

MEETING MINUTES

FOND DU LAC MPO
Policy Board

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Fond du Lac City/ County Government Center, 160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac. WI

Chair Dyann Benson called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

1. Introductions and Roll Call

MPO Policy Board Members Present

Dyann Benson (Chair) Community Development Director – City of Fond du Lac
Joe Moore City Manager – City of Fond du Lac
Paul De Vries Department of Public Works – City of Fond du Lac
Tom Buchholz Northeast Director – WisDOT
Tom Janke Highway Commissioner – Fond du Lac County
Terry Dietzel Director of Land Information – Fond du Lac County
Tiffany Brault Fond du Lac City Council President
Nick Weber WisDOT – NE Region

Staff Members & Guests Present

Melissa Kraemer Badtke Executive Director – ECWRPC
Brice Richardson Associate Planner – ECWRPC
Brenna Root Whitby Associate Planner – ECWRPC
Brett Rankey Fond du Lac Resident
Ryan Sommer Highway – Fond du Lac County

2. Public Comment – No public comments received.

3. Approval of July 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Paul De Vries and a second by Mr. Joe Moore to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Staff Report

- a. Fond du Lac Focus 2050 MTP: Ms. Brenna Root Whitby reported that the first round of community engagement has been completed. The second stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 16. The second round of community engagement is planned for late 2024 into early 2025.
- b. Safe Routes to School – Ms. Brenna Root Whitby reported that there are 10 Fond du Lac Schools that are signed up for walk to school day. Six schools are participating in the educational campaign which is themed “Safe Routes Together”.
- c. Specialized Transportation Coordination Plans: Ms. Brenna Root Whitby noted that the first specialized transportation coordination plan implementation assistance meeting was held in early summer. The second is scheduled for October 17. This meeting brings together all counties to discuss implementation of the specialized transportation coordination plans and share best practices.
- d. Infill Study: Mr. Brice Richardson announced that the model/ index creation has been completed. Work is continuing on narrative sections and the story map.
- e. Mr. Brice Richardson noted that there is an intention to include congestion data in the Fond du Lac MTP, even though a full congestion management process is not required for the MPO. As

part of this, ECWRPC is planning to place Miovision cameras at the top 5 congested intersections as identified by the travel demand model to gather on the ground traffic counts.

5. Resolution 12-24: Approving the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fond du Lac MPO 2025-2028.

Mr. Brice Richardson presented the updated Fond du Lac Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2025-2028. The TIP is a federally required, annually prepared document that includes programmed projects that receive federal funding. ECWRPC worked with WisDOT central office and Northeast region, Fond du Lac Area Transit, and other local officials to compile a list of applicable projects within the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary. The main table features projects within the four-year TIP time horizon, while projects outside of this are included in the illustrative table.

The 30-day public review period took place from September 1 to October 1, 2024. No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Janke and was seconded by Mr. Paul De Vries to approve Resolution 12-24: Approving the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fond du Lac MPO 2025-2028. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 13-24: Adopting the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the Fond du Lac MPO and Annual MPO Certification Program for the Fond du Lac Urbanized Area.

Ms. Brenna Root Whitby noted that staff have been working for the past few months to produce the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This product is developed on an annual basis and looks at the priorities and products for the Fond du Lac MPO for the following year. The 2025 UPWP was developed in accordance with federal regulation and in coordination with local communities, WisDOT, Federal Highway, and Federal Transit. Major projects include the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, update Fond du Lac Title VI plan, providing technical assistance to Fond du Lac area transit on a few different studies, implementing an ETIP software, continue bike/ ped planning, updating selection criteria for STBG, GIS visualization, etc. Allocations for Planning, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration funding were received from WisDOT in August.

A motion was made by Mr. Joe Moore and was seconded by Ms. Dyann Benson to approve Resolution 13-24: Adopting the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for the Fond du Lac MPO and Annual MPO Certification Program for the Fond du Lac Urbanized Area. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Updates

Mr. Tom Buchholz noted that there is construction work on Townline Rd. This is installing a polyester overlay onto the bridge deck. Additionally, the TAP program was recently announced. Staff continues to work on planning for the NFL Draft.

Ms. Kraemer Badtke noted that the WisDOT freight railroad conference agenda was recently sent out. It is scheduled for November in Madison.

8. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at the Fond du Lac Highway Building.
9. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Tom Janke and a second by Mr. Paul De Vries to adjourn with the time noted at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted by
Brice Richardson – Associate Planner
East Central WI Regional Planning Commission