

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Transportation Committee
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
ECWRPC Office
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Committee Members Present

Jerry Erdmann.....Shawano County
Marty Farrell.....Fond du Lac County
Jeff Nooyen.....Outagamie County
Dick Koeppen.....Waupaca County
Neal Strehlow.....Waushara County
Ron McDonald (via phone).....Valley Transit
Jill Michaelson.....WisDOT – NE Region

Committee Members Excused

Brian Smith.....Waupaca County
Donna Kalata.....Waushara County
Tom Kautza.....Shawano County

Others Present

Matt Halada.....WisDOT – NE Region
Alex Gramovot (via phone).....WisDOT – Central Office
Matt Spiel (via phone).....FHWA – Wisconsin Office

Staff Members Present

Eric Fowle.....ECWRPC
Walt Raith.....ECWRPC
Melissa Kraemer Badtke.....ECWRPC
Kim Biedermann.....ECWRPC
Dave Moesch.....ECWRPC
Nick Musson.....ECWRPC
Kolin Erickson.....ECWRPC
Mike Zuege.....ECWRPC
Hanna Keckeisen.....ECWRPC

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Strehlow at 1:30 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 October 8, 2019 Transportation Committee Summary of Proceedings*

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

5. *Discussion and reaffirmation on Resolution 31-19: Approving the Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-Urban) projects for the Appleton Transportation Management Area (TMA) 2020-2025*

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted the Appleton (Fox Cities) TMA Technical Policy Advisory Committee approved four projects to receive Surface Transportation-Urban funding for fiscal years 2020-2025. These were approved at the September 18, 2019 meeting. Almost \$18 million will fund both design and construction for the following projects: Commercial St from Stanley St to Tyler St (City of Neenah), Racine St from Third St to Ninth St (City of Menasha), County Highway N from County Highway CE to County Highway KK (Outagamie County), and County Highway P from State Highway 47 to Midway Rd (Winnebago County). Mr. Moesch noted these projects will be amended into the Appleton (Fox Cities) Transportation Improvement Program later this year.

Mr. Farrell motioned to reaffirm Resolution 31-19; Mr. Erdmann seconded; motion carried.

6. *Discussion and reaffirmation Resolution 32-19: Approving the Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-Urban) project for the Oshkosh Urbanized Area for Fiscal Years 2020-2025*

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted the Oshkosh MPO Technical Policy Advisory Committee approved one project to receive Surface Transportation-Urban funding for fiscal years 2020-2025. This was approved at the August 20, 2019 meeting. Approximately \$1.9 million will fund both design and construction for Winnebago County Highway I. Mr. Moesch noted this project will be amended into the Oshkosh Transportation Improvement Program later this year.

Mr. Farrell motioned to reaffirm Resolution 32-19; Mr. Nooyen seconded; motion carried.

7. *Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 01-20: Amending the 2020 Transportation Work Program*

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted approximately \$48,000 in MPO Planning funds was made available to the Appleton TMA from WisDOT. Two priority projects have been identified by staff: (1) ECWRPC will apply for a WisDOT Freight Railroad Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP) grant which would be for a total of \$250,000 (federal, state and local funds); or (2) if ECWRPC is not awarded the FRIIP grant, the additional funding will be used for the Economic Impact of Bicycling and Walking Study, totaling about \$61,000. The additional funds for either project will be utilized to complete the program deliverables outlined within the 2020 Transportation Work Program.

Mr. Erdmann motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 01-20; Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. *Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 2-20: Authorizing the Commission to Submit and Support an Application for the 2020-2024 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding to continue the Regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program*

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted ECWRPC's Regional SRTS is primarily grant funded through WisDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program. Proposed Resolution 2-20 would allow staff to prepare and apply for a TAP grant application to continue to fund the program into 2023 and 2024. Total grant request is \$958,900 of which \$767,120 (80 percent) is requested and \$191,780 (20 percent) which will be matched by ECWRPC. If awarded, the grant would fund: local SRTS Action Plans, one-day events like Walk to School Day, Winter Walk to School Month, Bike to School Day, Frequent Walker and Walking School Bus Programs, educational campaign and materials, and evaluation of local and regional SRTS programs.

Mr. Farrell motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 2-20; Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. *Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 04-20: Amending the 2020 Transportation Work Program to include the ECWRPC Mobility Manager Program*

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted WisDOT awarded ECWRPC a Section 5310 grant to fund a Regional Mobility Management Program. The 2020 Transportation Work Program will be amended to include this additional funding. Mr. Musson noted the total grant awarded for 2020 is \$73,421 that includes \$58,737 (80 percent) in federal funds through WisDOT and local matching funds through ECWRPC (\$14,684). This new program will look to improve public transit and specialized transit coordination with area transit agencies in both urban and rural portions of ECWRPC's member counties. The program will work to increase transportation coordination across municipal boundaries to increase transportation services for individuals with disabilities, seniors and low income individuals.

