

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

DATE: August 3, 2005
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Commission Offices
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI

Committee Members Present

Frederick J. Patrie, Chairman..... Director of Public Works, Kenosha County
Sandra K. Beaupre Director, Bureau of Planning,
Division of Transportation Investment Management,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Donna L. Brown..... Systems Planning Group Manager, Southeast Region,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Paul A. Feller Director of Public Works, City of Waukesha
Thomas M. Grisa Director of Public Works, City of Brookfield
Richard M. Jones Commissioner of Public Works, City of Racine
William A. Kappel Director of Public Works, City of Wauwatosa
Michael M. Lemens Director of Engineering, City of Kenosha
Michael K. Lynett Village Engineer/Commissioner of Public Works,
Village of Fox Point
Jeffrey J. Mantes Commissioner of Public Works, City of Milwaukee
Gloria L. McCutcheon Southeast Regional Director,
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Cecil Mehring Manager of Planning and Engineering Services,
(Representing Glenn M. Lampark) Public Works Department, Racine County
Kenneth M. Pesch Highway Commissioner, Washington County
Jeffrey S. Polenske..... City Engineer, City of Milwaukee
Ronald J. Rutkowski Transportation Planning Director,
(Representing George A. Torres) Department of Parks and Public Infrastructure,
Milwaukee County
Michael Vebber..... Director of Operations,
(Representing Kenneth J. Warren) Milwaukee County Transit System

Staff Members and Guests Present

Albert A. Beck Principal Planner, SEWRPC
Robert E. Beglinger Chief Transportation Engineer, SEWRPC
David M. Jolicoeur..... Senior Engineer, SEWRPC
Kenneth R. Yunker Deputy Director, SEWRPC

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Patrie welcomed all of those in attendance and indicated that roll call would be accomplished through a sign-in roster circulated by Commission staff.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2005, MEETING

Chairman Patrie asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the Advisory Committee's seventh meeting held on June 1, 2005. The following comments were made by Committee members:

1. Ms. McCutcheon asked that the Secretary's Note under item 2 under the heading *CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2005 MEETING* be amended to note the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' encouragement of employers to voluntarily adopt actions to reduce vehicle travel and emissions.

[Secretary's note: The following text has been further revised in Table 8-1, under the trip-reduction ordinance demand management measure:

Description – Regulations requiring employers to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips made by employees; ordinances may permit increased densities in return for measures to reduce vehicle trip making.

Probability of Implementation – Low. No trip-reduction ordinances currently exist in southeastern Wisconsin. Employer trip reduction programs were a requirement for severe and extreme ozone attainment areas for large employers as part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA). The State of Wisconsin enacted Chapter NR 486, *Employee Commute Option Programs*, of the Wisconsin Administrative Code to implement these programs. However, the CAAA were amended in 1995 to make the employer trip reduction program requirement an option for states to adopt. In Wisconsin, the Governor suspended enforcement of NR 486 in 1996. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources encourages employers to voluntarily consider and implement actions to encourage reduced vehicle travel and air pollutant emissions.”]

There being no further questions or comments, a motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mr. Lemens, seconded by Mr. Mantes, and carried unanimously by the Committee.

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THIRD ISSUE OF SEWRPC NEWSLETTER ENTITLED “REVIEW AND UPDATE OF REGIONAL LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLANS FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN”

Chairman Patrie asked Mr. Yunker to lead the Committee through a review of the preliminary draft of the third issue of SEWRPC newsletter entitled “*Review and Update of Regional Land Use and Transportation System Plans for Southeastern Wisconsin.*” During Mr. Yunker's review of the newsletter, the following questions were raised and comments made by Committee members:

1. Mr. Feller asked about the level of involvement of the various transit operators in the Region in developing the preliminary proposals for public transit. Mr. Yunker responded that the Commission staff has been meeting regularly with the transit operators in the Region and has incorporated into the text comments and suggestions from the transit operators. He added that the transit operators strongly support the preliminary proposals for public transit. Mr. Vebber concurred with Mr. Yunker.
2. With respect to park-ride lots, Ms. Brown asked that two existing facilities be added to Map 8 – a park-ride lot which will be added at the Amtrak Station in downtown Milwaukee, and a park-ride

lot at the IH 94 and National Avenue. She also asked for a summary of the number of additional park-ride lots being proposed under the year 2035 plan compared to the year 2020 plan. Mr. Yunker responded that the Commission staff would provide such a summary in the meeting minutes.

