

MINUTES
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Commissioners Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53187

Meeting Occurred in Person and Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Excused:

Commissioners:

Michael A. Crowley, Chairperson
Charles Colman
Katrina Hanson
John Holloway
Brian Holt
Dewayne Johnson
Mary Knipper
Amy Maurer
Natalia Minkel-Dumit
Robert Pitts
Jeffrey. Schleif
Peggy Shumway
Eric Stelter

Priscilla Coggs-Jones
Donna Brown-Martin
Jonathan Delagrave
Michael Maistelman
David Stroik

Staff:

Stephanie Hacker	Executive Director
Benjamin McKay	Deputy Director
Elizabeth Larsen	Director of Administration
Alina Panasiuk	Accounting Specialist
Christopher Hiebert	Chief Transportation Engineer
Eric Lynde	Chief Special Projects Planner

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Crowley called the Planning and Research Committee meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Chairperson Crowley indicated for the record that Commissioners Coggs-Jones, Brown-Martin, Delagrave, Maistelman, and Stroik had asked to be excused.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024, MEETING

Chairperson Crowley asked if there were any changes or additions to the February 6, 2024, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the February 6, 2024, Planning and Research Committee Meeting were approved.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: 2024 REVIEW & UPDATE OF VISION 2050

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. Lynde to provide an update on the Record of Public Comments: 2024 Review & Update of VISION 2050.

Mr. Lynde reviewed the Commission's public involvement process for the update. He stated the Record of Public Comments includes a summary of the comments received on the update with the individual comments provided in an appendix. Mr. Lynde then highlighted the general themes of the input that was received.

During Mr. Lynde's review, the following comments and questions were made.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lynde stated the input was similar to that provided in past planning efforts for VISION 2050.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Lynde stated that 87 individuals participated in public outreach for the plan through a variety of methods. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Schleif, Mr. Lynde stated that more people participated in the process during the 2020 update of VISION 2050.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stelter, Mr. Hiebert stated that strategic highway capacity expansion could help the Region avoid increased congestion in the future. He also noted that staff considers adding roadway capacity only after first considering the traffic reducing effects of other plan elements, including a compact development pattern, a mix of land uses, more efficient operation of existing roadways, implementing a well-connected regional bicycle and pedestrian network, and a near-doubling of transit service.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Lynde stated that road diets can include traffic calming measures to increase roadway safety. Mr. Johnson stated that educational efforts are also necessary to increase safety.

In a response to an inquiry by Mr. Holloway, Mr. McKay acknowledged the growth in warehousing and logistics in the IH 94 corridor between Milwaukee County and the Illinois State line and noted that VISION 2050 and its subsequent amendments include significant job growth and attendant freight traffic in this corridor.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stelter, Mr. McKay stated that the next major update to the regional land use and transportation plan will provide staff with the opportunity to discuss the potential impacts of artificial intelligence technology on the Region's transportation system.

There being no further questions or comments on a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Colman, the Record of Public Comments: 2024 Review & Update of VISION 2025 was accepted and placed on file.

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REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM REPORT NO. 268, 2024 REVIEW & UPDATE OF VISION 2050

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. Lynde to review Memorandum Report No. 268, 2024 Review & Update of VISION 2050.

During Mr. Lynde's review, the following comments and questions were made.

Mr. Holloway stated that prior to this meeting he had met with staff and asked about utility scale solar installations and agricultural land. Mr. Holloway then indicated that staff would address this issue in the next major update of the regional land use and transportation plan.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. McKay stated that VISION 2050 includes recommendations related to residential structure type, but not tenure. In a response to an inquiry by Ms. Hacker, Mr. McKay stated that information related to tenure can be found on the demographics webpage of the Commission's website.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Schleif, Mr. McKay responded that staff is aware that the Washington County Commuter Express has stopped operating and has removed it from the Fiscally Constrained Transportation System. Ms. Minkel-Dumit noted that the Ozaukee County Express will stop operating in summer of 2024. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Hiebert responded that adequate transit service funding is a common issue in other metropolitan areas.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stelter, Mr. Hiebert stated that bridge reconstruction costs are included in the fiscal analysis for the 2024 update.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Holloway, Mr. McKay responded that commuting pattern data is available through the U.S. Census Bureau.

There being no further questions or comments on a motion by Mr. Colman, seconded by Mr. Stelter, Memorandum Report No. 268, "2024 Review & Update of VISION 2050", was unanimously recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Commission.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Crowley stated that the next meeting of the Planning and Research Committee will be held on August 6, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. McKay if there were any correspondence or announcements. Ms. Larsen stated that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held on June 12, 2024, at Riveredge Nature Center in Ozaukee County.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Schleif, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hacker
Executive Director

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