

MEETING MINUTES

FOND DU LAC MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Time: 9:00 A.M.

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

Chair De Vries called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

1. Introductions and Roll Call

MPO Technical Advisory Committee Members Present

Paul De Vries (Chair).....Department of Public Works – City of Fond du Lac
Nick Leonard..... Village Administrator – Village of North Fond du Lac
Mitch Vis Director of Public Works – Village of North Fond du Lac
Ryan Sommer..... Highway Engineer – Fond du Lac County
Sarah Van Buren Principal Planner - Fond du Lac County
Brian Kading Transit Manager - Fond du Lac Area Transit

FHWA/FTA/WisDOT Staff Present

Jeanette Nelson..... WisDOT

Staff Members & Guests Present

Melissa Kraemer Badtke Executive Director – ECWRPC
Brenna Root Whitby Senior Planner – ECWRPC
Brice Richardson Associate Planner – ECWRPC

2. Public Comment – No public comments received.

3. Approval of October 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Sommer and a second by Mr. Paul De Vries to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Proposed Resolution FDL-01-25: Adopting WisDOT Transportation Performance Measures and Targets for PM1: Safety for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mr. Brice Richardson presented on federal performance measures. He noted that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established performance-based planning requirements for Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Federal Highway Administration established the performance measures to inform investment decisions and ensure an ability to track progress towards achieving targets. WisDOT establishes statewide baseline and target values for PM1: Safety on an annual basis. The latest values were released in October 2024. MPOs can either set their own values or adopt the statewide values. This has to be completed within 180 days of their release. Historically, the Fond du Lac MPO has adopted the statewide values. The baseline PM1: safety values are based on a 5-year rolling average. The targets are a 2% reduction from the previous 5-year rolling average.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Sommer and was seconded by Ms. Sarah Van Buren to approve Proposed Resolution FDL-01-25: Adopting WisDOT Transportation Performance Measures and Targets for PM1: Safety for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Proposed Resolution FDL-02-25: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization 2025-2028.

Mr. Brice Richardson stated that the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Fond du Lac MPO was adopted on October 2, 2024. Since then, WisDOT has requested TIP numbers for a number of new Section 5310 projects. Mr. Richardson noted that there are some operators that received Section 5310 funding that are based outside of the Fond du Lac MPO. These operators must still be included in the Fond du Lac TIP as their operating area includes at least a portion of the Fond du Lac MPO area. Additionally, the PM1: Safety values are required to be amended into the TIP after their adoption. Historically, the Fond du Lac MPO has adopted the statewide performance measure values and subsequently amended the performance measure values into the TIP at the same meeting.

A question was asked by Mr. Paul De Vries regarding the need to include the Performance Measure values in the TIP. Ms. Melissa Kraemer-Badtke responded to this question by noting the federal requirement to demonstrate how projects in the TIP are advancing performance measures. Ms. Kraemer Badtke gave the example of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application criteria, which includes a safety component. Projects that are selected for STBG that score highly on the safety criteria can be used to demonstrate how they are advancing the safety performance measure.

A 15-day public review period took place from January 19 to February 3, 2025. No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Sommer and was seconded by Mr. Mitch Vis to approve Proposed Resolution FDL-02-25: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Fond du Lac Metropolitan Planning Organization 2025-2028. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposed Resolution FDL-03-25: Approving Funding Increase for Minnesota Ave Project in the Village of North Fond du Lac.

Ms. Brenna Root-Whitby discussed the process that the Village of North Fond du Lac took to request additional funding for the Minnesota Ave project. ECWRPC worked with Village of North Fond du Lac, WisDOT Northeast Region, and WisDOT local program staff to evaluate if additional funds were available in the Fond du Lac MPO. After formal review, the request for an increase in funding was deemed eligible. Important to note that the change does not result in the delay of this project nor any other project, will not impact other current project funding nor future allocations for the Fond du Lac MPO, and the funding source remains the same. The Minnesota Ave Project was originally awarded \$1,142,448 as part of the 2022-2027 STBG cycle. The request for additional federal funds is \$274,543.24, bringing the total project cost to \$1,416,990.24.

Mr. Ryan Sommer asked a question related to how the funding was determined to be available and whether there are funds remaining that would be able to be used for CTH VV. Ms. Melissa Kraemer-Badtke responded that congressional appropriations, state budget, and Fond du Lac's allocation all have to be considered. In this case, the Minnesota Ave project initially did not use the full allocation for that particular funding cycle, so funding was still available to support the requested increase.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Sommer and was seconded by Mr. Mitch Vis to approve Proposed Resolution FDL-03-25: Approving Funding Increase for Minnesota Ave Project in the Village of North Fond du Lac. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Staff Report:

8. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Updates

No new updates from WisDOT.

9. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the Fond du Lac City/ County Government Center, 160 S Macy St, Fond du Lac, WI
10. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mr. Mitch Vis and a second by Mr. Ryan Sommer to adjourn with the time noted at 9:59 AM.

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