

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES: 2014

The following summarizes the regional transportation consultation activities conducted by the Commission pursuant to its Regional Transportation Consultation Process during 2014.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation System Planning

- The Committee met on eight occasions in 2014:
 - At the February 19, 2014, and April 23, 2014, meetings, the Committee was asked to guide the review and update of the year 2035 regional transportation plan (RTP).
 - At seven of the meetings (January 15, 2014, March 12, 2014, April 23, 2014, July 30, 2014, October 15, 2014, November 19, 2014 and December 17, 2014), the Committee was asked, along with the Advisory Committee on Regional Land Use Planning, to guide the development of the major update to the year 2050 regional land use and transportation plans—called VISION 2050. This included providing input on the visioning activities, and providing guidance on the development of guiding statements used to develop the VISION 2050 plan and of sketch-level land use and transportation scenarios.

Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Round Lake Beach, and West Bend Urbanized Areas (TIP Committees)

- The five TIP Committees jointly met on two occasions in 2014:
 - On March 26, 2014, the Committees met to review and approve candidate projects for FY 2015-2018 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding and to amend the 2013-2016 transportation improvement program (TIP); and
 - On November 10, 2014, the Committees met to review and approve the 2015-2018 TIP.
- The Kenosha TIP Committee met on April 28, 2014, to approve adjustments to the boundary for the Kenosha Urbanized Area.
- The Milwaukee TIP Committee met on three occasions in 2014:
 - On February 20, 2014, the Committee met to review and approve an amendment to the 2013-2016 TIP;
 - On May 23, 2014, the Committee met to review and approve projects for year 2015-2018 FHWA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding; and
 - On August 20, 2014, the Committee met to review and approve the reallocation of 2015-2018 Surface Transportation Program-Milwaukee Urbanized Area (STP-M) funding and amendments to the 2013-2016 TIP.

- The Racine TIP Committee met on April 29, 2014, to approve adjustments to the boundary for the Racine Urbanized Area.
- The West Bend TIP Committee met on May 7, 2014, to approve adjustments to the boundary for the West Bend Urbanized Area.

Ozaukee County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met on January 21, 2014, to guide the development of a new Ozaukee County jurisdictional highway system plan.

Washington County Transit Advisory Committee

- The Committee met on three occasions in 2014 (January 8, 2014, July 2, 2014, and October 8, 2014) to guide the development of a 2015-2019 Washington County transit development plan.

Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF)

- The EJTF met on three occasions in 2014 (March 4, 2014, May 6, 2014, and October 7, 2014) to provide input on the development of the VISION 2050 plan. At the October 7, 2014, meeting, the EJTF as well was asked to provide input on the 2015-2018 TIP.

OTHER CONSULTATION EFFORTS

VISION 2050 – major update of the regional land use and transportation plans

In addition to the guidance from the two Advisory Committees, a number of consultation efforts were conducted during 2014 as part of the development of the VISION 2050 plan:

- The Commission convened two sets of meetings for eight of the task forces established to examine specific issues related to land use and transportation as part of the VISION 2050 plan development during 2014—the first set during the summer prior to the development of sketch-level plan scenarios and the second set during the fall prior to the development of detailed plan alternatives. The task forces that met are comprised of individuals with knowledge about the following issues: environment (comprised of staff of Federal and State natural resource agencies); land use; freight transportation; public transit; human services transportation needs; non-motorized transportation; women’s land use and transportation issues; and business, industry, workforce development, and higher education.
- Corresponding with the VISION 2050 workshops held for the general public, the Commission held two sets of workshops during 2014—the first set in late 2013/early 2014 and the second set in fall 2014—partnering with eight community organizations specifically targeted at reaching and engaging minority and low-income populations and people with disabilities. The eight organizations include *IndependenceFirst*, the Racine/Kenosha Urban League, the Milwaukee Urban League, the Urban Economic Development Association, the Hmong American Friendship Association, the Ethnically Diverse Business Coalition, Common Ground, and the Southside Organizing Committee. The first set of workshops were held to solicit input on guiding statements developed, based on previous public input activities, to guide the development of the VISION 2050 plan and to solicit input on the development of sketch-level land use and transportation scenarios. The second set of workshops was held to solicit input from the participants on the results of the development and evaluation of five land use and transportation scenarios.

- The Commission staff has contacted numerous minority and low-income population groups during 2014 through letter and phone calls to arrange meetings throughout the VISION 2050 planning effort to provide information, identify transportation needs, and obtain comment and input into the planning process.

Public Outreach

- Commission staff also conducted during 2014 extensive public outreach and consultation efforts with groups, organizations, and officials representing minority and low income populations, in addition to the outreach conducted for VISION 2050.

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