

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Transportation Committee
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
ECWRPC Office
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Committee Members Present

Ken Robl, Vice Chair..... Winnebago County
Dick Koeppen..... Waupaca County
Jeff Nooyen..... Outagamie County
Jerry Erdmann..... Shawano County
Donna Kalata Waushara County
Matt Halada..... WisDOT – NE Region
Ron McDonald Valley Transit
Joseph KochFond du Lac County

Staff Members Present

Walt Raith..... ECWRPC
Melissa Kraemer Badtke..... ECWRPC
David Moesch..... ECWRPC
Kim Biedermann..... ECWRPC
Ashley Tracy ECWRPC

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robl at 1:33 p.m.

Mr. Robl welcomed the group and began introductions.

- 1. Introductions, Statement of compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec. 19.84 regarding Open Meetings
- 2. Public Comment (None)
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Discussion and action on January 9, 2018 Transportation Committee Summary of Proceedings

Mr. Robl asked the committee if there was any discussion or comments on the summary of proceedings. Hearing none, Mr. Robl asked the committee for a motion. Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the summary of proceedings, Mr. Koeppen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 11-18: Approval of the Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area (TMA) 2018-2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that as the MPO and TMA for the Fox Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization, ECWRPC allocates funds to TAP projects within the TMA boundary. The Fox Cities was allocated \$585,876 for this program

cycle. In the TMA, five projects were submitted; two were deemed eligible, two were deemed questionable, and one was deemed ineligible by the WisDOT Northeast Region Office. Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted that WisDOT first reviews the applications to deem their eligibility based on a number of criteria, including real estate acquisition concerns. The two that were deemed questionable were due to real estate acquisition concerns because of the eminent domain prohibition on land for bicycle and pedestrian facilities that was included as part of the State's last budget cycle. A selection committee then ranked the projects based on criteria provided by WisDOT. The final recommendation by the selection committee was then reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee. The Technical Advisory Committee then made the recommendation that the Transportation Steering Committee approve the following projects to be funded: the Regional Safe Routes to School Program within the Appleton TMA and the City of Kaukauna State Highway 96/Green Bay Road Bicycle Lane Extension Project. She noted the Steering Committee will be acting on behalf of the full Commission at their upcoming meeting due to the deadline to get the projects to DOT Central Office by April 20, 2018.

Mr. Robl asked the committee if there was any discussion or comments regarding Resolution 11-18. Hearing none, Mr. Robl asked the committee for a motion. Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve Resolution 11-18, Ms. Kalata seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion on the Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area (TMA) and Oshkosh Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Public Participation Plan

Mr. Raith noted that the Commission will be updating the Long Range Transportation Plan for the MPO areas. There has to be a Public Participation Plan in place, and staff is in the process of updating the plan, which outlines how people will have the opportunity be involved and comment on the Long Range Transportation Plans.

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated staff is hoping to have a finalized draft out by April 15, and then have a 45-day public comment period. Any comments would then be incorporated into the plan, and it will then be brought to the Transportation Committee for July's meeting.

7. Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 13-18: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Management Area (TMA) 2018

Mr. Moesch noted this is a two-part amendment. The first part pertains to the project listings in the Transportation Improvement Program. He stated that there would be an adjustment to numbers for Section 5310 funding for Valley Transit and Make the Ride Happen 5310 Grant. The numbers were already listed in the transportation section of the Transportation Improvement Program, but the funding numbers were not up to what the realistic numbers would be in the grant. The numbers were adjusted for the grant so it can move forward. Mr. Moesch then noted the next project for amendment was that WisDOT requested staff advance the STH 55 resurface project, which extends from STH 151 to STH 114 in the Village of Sherwood and is being advanced up from 2020.

The second part of the amendment pertains to the performance measures in the Transportation Improvement Program. The safety performance measures that were adopted by the Commission in January 2018 will be the first performance measures to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program. In the future, there will be infrastructure condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delivery delays. Mr. Moesch noted a few projects pertain to safety by reducing crashes: Oakridge/CB project, the 10/441 project, and the STH 15 project. He also noted the STP-Urban projects and Safe Routes to School Program program also help to reduce crashes and improve safety.

Mr. Robl asked the committee if there was any discussion or comments regarding Resolution 13-18. Hearing none, Mr. Robl asked the committee for a motion.