Mr. Erdmann motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 04-20; Mr. Farrell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

10. *Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 03-20: Amending the 2020 Transportation Improvement Program for the Appleton Transportation Management Area – 2020*

Mr. Moesch noted an amendment is needed for the Appleton TMA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to advance the following WisDOT projects: WIS 76 / School Road intersection, Interstate 41 rehabilitation (Neenah-Appleton), and WIS 441/USH 10 (Interstate 41 junction). All projects are for construction funds in 2023. The project listing is currently under a 30-day public review period with no comments received yet.

Mr. Farrell motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 03-20; Mr. Nooyen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. *Discussion and action on Proposed Resolution 05-20: Amending the 2020 Transportation Improvement Program for the Oshkosh Urbanized Area – 2020*

Mr. Moesch noted an amendment is needed for the Oshkosh MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to advance the following WisDOT project: WIS 21/ WIS 116 – Leonard Point Rd (resurface). This project is for design funds in 2020. The project listing is currently under a 30-day public review period with no comments received yet.

Mr. Koeppen motioned to approve Proposed Resolution 05-20; Mr. Nooyen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Raith noted the 2020 plan updates for both the Appleton and Oshkosh urbanized areas is underway with approval of plans in October. After the 2020 Census a more major update will occur with possible new planning boundaries. Mr. Erickson noted staff will work to bring the plans to the public and gather input in the spring and summer. Staff is working to find more innovative ways to gather feedback versus the typical public information meeting format.

13. *WisDOT Regional Projects Update*

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

- Town of Wrightstown, County Line Rd (Golden Creek Bridge Replacement & Approaches)
- City of Kaukauna, Green Bay Rd (Lawe St – Claribel St; reconstruct)
- Town of Grand Chute, CTH CA (CTH CB – Casaloma Dr; reconstruct)
- State Highway 76, (Interstate 41 – CTH JJ; reconstruct; includes roundabouts at CTH GG, CTH G and CTH JJ)
- Town of Vinland, CTH A (Indian Point Rd – CTH GG; reconstruct)

14. *Transit & Specialized Transportation Update*

Mr. Musson noted staff is finishing the Commuter Service Feasibility Study and working with the consultants on the final plan and recommendations. A committee or future work group may be started as a result of this study. Additionally, staff applied for a State 5304 Planning grant to work with Oshkosh (GO Transit) on a transit site redevelopment study. The request for proposal process is underway to work with a consultant in 2020-2021. Valley Transit's Transit Development Plan is nearly complete with a final steering committee meeting held in December 2019. A future presentation is scheduled with Valley Transit's Transit Commission to approve the plan. Lastly, the volunteer transportation program (Winnebago Catch-A-Ride) which ECWRPC is a planning partner, received a 3-year grant from the Oshkosh Community Foundation to extend/expand the program.

15. *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Program Update*

Ms. Biedermann noted staff will work to hire a consultant to develop an Economic Impact of Bicycling and Walking Study. In 2019, East Central worked with a consultant and the University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh to develop an Economic Impact of Bicycling and Walking Scoping Study. The purpose of this economic impact study will be to analyze data and provide local communities and partner organizations with data sets to show the impact of the bicycling and walking network. On February 25, staff will facilitate a Trails Summit geared toward Fox Cities and Oshkosh communities to learn about gaps in the regional bike/pedestrian trail network. This work will help with the update to the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh in 2020.

16. *Regional Safe Routes to School Program Updates*

Ms. Kraemer Badtke introduced Ms. Keckeisen who will join the SRTS staff to replace the open position. Staff is preparing and working with area school districts to promote the annual Winter Walk to School Month (in February). Staff is also working on an equity analysis of its programs and partnering with area school districts.

17. *ECWRPC Steering Committee Report*

Mr. Fowle updated the members on the on-going activities from the Steering Committee. Staff is working with the Steering Committee on the draft 2020-2023 ECWRPC Strategic Plan to update the agency's mission and work programs. A future commissioners meeting will be held later this year to have a complete review of agency programs. There was additional policy discussion for municipalities on the boundaries with member counties (where agency can work and provide technical assistance).

18. *Review of Preliminary Draft ECWRPC 2020-2023 Strategic Plan*

Mr. Fowle led a discussion with the committee on the draft agency strategic plan. There was a discussion on budget/sustainability, staff capacity, levy, messaging, etc. Survey results on ECWRPC's Programs/Value Ranking were shared.

19. *County Roundtable Discussion / Updates (None)*

20. *Adjourn*

Mr. Koeppen motioned to adjourn, Mr. Farrell seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm