

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES: 2015

The following summarizes the regional transportation consultation activities conducted by the Commission pursuant to its Regional Transportation Consultation Process during 2015.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation System Planning

- The Committee met on four occasions in 2015 (February 25, April 22, August 19, and September 23), where the Committee was asked, along with the Advisory Committee on Regional Land Use Planning, to guide the development of VISION 2050. This included providing guidance on preparing the VISION 2050 companion report “A Comparison of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area to its Peers” and developing and evaluating three detailed alternative land use and transportation system plans. At the April 22 meeting, the Committee also approved a request by the City of Milwaukee to make an amendment to the Fiscally-Constrained Year 2035 Regional Transportation System Plan to include an extension of the proposed Milwaukee Streetcar system to the lakefront in downtown Milwaukee.

Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Round Lake Beach, and West Bend Urbanized Areas (TIP Committees)

- The Milwaukee TIP Committee met twice in 2015. The Committee met on June 24 to review and consider proposed changes to the procedure to evaluate, prioritize, and recommend projects for Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program-Milwaukee Urbanized Area (STP-M) funding. At that meeting, the Committee also reviewed and considered proposed amendments to the 2015-2018 TIP for Southeastern Wisconsin. The Committee met on November 12 to finalize the projects recommended for STP-M funding.

Kenosha County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met twice in 2015, on March 16 and December 10, to review and propose changes to the Year 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for potential inclusion in VISION 2050.

Milwaukee County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met on February 3, 2015, to review and propose changes to the Year 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for potential inclusion in VISION 2050.

Ozaukee County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met on February 25, 2015, to guide the development of a new Ozaukee County jurisdictional highway system plan and receive an update on the status of VISION 2050.

Racine County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met on February 10, 2015, to review and propose changes to the Year 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for potential inclusion in VISION 2050.

Walworth County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met twice in 2015, on February 5 and December 17, to review and propose changes to the Year 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for potential inclusion in VISION 2050.

Washington County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met on February 6, 2015, to review and propose changes to the Year 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for potential inclusion in VISION 2050.

Waukesha County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met twice in 2015, on February 4 and December 14, to review and propose changes to the Year 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for potential inclusion in VISION 2050.

Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF)

- The EJTF met on three occasions in 2015 (April 7, September 29, and December 8) to provide input on the development of VISION 2050. At the April 7 meeting, the EJTF also provided input on the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area Peer Report and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region.

OTHER CONSULTATION EFFORTS

VISION 2050 – major update of the regional land use and transportation plans

In addition to the guidance from the two Advisory Committees, a number of consultation efforts were conducted during 2015 as part of developing VISION 2050:

- Near the end of 2015, the Commission convened a series of meetings with the task forces established to examine specific issues related to land use and transportation as part of developing VISION 2050. The task forces are comprised of individuals with knowledge about the following issues: natural resources; land use; freight transportation; public transit; human services transportation needs; non-motorized transportation; transportation systems management; women's land use and transportation issues; and business, industry, workforce development, and higher education. The series of meetings focused on the detailed alternative plans and their evaluation.
- Corresponding with the VISION 2050 workshops held for the general public, the Commission completed a fourth series of workshops in the fall of 2015 with eight community partner organizations. These workshops were specifically targeted at reaching and engaging minority populations, low-income populations, and people with disabilities. The eight organizations include the Ethnically Diverse Business Coalition, Hmong American Friendship Association, IndependenceFirst, Milwaukee Urban League, Southside Organizing Committee, Urban Economic Development Association, Urban League of Racine and Kenosha, and Common Ground. This series of workshops was held to solicit input from the participants on the results of the development and evaluation of the three detailed alternative plans.
- The Commission staff contacted numerous groups representing minority populations and low-income populations during 2015 through letters and phone calls to arrange meetings throughout the planning effort to provide information, identify transportation needs, and obtain comment and input into the VISION 2050 planning process. Upon request, Commission staff gave presentations on VISION 2050 and transportation issues.

Public Outreach

- Also during 2015, Commission staff conducted extensive public outreach and consultation efforts with groups, organizations, and officials representing minority populations and low income populations, in addition to the outreach conducted for VISION 2050.

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