

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLANNING AND
PROGRAMMING FOR THE KENOSHA, MILWAUKEE, RACINE, ROUND LAKE BEACH,
AND WEST BEND URBANIZED AREAS**

DATE: December 8, 2020

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual and Call-In

Milwaukee Urbanized Area Members Present

Donna Brown-Martin, ChairDirector, Milwaukee County Department of Transportation
Fred Abadi Director of Public Works, City of Waukesha
Samir Amin..... City Engineer, City of Milwaukee
Daniel Boehm President and Managing Director,
Milwaukee County Transit System
Karen Braun Manager of Engineering Services,
Department of Public Works, Waukesha County
Allison M. Bussler Director of Public Works, Waukesha County
Chad Chrisbaum..... Engineer in Charge, Transportation Infrastructure Division,
(Representing Robert J. Bauman) Department of Public Works, City of Milwaukee
Peter Daniels City Engineer, City of West Allis
Jon Edgren Director of Public Works/Highway Commissioner,
Ozaukee County
Julie EschDeputy Director, Department of Transportation,
(Representing Brian Dranzik) Milwaukee County
Thomas M. GrisaDirector, Department of Public Works, City of Brookfield
Sam Leichtling Planning Manager, Department of City Development,
City of Milwaukee
Michael J. Martin Director of Public Works, City of Hales Corners
Kimberly Montgomery Director of Intergovernmental Relations Division,
Department of Administration, City of Milwaukee
Jeffrey S. Polenske.....Commissioner of Public Works, City of Milwaukee
Scott Schmidt..... Highway Commissioner/County Engineer, Washington County
Andrea Weddle-HenningDirector of Transportation Engineering,
Milwaukee County Department of Transportation
William T. Wehrley City Engineer, City of Wauwatosa
John F. Weishan, Jr..... Supervisor, 16th District, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Dennis Yaccarino..... Senior Budget and Policy Manager, Budget and Management Division,
Department of Administration, City of Milwaukee

Non-Voting Members Present

Kevin J. Muhs, Secretary Executive Director,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Mitch Batuzich..... Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation

Tom Dieckelman..... President, Wisconsin Coach Lines, Inc.
Dewayne Johnson Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Brian Udovich..... Highway Operations Manager,
Highway Department, Jefferson County
Charles Wade..... Planning Section Chief,
Division of Transportation Investment Management,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Kenosha Urbanized Area Members Present

Kevin J. Muhs, Secretary Executive Director,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Mitch Batuzich..... Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
Brian Carter..... Deputy Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department, City of Kenosha
Tom Dieckelman..... President, Wisconsin Coach Lines, Inc.
Dewayne Johnson Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Randall Kerkman Administrator/Public Works Director, Village of Bristol
Charles Wade..... Planning Section Chief,
Division of Transportation Investment Management,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Racine Urbanized Area Members Present

Kevin J. Muhs, Secretary Executive Director,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Mitch Batuzich..... Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
Tom Dieckelman..... President, Wisconsin Coach Lines, Inc.
Dewayne Johnson Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Tom Lazcano Director of Public Works, Village of Caledonia
Michael J. Maierle Transit and Parking System Manager, City of Racine
John C. Rooney..... Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Racine
Charles Wade..... Planning Section Chief,
Division of Transportation Investment Management,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Round Lake Beach Urbanized Area Members Present

Kevin J. Muhs, Secretary Executive Director,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Mitch Batuzich..... Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
Tom Dieckelman..... President, Wisconsin Coach Lines, Inc.
Dewayne Johnson Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Randall Kerkman Administrator/Public Works Director, Village of Bristol
Charles Wade..... Planning Section Chief,
Division of Transportation Investment Management,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

West Bend Urbanized Area Members Present

Scott Schmidt, Chair Highway Commissioner/County Engineer, Washington County
Kevin J. Muhs, Secretary Executive Director,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Mitch Batuzich..... Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
Tom Dieckelman..... President, Wisconsin Coach Lines, Inc.
Dewayne Johnson Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
John Schall..... City Engineer, City of Hartford
Margaret Wilber..... Village Administrator, Village of Slinger
Charles Wade..... Planning Section Chief,
Division of Transportation Investment Management,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Guests and Staff Present