Mr. Erdmann made a motion to approve Resolution 13-18, Mr. Nooyen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 14-18: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Oshkosh Urbanized Area—2018

Mr. Moesch stated that this amendment is just to include the safety performance measures to reduce the number of crashes and issues in the Oshkosh Urbanized Area. There were no HSIP projects, but there are areas being studied for the future for possible funding. Mr. Moesch reviewed two improvement projects occurring in the Oshkosh MPO: 1. an Office of the Commission of the Railroads Project that is in the TIP, which is a safety project to include rail crossing gates and lights on Sherman Road; 2. the WIS 76 resurface project will also enhance safety.

Mr. Raith added that what is different about these safety performance measures is that targets will need to be set, which are consistent with what WisDOT sets. Ms. Kalata asked about how roundabouts have impacted safety. Mr. Raith responded they don't reduce crashes; however, they reduce the number of injuries.

Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve Proposed Resolution 11-14, Ms. Kalata made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

9. WisDOT Regional Projects Update

Mr. Halada stated there are a number of projects happening in the region, and he highlighted the following projects:

- WIS 55 will be an urban reconstruct from a rural section to an urban section from I-41 ramps through OO to WIS 96. This project started last week and will run through October of 2018.
- 441 from Hwy 10 to Little Lake Butte des Morts, which includes continued construction of the bridge crossing, a reconstruction of the interchange ramp at Midway Road, and the Oneida Street interchange reconstruction which will include a Diverging Diamond (DDI). Mr. Koeppen asked about how DDIs work regarding traffic patterns. ECWRPC staff showed a video on Diverging

Diamonds. Mr. McDonald suggested arranging a tour to the DDI once it's ready.

- 41/441 system interchange, the work is ongoing and it will go through fall 2018
- WIS 116 in the Village of Winneconne from Spruce Street to Pine Streets started this spring and is anticipated to be completed in fall 2018.

10. Transit and Specialized Transportation Update

Mr. Moesch reported the Valley Transit TDP kicked the study off on March 1, 2018 with the consultant SRF to come up with improvements and efficiencies. Mr. McDonald added that the approach he would like to see is to act as if there is no service today and look at the best model available to provide service in the Fox Cities. Mr. Moesch added staff is working on the GO Transit TDP, which they are about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a way through the process and are soliciting input on the draft document.

Mr. Musson, Mr. Erickson, and Mr. Moesch are helping with Transportation Coordination Plans with Specialized Transit; Kolin and Nick are looking to complete all counties in the region within the next three months.

11. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Program Update—

- a. Discussion and Action on Proposed Resolution 10-18: Approval of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Complete Streets Policy

Ms. Biedermann presented the updated draft of the Regional Complete Streets policy, and noted several small changes were made based on the comments gathered from communities, including clarifying points and grammatical edits.

Mr. Nooyen made a motion to approve the Regional Complete Streets policy, Mr. McDonald made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Ms. Biedermann also provided the following updates:
 - Wayfinding Signage—The Loop the Little Lake project between Neenah, Menasha, and Fox Crossing will be utilizing the East Central Wayfinding Guidebook standards for this route, which will open with a Cut and Run on June 23. ECWRPC staff has been working with those municipalities on the logistics of those signs.
 - Technical Assistance Updates—Ms. Biedermann stated she met with the Town of Farmington and the City of Oshkosh regarding their technical assistance projects. The Town of Farmington is interested in examining bicycle facility options for King Road. The City of Oshkosh is interested in writing a Complete Streets policy. She noted that assisting the City of Oshkosh with a Complete Streets policy also helps ECWRPC meet a deliverable for the

Smart Growth America technical assistance, which is to create the framework for local communities to adopt their own policies.

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts Program—Ms. Biedermann also noted they are working with the Loop the Little Lake project, Waushara County, and other communities on their bicycle and pedestrian counts program. She noted there is still room on the calendar to conduct additional counts if there are other requests.

12. Regional Safe Routes to School Program Updates

Ms. Kraemer Badtke discussed the following updates:

- Waushara County—Staff from the Waushara County Health Department and the High School will be meeting with SRTS staff to expand the program to the high school.
- Weyauwega-Fremont—The district is interested in partnering with the SRTS program. SRTS staff will be doing audits in the spring
- Kaukauna Area School District—The action plan was developed, recommendations were made to the school district, and the recommendations were approved by the school board.
- Fond du Lac—The Fond du Lac School District is doing a three-week physical education curriculum, and will be using the SRTS bike fleet as a part of the curriculum.
- Bike Month—May is National Bike Month, and Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted they are working with partners on a variety of events to ensure they are successful.
- Safety Patrol Training—Safe Routes staff partnered with AAA on Safety Patrol training for April 12, 2018.

13. Adjourn

Mr. Robl asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, Mr. Koeppen made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Erdmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

