

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 24, 2011

2:41 p.m.

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

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

David L. Stroik, Chairman
Thomas H. Buestrin
Nancy Russell
Daniel S. Schmidt

Gilbert B. Bakke
William R. Drew, Vice-Chairman
James T. Dwyer
Adelene Greene
John F. Weishan, Jr.
Gustav W. Wirth, Jr.

Staff:

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

Guests:

Michael J. Berg, P.E.	Deputy Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Mark Gottlieb	Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Dewayne J. Johnson	Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Reggie Newson	Executive Assistant, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Rory Rhinesmith	Acting Administrator, Division of Transportation System Development

ROLL CALL

Chairman Stroik called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present. Mr. Yunker noted that Mr. Bakke, Mr. Drew, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Greene, Mr. Weishan, and Mr. Wirth had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Chairman Stroik asked if there were any changes or additions to the February 17, 2011, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Russell, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 17, 2011, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, MR. STROIK REPORTING

Mr. Stroik 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 three financial periods: Year 2011 Nos. 4, 5, and 6 extending over the period January 31, to March 13, 2011.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 13, 2011.
3. Briefly discussed how the State budget repair bill and proposed 2011-2013 State budget will impact the Commission.

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

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

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

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell, concerning the redistricting project in Walworth County, Mr. Yunker responded that the Commission does not have the Census data at this time; the data is expected to be released to counties on Monday, March 28, 2011. He added that Commission staff would expect to follow the schedule which was outlined for the effort and to present the redistricting proposal at the May Walworth County Board meeting.

There being no further questions or discussion, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt, 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 contract between Washington County and the Commission for the conduct of the Rubicon River watershed floodplain study and mapping project will change. He explained that the County had contracted with the Commission to conduct this study with County funding. He noted that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has now identified the Rubicon River and selected tributaries as streams which may be studied by the WDNR and their consultants under the Federally-funded FEMA RiskMAP program. The SEWRPC staff has coordinated with County and WDNR staff in developing an approach by which the County can take maximum advantage of those Federal funds. As a result, the SEWRPC portion of this project (\$124,000) has been eliminated. The Commission staff efforts will conclude following assisting the

County in administering the field survey program, including working with the WDNR and the surveying consultant to obtain additional field survey information required by the WDNR.

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

Mr. Yunker presented Resolution 2011-03, amending the 2011-2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He indicated that there are 19 projects in total, the bulk of them being corridor studies, with 1 existing project for Milwaukee County and 18 new projects for all Counties except Washington County. He noted that the largest project, at a cost of \$8.8 million, is in Waukesha County for the resurfacing of STH 16 from the Oconomowoc area to the Hartland area. He then said that these TIP amendments have been reviewed and approved by the Commission TIP Advisory Committees. He also noted that the Commission staff reviews each project to ensure that the TIP amendments are consistent with the regional plan.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell relative to the Walworth County USH 12 corridor study, Mr. Yunker stated that the proposed project by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is a preliminary engineering study.

Mr. Schmidt requested clarification regarding funding of the Milwaukee County project for installation of anti-slip treatments in bicycle lanes on four lift bridges. Mr. Yunker explained that this project is funded by Federal Highway Administration Transportation Enhancement funds, which are available for bicycle, pedestrian, landscaping, and historic rehabilitation projects.

There being no further inquiries or comments, on a motion by Mr. Schmidt to approve Resolution No. 2011-03, seconded by Ms. Russell, and carried unanimously by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, Resolution 2011-03 was approved (copy of Resolution 2011-03 attached to Official Minutes).

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker reported that there was no correspondence or any announcements to be brought to the attention of the Committee.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY, MARK GOTTLIEB

Chairman Stroik introduced Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb.

Secretary Gottlieb noted his familiarity with the Commission as a local elected and technical official within Southeastern Wisconsin, noted the historic good working relationship between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Commission, expressed his desire to continue that relationship, and gave a short summary of the Governor's proposed 2011-2013 State budget.

At the conclusion of Secretary Gottlieb's presentation, the following questions and comments were made:

1. Mr. Yunker noted the Commission will shortly initiate a major survey of the travel habits and patterns in the Region funded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. He said that these surveys are conducted every ten years.
2. With regard to the proposed 2011-2013 State budget, Mr. Yunker noted that public transit systems within Southeastern Wisconsin are heavily dependent upon State operating funding, particularly the Milwaukee County Transit System for which the State provides

approximately 60 percent of annual public operating funding. He stated that the proposal to reduce State transit operating funding by 10 percent in 2012 may be expected to result in significant transit service reductions and fare increases, particularly as transit systems in Southeastern Wisconsin do not have dedicated local transit funding. Mr. Yunker also noted the proposed transfer of State transit operating funding from the State transportation fund to the State general fund. He stated that an analysis conducted by Commission staff for Milwaukee County indicated that transit systems in urban areas of similar size which receive significant state operating funding (representing 20 to 70 percent of annual public operating funding) receive their state funding from a state transportation or transit fund.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Deputy Secretary

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Attachments