

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

2:30 p.m.

Concordia University Wisconsin
Concordia Center for Environmental Stewardship (CCES)
Exhibit Hall, 2nd Level
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive
Mequon, WI 53097-2418

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Daniel S. Schmidt, Chairman
Gilbert B. Bakke
Jose Delgado
William R. Drew
David L. Eberle
William E. Johnson
Robert W. Pitts
John Rogers
Nancy Russell
Linda J. Seemeyer
Peggy L. Shumway
Daniel W. Stoffel
David L. Stroik
Paul G. Vrakas
John F. Weishan, Jr.

Kimberly L. Breunig

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker
Elizabeth A. Larsen
Debra A. D'Amico

Executive Director
Business Manager
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present. Mr. Yunker noted for the record that Commissioner Breunig had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2011

Chairman Schmidt asked if there were any changes or additions to the August 9, 2011, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Bakke, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2011, were approved as published.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN DOCUMENTED IN SEWRPC PLANNING REPORT NUMBER 49, A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN: 2035

Reconstruction of STH 100 to include expansion from 6 to 8 traffic lanes between IH 94 and Watertown Plank Road (Requested by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as part of their preferred alternative for Zoo Interchange reconstruction) (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Yunker to review with the Committee the proposed amendment to the adopted regional transportation system plan pertaining to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) request relative to their preferred alternative for Zoo Interchange reconstruction which includes the expansion from 6 to 8 traffic lanes of STH 100 between IH 94 and Watertown Plank Road. A copy of the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated August 16, 2011, concerning this matter had been provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Yunker gave a brief overview of the proposed amendment to the preferred alternative for the Zoo Interchange reconstruction. Following are questions and comments that were made during his review.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Eberle concerning the need for additional right-of-way, Mr. Yunker stated additional right-of-way will be required for the proposed widening of STH 100. However, he noted that this was part of a "Reduced Impacts" alternative for the reconstruction of the Zoo Interchange which in total would significantly reduce construction costs and right-of-way acquisition for the Zoo Interchange reconstruction.

Mr. Stoffel asked whether the proposed reconstruction of the Zoo Interchange will include construction of bicycle lanes on the reconstructed surface arterials, specifically, STH 100. Mr. Yunker responded that State law will require WisDOT consider and provide for bicycle accommodation, which potentially could include on-street accommodation, such as a bicycle lane or widened curb lane, and an off-street accommodation of a separate, parallel bicycle path.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stroik, Mr. Yunker stated that bicycle accommodation would be provided for travel in each traffic direction.

There being no further questions or discussion, on a motion by Mr. Vrakas, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and carried unanimously, the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated August 16, 2011, was approved and recommended for Commission adoption.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Rogers, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Deputy Secretary