, one starting this year, one next year.
- Madison: Restructured the transportation committees, Transportation Policy and Planning Board was dissolved. Starting new round of Vision Zero implementation projects, including infrastructure projects and speed reduction projects. Two TAP projects nearing completion (West Main and West Town Path). Atwood Ave and Pleasant View projects well underway, Atwood due to be complete this fall. John Nolen Drive design underway, will now include the Broom Street intersection. Autumn Ridge project scheduled for a December let.
- Fitchburg: Syene Road project will be completed in fall. Lacy Road and Seminole Roundabout opening next week. Just started work on \$4 million in local road resurfacing projects.
- Stoughton: South Fourth Street project has PIM coming up, project will include a street diet and shared use path, scheduled for construction in 2025. Number of street projects underway, due to dry weather projects are ahead of schedule. Working on two developments, including Stoughton Trailers headquarters in NW part of the city near CTH B and USH 51 intersection (about 182 acres total, including headquarters and residential and commercial development) and Magnolia Spring on southern side of the city adding about 118 1-and 2-family homes.
- Sun Prairie: Active Transportation Plan expected to be adopted in September. Just completed construction on N. Bird Street and Linnerud Drive. Currently reconstructing paths on west side, and adding new path along N. Musket Ridge including new bike/ped crossing across STH 19. First few months of Metro transit service going well, and working on shifting riders from shared ride to Metro transit or paratransit.

- Cottage Grove: Neighborhood street construction underway. Amazon development expected to break ground in the next month or so after TIA approved by the county and WisDOT.
- Verona: 18/151 repaving project underway; has created some traffic challenges around Verona. Whalen Rd still closed, should be finished up in the next few weeks. CTH PD construction still underway on the north side of the Epic campus.
- Dane County: County M project received 7 bids, schedule to start mid-September (Onken to STH 113).

#### **4. Initial Overview and Discussion on Adjustments to the MPO Urban Area Boundary**

Hoesly provided an overview of the forthcoming boundary adjustments that the MPO will need to propose in response to the updated urbanized area boundaries (UAB) released by the US Census Bureau. The adjusted UAB is important because the location of the boundary affects roadway eligibility for federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, dividing STBG funds into STP-Urban and STP-Rural. The UAB is also a factor for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) reporting.

The biggest changes between the MPO's current adjusted UAB (adopted in 2015) and the 2020 census-defined UAB are the loss of Stoughton and Cross Plains from the UAB. Since Stoughton has a population of over 5,000, it is now considered its own urban area, and cannot be included in the MPO's adjusted UAB. Cross Plains, however, is not considered its own urban area, and therefore could still be included in the MPO's adjusted UAB.

Schmid stated that the county would like to see CTH K, Q, and M remain within the boundary. She also stated they would like to see the boundaries remain fairly tight to the existing boundaries. Scheel stated that Stoughton would like a better understanding of the impacts to the different funding programs now that they will be outside of the Madison Urban Area, such as impacts to the shared-ride taxi program. Tao stated that there will be a lot of considerations around funding, but coming from a planning perspective it does make a lot of sense to expand the planning area boundary as the Madison area continues to grow. Violante agreed with Tao about considering expanding the planning area to at least include all of the urban areas in the county, and also noted it would be helpful to put together a matrix with all the funding and design considerations. Koprowski agreed a matrix would be helpful and that WisDOT could help put that together. Hoesly clarified that in terms of schedule, adjusting the urban area (blue line) to incorporate all the municipal boundaries etc. was the first step that needed to be complete, and then adjustments to the planning area boundary will be worked out after that, but wanted to start having the discussion about both of those boundaries now since they are interconnected.

#### **5. Review of Draft 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County**

Kanning gave an overview of the 2024-2028 draft TIP, highlighting major programmed projects.. He noted that the Policy Board voted to approve the TCC's recommendation for new STBG-U projects, including the Glacial Drumlin Trail, West Towne Path, Windsor Road Path, John Nolen Drive Phase 2, CTH MM/Rimrock Road (two projects), O'Keefe Ave, and St. Albert the Great Drive. Hoesly added that the STBG priority projects that the TCC recommended at the previous meeting was based on the assumed STBG-U funding allocation, but are still waiting to hear from WisDOT what the final allocation amount may be, and staff is optimistic that there may be a moderate to significant increase in STBG-U funding over what was assumed. Once staff receives the final allocation amount

from WisDOT they will bring it back to the TCC and Policy Board for discussion if additional funding is received.

Public hearing for the TIP is scheduled for Wed Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, and comment period goes through September 22nd.

## **6. Discussion of Potential 2024 Work Program Projects**

Andros explained staff were currently working on next year's MPO work program, and highlighted major efforts that will take place in 2024, including:

- Updating the Coordinate Human Services-Transportation Plan
- Finalized the MPO Urban Area and Planning Area Boundary, and updates to roadway functional classification
- Developing a Regional Safe Streets and Roads for All application
- Onboard Transit Survey
- Initiating an MPO Active Transportation Plan and regional TSMO Plan.

She also noted that even though the work program is focused on 2024 planning activities, staff have started identifying potential futures plans and studies for the next few years leading up to the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan. Tao expressed support for a regional TSMO Plan. Violante asked what would be included in an Active Transportation Plan, and Hoesly noted it would be an update to the current MPO bike plan, with the addition of pedestrian considerations.

## **7. Staff Report**

- TAP applications due Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
- Received several Section 5310 applications, including from Madison for mobility management, Dane County for the Call Center, and accessible vehicle applications from NewBridge and MARC. The total amount of funding requested from all the applicants is less than the MPO's 5310 allocation, so all projects are able to be funded.
- The draft EV plan is just about complete; staff will send it out to the steering committee for review, and then present on the plan at a future TCC meeting.
- An email will go out in the next couple of days asking communities to identify times to meet to review results from the High Injury Network as part of the Regional Safety Action Plan, and to start identifying priority projects and implementation strategies.
- Election of chair and vice chair will take place at the next TCC meeting.

## **8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

- Wednesday, August 23rd

## **9. Adjournment**

Stauske adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.