

**Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

[Virtual Meeting hosted via Zoom](#)

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Wood called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

**1. Roll Call and Introductions**

**Members present:** Richelle Andrae, Phil Caravello, John Duncan, Pam Dunphy, Derek Field, Steve Flottmeyer, Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Tom Lynch, Kristi Williams, Doug Wood

**Members absent:** Paul Esser, Charles Myadze, Mark Opitz

**MPO staff present:** Alex Andros, David Kanning, Ben Lyman, Colleen Hoesly.

**Others present in an official capacity:** None.

**2. Approval of August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Williams moved, Field seconded, to approve the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Lynch abstained.

**3. Communications**

None.

**4. Public Comment (for items *not* on MPO Agenda)**

None.

**5. Public Hearing on the Draft 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County**

Wood opened public hearing. Andros noted that the draft TIP was included in the meeting packet and comments on the draft TIP would be accepted until September 22. She also that Board members would be voting on its approval at the upcoming October 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. No comments were received.

**6. MPO 2023 Resolution No. 9 Approving Amendment No. 5 to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County**

Kanning reviewed the TIP amendment:

- USH 18/151 (CTH G to STH 69) Ramp/Auxiliary Lane and Bridge Widening Project

He noted that WisDOT is requesting the amendment to add ramp and auxiliary lanes to US 18/151 near the Epic Campus. As part of this request the CTH G bridge would also be widened. Construction is scheduled for 2025. All items related to the request are included in the meeting packet.

Williams moved, Lynch seconded, to approve MPO 2023 Resolution No. 9 Approving Amendment No. 5 to the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County. Motion carried.

## **7. Review and Discussion on Nichols Road STBG Urban Project-Limits Change**

Andros noted that this is a City of Monona project submitted in 2022 that requested STBG-Urban funding. The project, as originally planned when it was awarded funding at that time, would have extended from Winnequah Road to Monona Drive. Construction was planned for 2026.

Since then, for various reasons, the project scope has undergone some changes and is currently planned to cover about 40% of the originally planned project length. A letter from the City of Monona, included in the meeting packet, explains the changes and notes that the western part of the original project, which forms the extent of the new revised project, is much more heavily trafficked and passes by key community centers, including City Hall. The letter also notes that the revised project is much more likely to be approved by the City Council. Several other adjustments to the project are detailed in the City's letter to the MPO Board.

Andros noted that MPO staff had reviewed the revised project and concluded that it would have received a similar score as the originally submitted project. MPO staff recommends funding the Nichols road project at the previously approved level.

Wood added that most of the project benefits would have been in this western section of the project anyway due to lower traffic volumes and a smaller right of way in the eastern section.

Lynch noted that construction costs are rising rapidly and that the City of Madison has faced these issues recently as well. He said that he thought it made sense to right-size projects in these situations.

Lynch moved, Williams seconded, to approve the Nichols Road STBG Urban Project-Limits Change. Motion carried.

## **8. Review of Section 5310 Program (Enhanced Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) Grant Project Applications for 2024 and Preliminary Approval of Draft Project Funding Recommendations**

Lyman noted that there was sufficient funding available to fund all of the applications at the appropriate level, generally 80% Federal/20% Local. Funding all of these projects will leave the MPO with \$20,000 in remaining Section 5310 funding to carry over into the next year.

All project sponsors have received Section 5310 grant funding in past years and are familiar with the associated requirements.

Harrington-McKinney moved, Williams seconded, to preliminarily approve the draft funding recommendations. Motion carried.

## **9. Status Report on Capital Area RPC Activities**

Andros said that CARPC has approved an agreement with a facilitator to assist them in strategic planning. CARPC is going through some staffing changes right now, with their executive director, Steve Steinhoff, retiring in February. They are approving an agreement with a search firm to recruit for a new executive director as his replacement.

CARPC held a public meeting on approving the Oregon urban service area amendment. It also

recommended amendments of the Northern Urban Service Area and Stoughton Urban Service Area to the DNR.

More information on those urban service area amendments can be found by following the link on the coversheet for the Status Report on CARPC Activities, included in the meeting packet.

#### **10. Announcements and Schedule of Future Meetings**

Next MPO Board Meetings:

- Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. (Remote meeting via Zoom).
- Wednesday, November 1st, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. (Remote meeting via Zoom).

#### **11. Adjournment**

Williams moved, Lynch seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.