

Proposed Amendments to the 2021 Greater Madison MPO Public Participation Plan

Note: Proposed text additions underlined, proposed text deletions in ~~red strikethrough~~.

On Page 13: Meeting Schedule

The MPO Policy Board generally meets virtually monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, ~~currently at the Madison Water Utility Building, located at 119 E. Olin Ave., Madison, WI 53713,~~ beginning at 6:30 p.m.; at the discretion of the Chair, the Policy Board may meet in person at an accessible location with proper public notice. When there are insufficient agenda items for a meeting, the meeting may be canceled at the discretion of the Chair. If the regular meeting date is on or near a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled or canceled.

On Page 14: Virtual Meetings

~~Virtual board meetings and public hearings are permissible where public health orders or guidance recommend against in-person meetings due to a pandemic or other health emergency.~~

~~Virtual board meetings may also be permissible in rare occurrences for a short, generally one item agenda meeting to address an urgent, non-controversial matter (e.g., minor TIP amendment).~~

~~In circumstances where virtual meetings are authorized and held, the meeting information will be posted on the MPO website at the time that the agenda is posted with details on how the public can access the meeting. Meeting information will also be distributed electronically.~~

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the MPO shifted from in-person meetings and public hearings to virtual meetings. The MPO Policy Board and Technical Coordinating Committee continue to meet and conduct official business, including hosting public hearings, virtually. Links and details on how the public can access the meeting and submit public comments will be posted on the MPO website at the time that the agenda is posted. Meeting information will also be distributed electronically.

Page 19: Major TIP Amendments

The process for major amendments is to send out a notice via email to chief elected officials of local units of government and clerks, MPO Policy Board Members, and individuals on the MPO Technical Coordinating Committee mailing list ~~local officials and others included in the notice for the annual TIP update .and (2) post the memo and public hearing notice on the MPO website.~~ If the amendment pertains to a transit project, the notice will also be sent to Metro Transit and private transit operators in the county. In addition, the memo and public hearing notice will be posted on the MPO website.

A ~~30~~ minimum 15-day public comment period will be provided, and a public hearing held before the MPO Policy Board prior to adoption.