

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 16, 2017

1:50 p.m.

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

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Charles L. Colman, Chairman
Michael A. Crowley, Vice-Chair
Thomas H. Buestrin
Mike Dawson
James T. Dwyer
Robert W. Pitts
Nancy Russell
Daniel S. Schmidt
David L. Stroik
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

William R. Drew
Aloysius Nelson

Staff:

Michael G. Hahn	Executive Director
Kevin J. Muhs	Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Assistant Director-Administration

ROLL CALL

Chairman Colman called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017, MEETING

Chairman Colman asked if there were any changes or additions to the January 26, 2017, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on January 26, 2017, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Colman reported that the Administrative Committee, at its meeting held just before this Executive Committee meeting, had taken the following actions.

1. Reviewed and approved disbursements for two financial periods: Year 2017 Nos. 2 and 3 extending over the period January 9, 2017 to February 5, 2017.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending February 5, 2017.
3. Selected Masonry Restoration Inc. to repair the basement water leak.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS

Chairman Colman asked Ms. Larsen to review the proposed contracts, noting that Committee members had received a 1 page report with a table listing 4 contracts prior to the meeting. Ms. Larsen then briefly reviewed the contracts with the Committee.

There being no questions, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the contract report was accepted and the report was placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Hahn reviewed the "Work Program Progress Report." He noted that the report identifies key regional and selected community and county assistance efforts (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

Mr. Hahn noted that the VISION 2050 Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan is now in publication. He also noted that the Jackson Creek Watershed Restoration Plan had been certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as meeting the nine elements of a watershed-based plan and that this is the second Commission report that has attained this designation.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Hahn stated that the USEPA certification can be beneficial when the Commission helps local governments in applying for grants.

Mr. Hahn further noted that work on both the Washington County and Walworth County Comprehensive Plan Updates will begin this spring.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Schmidt, concerning the STH 60 Northern Reliever Route Feasibility Study, Mr. Hahn noted that the Washington County Board did not pass the resolution requesting that SEWRPC amend the Washington County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan and the VISION 2050 Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan to remove the reliever route from Arthur Road and replace it with the route largely along CTH K proposed in the Feasibility Study.

Mr. Dwyer inquired if the resolution being adopted would have resulted in the County and municipalities reserving the needed right-of-way along the corridor. Mr. Hahn responded that the resolution would have assisted local governments with reserving the right-of-way, although future development in the proposed right-of-way could still have occurred if a local government permitted it. He noted, however, that the majority of the proposed route is already occupied by CTH K, which will be improved even without the adoption of this resolution.

There being no questions, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the work program progress report was accepted and the report was placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO 2017-2020 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Chairman Colman asked the Commission to consider adoption of an amendment of the 2017-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement (TIP) and Resolution No. 2017-01, noting these materials were provided prior to this meeting. He then called upon Mr. Muhs to present the projects and the resolution.

Mr. Muhs explained that the TIP is a listing of transportation projects proposed by local and State governments to use Federal funds for public transit, and, arterial streets and highways throughout the Region. He said that the TIP is reviewed by Commission staff to ensure consistency of the TIP with the regional transportation plan. He added that the TIP, and its amendments are reviewed and approved by the Commission Advisory Committees on Transportation Improvement Programming (TIP Committees) which include representatives from local governments, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Muhs then briefly reviewed the projects on the proposed amendment.

There being no questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Dwyer to approve Resolution No. 2017-01, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously by a vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution No. 2017-01 was approved (copy of Resolution 2017-01 attached to Official Minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hahn reported that there was no correspondence, and announced that he, Chairman Colman, Mr. Yunker, Mr. Muhs, and Mr. Eric Lynde of the Commission staff met with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Editorial Board on January 31st, to brief the Board on the findings of the VISION 2050 plan and to request that the Journal Sentinel consider publishing an editorial and article on the plan. He indicated that the meeting was attended by the two Editorial Board members and one reporter, and that he hopes to see an editorial or article in the future.

Mr. Muhs announced that on February 20th, 23rd, and 24th, staff is hosting VISION 2050 informational sessions for State Legislators. Staff will discuss the new plan with the Legislators to inform them of the recommendations of the plan and generate discussion related to funding for and implementation of the plan elements. Mr. Buestrin indicated that he felt that it was important for Commission staff to perform such briefings. Mr. Stroik suggested that Commission staff also provide a similar briefing to Mayor Barrett's office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Hahn
Executive Director

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