

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 18, 2016

2:15 p.m.

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

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

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

Adelene Greene

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker	Executive Director
Michael G. Hahn	Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Assistant Director-Administration

ROLL CALL

Chairman Stroik called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present. Mr. Yunker noted for the record that Ms. Greene had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2016

Chairman Stroik asked if there were any changes or additions to the April 21, 2016, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 21, 2016, were approved as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Stroik 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 seven financial periods: Year 2016 Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 extending over the period May 2 to August 7, 2016.
2. Reviewed and approved the Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending August 7, 2016.
3. Received an update on the 2015 Commission audit

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS

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

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Yunker stated that when a number listed in the "Amount of Agreement" column appears in red parentheses, these are funds being provided by the Commission to a unit of government or consultant. A black number indicates funds being provided to the Commission via a contract or service agreement.

During discussion of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) 2015 Wetlands Inventory maps contract, Ms. Russell noted that Walworth County has been asked by WDNR to review the 2010 Wisconsin Wetlands Inventory (WWI) maps and that County staff had identified differences between the maps currently used by the County for zoning purposes and the 2010 WWI maps. Ms. Russell said that the County was considering proposing to continue to use the current County zoning maps and also consulting the 2010 WWI maps when considering issues related to shoreland wetland zoning.

[Secretary's Note:

The Commission staff discussed this issue with Ms. Debora Grube of Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management. Ms. Grube indicated that 1) the County has always used the WWI maps issued by WDNR in 1983 (based on interpretation of 1979 aerial photography), 2) those maps have been revised by the County since that time to reflect wetland field delineation data, and 3) those field delineations have been reflected in rezoning actions by the County since 1983. She said that the County staff has proposed amending the zoning ordinance to reference the County wetland maps, as amended over time to reflect

field delineations, and the 2010 WWI, which is accessible online on the WDNR Surface Water Data Viewer. She indicated that the Walworth County Zoning Agency had voted in favor of that approach at its August 18, 2016, meeting, and that the County Board would act on the proposal in early September, with the amendment to the zoning ordinance being implemented on September 13, 2016, assuming County Board approval. The Commission staff noted that the 2010 WWI maps reflect wetland field delineations that have been conducted by the Commission staff, but they may not reflect delineations done by private consultants. The Commission staff expressed agreement with the proposed County approach as an interim procedure until revised WWI maps based on 2015 digital orthophotographs are developed by the Commission staff in cooperation with the Counties and municipalities of the Region and WDNR.

In developing those WWI maps, the Commission staff will obtain comprehensive public and private sector wetland field delineation information from each County in the Region. Thus, in Walworth County and in the other counties in the Region, the 2015 WWI maps will include the most-current field delineated and map-based information, and county zoning ordinances should be able to reference the 2015 WWI maps as the single source of wetland mapping information, subject to amendment to reflect field delineations made after the 2015 maps are completed.

The Commission staff informed Ms. Russell of the information set forth above, and, in separate conversations with Ms. Russell and Ms. Grube, offered to attend, and if desired by the County, convene a meeting of the County staff and WDNR to review the interim County approach for wetland zoning.]

Mr. Yunker stated that the staff proposes to retain a consultant to assist with the release of the VISION 2050 plan. The consultant would assist Commission staff in media and public outreach with respect to the VISION 2050 plan. Mr. Yunker stated that staff proposes to contract with Mueller Communications, given their extensive knowledge of the work of the Commission. The contract would be expected to not exceed \$35,000.

There being no further questions, on a motion by Mr. Colman, seconded by Mr. Drew, and carried unanimously, the contract report, including the proposed VISION 2050 consultant contract, was accepted and the report was placed on file (copy of report attached to Official Minutes).

WORK PROGRAM REPORTS

Mr. Yunker 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. Yunker stated that the VISION 2050 Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan will be printed in early fall including an executive summary report.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Drew, Mr. Yunker stated the Milwaukee County east-west bus rapid transit route as preliminarily identified would be located on Wisconsin Avenue or Wells Street between 12th Street and Lake Michigan, with Wisconsin Avenue the preferred location. The route would continue along Wisconsin Avenue to Hawley Road, then along Hawley Road to Bluemound Road, then along Bluemound Road to 95th Street where it will go to the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center and then along Watertown Plank Road to the new park/ride lot west of IH 41.

In response to an additional inquiry by Mr. Drew, Mr. Yunker stated the bus rapid transit route which will connect the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center to downtown Milwaukee may be expected to save approximately 20 to 30 percent in travel time over the existing transit travel time.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Wirth, Mr. Yunker stated the Ozaukee County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan has been coordinated with the VISION 2050 Plan and will be completed before the end of the year.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Yunker reported that there was no correspondence, and then announced that a panel of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) representatives had just completed the conduct of a Federally required quadrennial certification review of the metropolitan transportation planning process carried out by the Commission. He noted that this certification review is performed to ensure that the Commission's transportation planning and programming efforts meet Federal laws and regulations. He then stated that on the last day of meetings, the FHWA and FTA panel held a final briefing with Commission staff. He concluded by reporting that FHWA and FTA staff had indicated there would be no corrective actions, and any recommended improvements or changes would be modest. He stated that the FHWA and FTA staff may be expected to commend the Commission for its efforts on VISION 2050. He noted that the public comment period regarding the review extends through September 26, 2016.

Mr. Yunker also announced that Federal Transportation Planning Regulations were issued in May 2016. At the end of June an amendment was proposed to these regulations to address urbanized areas with multiple Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), including the Round Lake Beach urbanized area, which crosses the Wisconsin/Illinois State line. Currently, both the Commission and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) conduct and coordinate planning efforts for the Round Lake Beach urbanized area. This proposed amendment calls for either a single MPO to be designated for such an urbanized area, or a joint planning process, plan, and improvement program to be in place.

A 60 day comment period concerning this proposed amendment ends on August 26, 2016. Commission staff prepared a letter for the Commission Chairman's signature indicated concerns with the proposed amendment. In addition, the Commission Executive Director will sign a joint letter with CMAP and the Northwestern Indian Regional Planning Commission, and Commission staff is coordinating a letter with the Kenosha County Executive.

Mr. Yunker noted that he had also contacted the office of Congressman Paul Ryan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Drew, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Executive Director

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