[Secretary's Note: An updated park-ride lot map (Map A) which includes the two park-ride lots identified by Ms. Brown has been provided as Attachment A to these minutes. The updated map also includes the park-ride lots at the Amtrak stations at General Mitchell International Airport and in the Village of Sturtevant.

The following provides a summary of existing, planned year 2020, and proposed year 2035 park-ride lots:

- As shown on Map A, 49 park-ride lots existed in southeastern Wisconsin in 2004;
- Of the 25 proposed additional park-ride lots shown on Map A, 22 were proposed in the year 2020 plan; and
- The three additional proposed park-ride lots not included in the year 2020 plan and shown on Map A are:
 - City of Oak Creek – at the potential commuter rail station;
 - Town of Caledonia – at the potential commuter rail station; and
 - Town of Somers – at the potential commuter rail station]

3. Mr. Grisa asked if the Commission staff would test an alternative which would demonstrate the limited likely reduction in traffic due to improvements in public transit and management actions. He stated that such an analysis may demonstrate to the public the limited impact on traffic and traffic congestion of public transit and systems management actions. Mr. Yunker replied that the Commission staff will test and evaluate a no-build plan alternative and an alternative which would propose only public transit, bicycle and pedestrian, demand management, and systems management actions. He stated that testing, evaluating, and comparing these two plan alternatives will demonstrate the reduction in traffic and traffic congestion which these measures may be expected to achieve.

There being no further discussion, a motion to approve the preliminary draft of the third SEWRPC newsletter "*Review and Update of Regional Land Use and Transportation System Plans for Southeastern Wisconsin*" was made by Mr. Pesch, seconded by Mr. Feller, and carried unanimously by the Committee.

UPDATE ON REVIEW OF COUNTY JURISDICTIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM PLANS

Chairman Patrie asked Mr. Yunker to provide an update to the Committee on the status of the county jurisdictional highway system plans. Mr. Yunker responded that the Commission staff is currently in the process of meeting with the county jurisdictional highway planning committees of each of the seven counties to review both functional and jurisdictional recommendations in the year 2020 regional transportation plan. He added that any potential functional changes identified by each Committee will be considered as part of the review and update of the regional transportation plan to the year 2035, while consideration of potential jurisdictional changes may not be completed by the March 2006 deadline for the regional plan update. Mr. Yunker noted that the Commission staff had already met with two county

jurisdictional highway planning committees, and a meeting with a third county jurisdictional highway planning committee was scheduled for August 4th.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN

Chairman Patrie asked Mr. Yunker to provide an update to the Committee on the status of the regional land use plan. Mr. Yunker responded that the Advisory Committee on Regional Land Use Planning may be expected to recommend a preliminary land use plan at its August 15th meeting. He added that once a preliminary land use plan has been recommended, that plan would be shared with this Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Yunker stated that the Advisory Committee's next meeting was scheduled for September 7, 2005. He stated that sufficient materials may not be ready for Advisory Committee review at a September 7, 2005 meeting, but should be ready by an October 5, 2005 meeting. He stated that Commission staff would contact Advisory Committee members via email to inform them of the cancellation of the September 7 meeting.

The eighth meeting of the Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation Planning was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pesch, seconded by Mr. Feller, and carried unanimously by the Committee.

Signed

Kenneth R. Yunker
Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Map A

PROPOSED PARK-RIDE LOTS WITHIN
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN: YEAR 2035

- ▲ EXISTING PARK-RIDE LOT - SERVED BY EXISTING OR PROPOSED PUBLIC TRANSIT
- ◆ EXISTING PARK-RIDE LOT - NOT SERVED BY EXISTING OR PROPOSED PUBLIC TRANSIT
- ▲ PROPOSED PARK-RIDE LOT - SERVED BY PROPOSED PUBLIC TRANSIT
- ◆ PROPOSED PARK-RIDE LOT - NOT SERVED BY EXISTING OR PROPOSED PUBLIC TRANSIT

