

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 17, 2011

2:00 p.m.

SEWRPC Office Building
Commissioners' Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53187-1607

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

David L. Stroik, Chairman
William R. Drew, Vice-Chairman
Gilbert B. Bakke
Thomas H. Buestrin
James T. Dwyer
Nancy Russell
Daniel S. Schmidt
John F. Weishan, Jr.
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Adelene Greene

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker	Executive Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Business Manager
Debra A. D'Amico	Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Stroik called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Yunker noted that Ms. Greene had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2011

Chairman Stroik asked if there were any changes or additions to the October 20, 2011, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Wirth, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on October 20, 2011, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, MR. DWYER REPORTING

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

1. Reviewed and approved disbursements for two financial periods: Year 2011 No. 22 and No. 23 extending over the period October 10, to November 6, 2011.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending November 6, 2011.
3. Received a report on enrollment in the 2012 Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds group medical insurance program.

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

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

Chairman Stroik asked Ms. Larsen to review the four proposed contracts noting that the Committee members had received a table listing these contracts prior to the meeting. Ms. Larsen then briefly reviewed the contracts with the Committee.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Ms. Russell, and carried unanimously, the report relative to the contracts was accepted and placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Yunker reviewed a table entitled, "*Work Program Progress Report.*" He noted that the Report shows the progress of key regional, as well as local community and county assistance, efforts under each Commission staff division's section of the report (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Yunker stated that in the future the Report will show the revised completion dates of the Commission's work projects.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Wirth concerning the use of global positioning system (GPS) units for the Regional Travel Survey, Mr. Yunker stated that a sample of households completing the survey were provided with GPS units so that their reported trips could be compared to their trips captured by the GPS units. Ms. Russell inquired about how the final survey results would account for individuals potentially not reporting all trips. Mr. Yunker responded that staff is well aware that this is a common problem with travel surveys. He stated that each individual survey is reviewed to be sure that each trip reported has a logical origin and destination, and for example, people begin and end their day at home. Staff also asks surveyed individuals if they made other trips throughout the day. Previous surveys have indicated people recall trips to and from work and school, but may neglect to report shopping trips or stops on the way to and from work and school. He stated that the GPS data will be reviewed to determine the amount and pattern of under-reported trips. Lastly, he noted that staff compares the total travel as reported in the surveys to the travel estimated on the transportation system, including vehicle-miles of travel, transit ridership, traffic on major facilities, and traffic on selected screenlines.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Wirth relative to the survey of vehicle traffic crossing the Region's boundaries on the regional freeway system, Mr. Yunker stated that this survey—which would use video cameras to record license plates and surveys would be mailed to vehicle owners—is scheduled to be conducted in spring 2012.

In response to a comment by Ms. Russell relative to the schedule for completion of the Walworth County Park Plan, Mr. Yunker stated that he will check on the status of this project.

[Secretary's Note: The inventory of parks in Walworth County is underway, and the schedule calls for plan completion in early 2013.]

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2011-2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Yunker presented Resolution 2011-19, amending the 2011-2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Yunker stated that this amendment contains 25 projects and has been reviewed and unanimously approved by the Commission Advisory Committees for Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha Urbanized Areas. He said that the projects within Milwaukee County included one amendment to an existing project for the operation of an express bus route along a 12-mile corridor of Fond du Lac and National Avenues, 11 new projects which include resurfacing of freeway segments, freeway bridge deck overlays, the reconstruction of segments of Wells Street and Highland Boulevard, and a study of the eastbound IH 94 to the northbound IH 43 ramp of the Marquette Interchange. There are six projects in Racine County including four amendments to existing City of Racine transit system projects and two new City of Racine transit system projects. The three projects in Kenosha County are highway reconstruction projects. The four projects in Washington and Waukesha Counties include resurfacing projects of USH 41 and freeway bridge deck overlays.

There being no inquiries or comments, on a motion by Mr. Dwyer to approve Resolution No. 2011-19, seconded by Mr. Wirth, and carried unanimously by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution 2011-19 was approved (copy of Resolution 2011-19 attached to Official Minutes).

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ACTION COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE REGARDING THE 2011 WISCONSIN ACT 35 CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON LAW

Chairman Stroik then asked for discussion by Commissioners of Commission policy regarding the carrying of concealed weapons in the Commission offices. Mr. Yunker noted that Commission staff was asked to contact regional planning agencies in Iowa and Minnesota, where concealed carry laws have been in effect. He stated that the Metropolitan Council serving the Minneapolis-St. Paul area indicated that Minnesota law does not allow for public buildings to prohibit concealed carry, and the East Central Intergovernmental Association, located in Dubuque, Iowa, prohibits concealed carry in their offices. Regarding the policies of the southeastern Wisconsin Counties, he noted that Milwaukee County has acted to prohibit concealed carry of weapons in all Milwaukee County buildings. He stated that staff would bring to the next meeting a summary of the policies adopted by each County. It was recommended that staff also determine whether there would be implications for the Commission's business insurance if concealed carry of weapons was or was not prohibited. It was also recommended that the opinion of Commission employees be considered.

[Secretary's Note: The Commission's insurance agent indicated that insurance carriers are neither increasing nor decreasing the cost of insurance based on concealed carry weapon policy.]

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker reported that there were no announcements or correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Wirth, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Deputy Secretary

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Attachments