Tony Barth Planning Chief, Southeast Region,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Tammy Bockhorst..... Legislative Aide, Alderman Bauman's Office,
City of Milwaukee
Andy Buehler Director of Planning and Development, Kenosha County
Roslin Burns Program and Planning Analyst Advanced, Southeast Region,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Alex Damien City Engineer, City of Waukesha
Joe Delmagori Senior Transportation Planner,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Gary Cardarelle Taxi Manager, City of Harford Taxi
Brian Engelking Transit Director, City of Waukesha Metro
Carolyn Feldt Elder and Disability Services Manager, Kenosha County
Cindy Flower 3R Program Manager, Southeast Region,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Anthony Geiger..... Transportation Grant Manager,
Milwaukee County Department of Transportation
Roberto Gutierrez..... Deputy Director, Southeast Region,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Christopher Hiebert..... Chief Transportation Engineer,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Hans Higdon Systems Planning Supervisor, Southeast Region,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Ryan W. Hoel..... Deputy Chief Transportation Engineer,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Jeffrey Katz..... City Engineer and Director of Neighborhood Services,
City of Greenfield
Alec Knutson Government Affairs Director, Milwaukee County
James Kuehn Statewide MPO-RPC Coordinator,
Bureau of Planning and Economic Development,
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Mark Luberda..... Administrator, Walworth County
Benjamin McKay Deputy Director,
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Aloysius A. Nelson SEWRPC Commissioner
 Joy Neilson-Loomis Transit Superintendent, Ozaukee and Washington County Transit Systems
 Angela Rosenburg Transit Assistant, City of Hartford Taxi
 Xylia Rueda Transportation Planner,
 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
 Greg Sanzari Interested Party
 Kenneth Smith Research Analyst, Research Services Division,
 Milwaukee County Office of Comptroller
 David Tapia Major Projects Manager,
 Department of Public Works, City of Milwaukee
 Kristine Turner Interested Party
 Jacob Varnes Local Program Manager, Southeast Region,
 Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 David Windsor Project Engineer, Department of Public Works,
 City of Milwaukee
 Jessica Wineberg Trails Coordinator, Milwaukee County Parks

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Ms. Brown-Martin. She welcomed all present and noted that the meeting was a joint meeting of the Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Round Lake Beach, and West Bend Urbanized Areas (TIP Committees). Ms. Brown-Martin indicated that, out of respect for attendee’s time, roll call will not occur but Commission staff would be recording names of all persons in attendance at the meeting, and declared a quorum.

Ms. Brown-Martin asked Mr. Muhs to review the logistics of the virtual meeting. Mr. Muhs indicated that the meeting was set up to allow Committee members and attendees to unmute their own mics if they would like to make a comment, ask a question, or make a motion. He also stated that Commission staff will be monitoring the chat for any questions or comments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2019, MEETING

Ms. Brown-Martin indicated that the TIP Committees are being asked to consider approval of the minutes of their April 25, 2019, meeting. She asked if the Committee members had any changes, and upon hearing none, called for a motion. Mr. Amin made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 25, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and was passed unanimously by the Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN: 2021-2024

At the request of Ms. Brown-Martin, Mr. Hoel provided a summary of the preliminary draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which had been provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Hoel indicated that at the meeting, Committee members were provided copies of a draft of Appendix J that summarizes the public involvement conducted for the draft TIP and three tables summarizing proposed changes to the draft TIP that were requested by project sponsors during the review period. Mr. Hoel then provided a section-by-section review of the draft TIP. As part of his review, Mr. Hoel noted a number of changes to the main text of the draft 2021-2024 TIP that are proposed for the final 2021-2024 TIP: 1) add text to page 9 of the draft TIP indicating that Waukesha County and the City of Kenosha utilize FTA Section 5337 funding for their fixed guideway systems; 2) clarify the amendment process, as

described on page 11 of the draft TIP that illustrative projects approved by the Committee do not need to be amended further following the receiving of funding; and 3) modify the values in Table 1, “Cost Summary of Projects Within First Four Years of 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program”, on page 13 to include costs from cross-county projects.

Mr. Hoel then reviewed the proposed changes to projects, as described in Exhibits A through C. He noted that ahead of the meeting the Wisconsin Department of Transportation requested that the description for the IH 94 East-West Freeway project (TIP project No. 52) be changed from the “Reconstruction with Additional Traffic Lanes of IH 94 (East-West Freeway) from 70th St to 16th St in the City of Milwaukee” to “Implementation of the Preferred Alternative Resulting From the NEPA Processes’ Record of Decision for Reconstruction & Modernization of IH 94 (East-West Freeway) from 70th Street to 16th Street in the City of Milwaukee. Mr. Johnson stated that the Department would be reassessing the alternatives developed as part of the previous National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the project, including alternatives with and without additional travel lanes. He added that following completion of the reassessment and a preferred alternative is selected, the Department would seek a new Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Hoel noted that the proposed changes to the draft 2021-2024 TIP did not include any changes that would require additional public comment. He added that changes to the draft TIP requested by sponsors that require public comment would occur in an amendment scheduled for January 2021.

The following questions, comments, and revisions were raised by the Committee members during Mr. Hoel’s review of the draft TIP:

1. Mr. Polenske expressed support in the modifications to the description of the IH 94 East-West Freeway project (TIP project No. 52), as described by Commission and WisDOT staffs.

There being no further discussion, the draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Round Lake Beach, and West Bend urbanized areas, as revised, was approved on a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Polenske, and carried unanimously by joint action of the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Round Lake Beach, and West Bend Area TIP Committees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the TIP Committees, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Buehler, and carried unanimously by the TIP Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Muhs
Recording Secretary