SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
Transportation Committee
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
ECWRPC Office
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Committee Members Present
Tom Kautza ...........................................................................................................Shawano County
Jerry Erdmann .........................................................................................................Shawano County
Marty Farrell ...........................................................................................................Fond du Lac County
Craig Moser (alternate for Jeff Nooyen) ..................................................................Outagamie County
Dick Koeppen ..........................................................................................................Waupaca County
Neal Strehlow ..........................................................................................................Valley Transit
Jill Michaelson ...........................................................................................................WisDOT – NE Region

Committee Members Excused
Ken Robl ..................................................................................................................Winnebago County
Brian Smith ..............................................................................................................Waupaca County
Donna Kalata ...........................................................................................................Waushara County

Other WisDOT Members Present
Matt Halada .............................................................................................................WisDOT – NE Region
Alex Gramovot (via phone) .....................................................................................WisDOT – Central Office

Staff Members Present
Eric Fowle ..............................................................................................................ECWRPC
Melissa Kraemer Badtke .........................................................................................ECWRPC
Kim Biedermann .....................................................................................................ECWRPC
David Moesch ........................................................................................................ECWRPC
Kolin Erickson .........................................................................................................ECWRPC
Mike Zuege .............................................................................................................ECWRPC

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Strehlow at 1:31 p.m.

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 & Moment of Silence*

4. *Discussion and action on July 9, 2019 Transportation Committee Summary of Proceedings*

   Mr. Erdmann motioned to approve summary of proceedings, Mr. Farrell seconded; motion carried.

5. *Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 26-19: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities Transportation Management Area (TMA) 2019*

   Mr. Moesch stated an amendment was requested from WisDOT to advance the following projects into the 2019-2022 list of projects: IH 41/Appleton-De Pere (STH 96- CTH F), IH 41/Appleton-Green Bay (STH 15-CTH J), STH 76/STH 15 - CTH JJ (Everglade Rd - CTH JJ), East Franklin Street (CN rail crossing), North Appleton Street (CN rail crossing), and Memorial Drive (CN rail crossing). The document underwent a 30-day public comment period with no comments received.

   Mr. McDonald motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 26-19; Mr. Kautza seconded; motion carried.
6. **Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 27-19: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Oshkosh Urbanized Area 2019**

Mr. Moesch stated an amendment was requested from WisDOT to advance the following projects into the 2019-2022 list of projects: USH 45, Main Street Bridge (rehabilitation) and USH 45 / Oshkosh - New London (I 41-USH 10 resurface). The document underwent a 30-day public comment period with no comments received.

Mr. Koeppen motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 27-19; Mr. McDonald seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 28-19: Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities Transportation Management Area (TMA – 2020)**

Mr. Moesch stated that the Commission, as the designated MPO, recommends approval of the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities (Appleton) Transportation Management Area – 2020. All programmed projects with federal/state/local funds listed are for 2020-2023.

Mr. Farrell motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 28-19; Mr. Kautza seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 29-19: Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program for the Oshkosh Urbanized Area – 2020**

Mr. Moesch stated that the Commission, as the designated MPO, recommends approval of the Transportation Improvement Program for the Oshkosh Urbanized Area – 2020. All programmed projects with federal/state/local funds listed are for 2020-2023.

Mr. Erdmann motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 29-19; Mr. McDonald seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.


Ms. Kraemer Badtke reviewed the 2020 Transportation Work Program and Budget with the committee. Each budget category was briefly reviewed. In total, the Fox Cities and Oshkosh urbanized areas will receive an increase of approximately $721,000 from 2019.

Mr. Erdmann motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 20-19; Mr. McDonald seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Update on Long Range Transportation Land Use Plan**

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted draft versions of both the Appleton (Fox Cities) and Oshkosh urbanized areas long-range plans are available on-line on the ECWRPC website. In 2020, staff will gather public feedback/comments and include into the plan.

11. **WisDOT Regional Projects Update**

Mr. Halada updated the committee on the following regional transportation projects:

- STH 114 (resurfacing, Calumet County)
- USH 10 (resurfacing, Calumet County)
- STH 116 (resurfacing, Winnebago County)
- STH 441 (resurfacing, Outagamie County)

There was additional discussion on the future STH 15 bypass project of Hortonville (scheduled to begin construction in 2021 and completed by 2024).
12. **Shawano County STH 29/CTH U Intersection/Interchange Update**

Mr. Moesch noted staff is in contact with WisDOT North Central staff regarding design alternatives at this historically dangerous intersection along STH 29 (Shawano County). Updates will be shared with the committee at future meetings. There was a discussion on the proposed design alternatives, specifically use of J-Turns.

13. **Transit & Specialized Transportation Update**

Mr. Erickson stated staff is finalizing its contract with Valley Transit to update their Transit Development Plan (short-term strategic plan). Staff hosted two separate day long open house events in September at the Appleton Public Library, attended the Neenah farmer's market, presented at the Menasha City Council meeting and will have an article in Insight Magazine. The final steering committee meeting will be in December where staff will summarize public comments and approve the plan. Additionally, staff is working with a consultant to facilitate the regional Commuter Service Study. Recommendations will be presented at the October 21 meeting.

14. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Program Update**

Ms. Biedermann stated staff is working with a consultant to develop an economic impact scoping study which will identify regional bicycle and pedestrian needs. Outreach efforts as part of this study will involve both transportation professionals and the public. This study will be completed by the end of 2019. The regional bicycle and pedestrian counter program is working to factor its data. Factoring data will help with sampling and accounting for seasonal trail/path use (summer vs. winter use). The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh urbanized areas will also be updated in 2020 with a new action plan; corresponding to the Long-Range Transportation Plans updates.

15. **Regional Safe Routes to School Program Updates**

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted staff is working with school districts on its educational campaign, “We Take Time to Brake for Our Kids”. Presentations, flyers/materials and social media are being used to promote the campaign. October 2 was International Walk to School Day; 90 schools within the region participated with a variety of events as well as walking school bus routes. Staff is also looking to refill a Safe Routes Program Planner position.

16. **Special Order of Business: ECWRPC 2020-2023 Strategic Planning Session**

Mr. Fowle introduced Mr. Tebo to lead the committee through a series of strategic planning group discussions. A few ECWRPC staff remained be a resource to the committee but did not participate. The committee adjourned after this order of business at approximately 3:00 p.m.