

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 25, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Milwaukee County Research Park
Technology Innovation Center
10437 West Innovation Drive
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Thomas H. Buestrin, Chairman
William R. Drew, Vice-Chairman
Adelene Greene
Allen L. Morrison
Daniel S. Schmidt
David L. Stroik
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Richard A. Hansen
Linda J. Seemeyer
Paul G. Vrakas

Absent:

Staff:

Philip C. Evenson
Loretta Watson

Executive Director
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Buestrin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Evenson noted for the record that Commissioners Hansen, Seemeyer, and Vrakas had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2006, MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on December 21, 2006, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, MR. BUESTRIN REPORTING

(Meeting of January 25, 2007)

Mr. Buestrin reported that the Administrative Committee, at its meeting held just before the Executive Committee meeting, had taken the following actions:

1. Reviewed and approved the Commission disbursements for two financial reporting periods: Year 2006 No. 26 and Year 2007 No. 1, extending over the period December 11, 2006, to January 7, 2007.

2. Reviewed the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the financial reporting period ending January 7, 2007. The review focused primarily on the revenue estimates for 2007. While certain Federal and State revenues, together with limited amounts of service agreement revenues, remain to be secured, there is no reason to believe that all of the funds included in the Commission budget adopted in June 2006 will not be forthcoming.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Wirth, and carried unanimously, the Administrative Committee report was approved.

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

Chairman Buestrin asked Mr. Evenson to review the proposed contracts and agreements, noting that the Committee members had received a table listing the contracts and agreements prior to the meeting. Mr. Evenson then briefly reviewed the three contracts reported on the table, noting that the agreement with the Racine County Partnership represents the last of the multi-year "Smart Growth" planning efforts to be undertaken in the Region. The other two contracts, he said, represent a renewal of county surveying service agreements with Milwaukee and Walworth Counties.

A brief discussion then ensued relative to the Commission's contractual arrangements for providing county surveyor services. Mr. Evenson reported that the county surveyor program was progressing well and that annual reports relative to those activities were now being provided to the five counties under contract with the Commission for such services. Under the county surveying arrangements presently in place, he said, the Commission has a fixed cost arrangement with each of the five counties, with 2007 representing the second year of a five-year commitment.

Following that discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and carried unanimously, the report relative to the contracts was accepted and placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

GEO 29 REVIEW

Chairman Buestrin asked Mr. Evenson to report on the Federal grants and loans and direct Federal development projects submitted to the Commission for intergovernmental review pursuant to the requirements set forth in Gubernatorial Executive Order No. 29.

Mr. Evenson noted that a summary of one project application was provided to the Committee members with the agenda for the meeting. There was no conflict, he said, between the project and the adopted regional plans.

Following a brief discussion, on a motion by Ms. Greene, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the following application was recommended to the grantor agencies for approval as being in conformance, or not in conflict, with adopted regional plans: one conservation program (CONSER-1010) (copy of table attached to Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO 2007-2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Evenson noted that the Committee members had been provided in advance of the meeting copies of Resolution No. 2007-01 which, if approved, would amend the 2007-2010 Regional Transportation

Improvement Program. He asked that the Committee consider Resolution 2007-01, attached to which are exhibits attendant to a total of six transportation projects, all of which were submitted by Ozaukee County and all of which represent amendments to project descriptions and/or funding arrangements for projects that have already been included in the 2007-2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Five of the six projects, he said, relate to Ozaukee County transit facilities and services. The sixth project relates to the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over IH43 in the Town of Grafton. In this case, he said, the amendment reflects an additional \$700,000 in project costs attributable to a redesign of the project to meet the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for pedestrian as well as bicycle facilities. The additional funds are to be drawn from funds previously programmed to permit the City of Mequon to proceed in 2007 with the reconstruction of Wausaukee Road between the Milwaukee-Ozaukee County Line and Mequon Road.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Drew, and carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution 2007-01 (copy attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRESS REPORTS

Mr. Evenson reported for the record that the Commission's initiative attendant to facilitation of a process to prepare an action plan in connection with the redevelopment of the 30th Street Industrial Corridor in the City of Milwaukee was now formally underway. A news conference was held over the noon hour this date and was well attended by public officials from the local, County, State, and Federal governments. Mr. Evenson recalled that this effort is being sponsored by the Commission in response to a request by Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo, who chairs the Milwaukee County Economic and Community Development Committee.

Mr. Evenson also reported that he expects the Milwaukee County study of its relationship with the Commission to get underway shortly. The Commission staff, he said, continues to meet with Milwaukee County Board staff regarding this matter and will provide any and all information that may be requested in connection with the study. He indicated that no particular design for the study had yet been presented, and that Milwaukee County Board Chairman and Commissioner Lee Holloway has not yet appointed the members of the committee.

Finally, Mr. Evenson reported that the Commission staff, and in particular the Commission's Deputy Director Ken Yunker and the Transportation Division staff, remain busily engaged in overseeing completion of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee commuter rail service and related activities currently being undertaken by the Regional Transit Authority for Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha Counties. That work is expected to continue through the first six months of this calendar year.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Evenson reported that there were no announcements or correspondence to be brought to the attention of the Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Ms. Greene, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip C. Evenson
Deputy Secretary

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