REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES: 2019

The following summarizes the regional transportation consultation activities conducted by the Commission pursuant to its Regional Transportation Consultation Process during 2019.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation System Planning
The Committee met on two occasions in 2019 (March 28 and October 30), during which the Committee, along with the Advisory Committee on Regional Land Use Planning, provided guidance on preliminary drafts for the 2020 Review and Update of Vision 2050, SEWRPC’s land use and transportation plan.

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

Kenosha County Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for Urbanized Areas (TIP Committee)
The Kenosha County Urbanized Area Committee met four (4) times (January 23, February 20, March 5, and April 16). All four meetings were all held via an email vote where the proposed amendments were approved at each meeting.

Milwaukee County Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for Urbanized Areas (TIP Committee)
The Milwaukee County Urbanized Area Committee met seven (7) times (January 23, February 20, March 5, April 16, May 15, August 28 and October 3). The January 23, February 20, March 5, April 16 and May 15 meetings were all held via an email vote where the proposed amendments were approved at each meeting. The August 28th meeting was held in person and resulted in additional work needing to be completed by Commission staff to evaluate potential changes to the STP-M evaluation and prioritization process. During October 3 meeting, the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for the Milwaukee urbanized area, as revised, was approved, by the Milwaukee TIP Committee.

Racine County Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for Urbanized Areas (TIP Committee)
The Racine County Urbanized Area Committee met five (5) times (January 23, February 20, March 5, April 16 and May 15). The January 23, February 20, March 5, April 16 and May 15 meetings were all held via an email vote where the proposed amendments were approved at each meeting.

Round Lake Beach- McHenry- Grayslake, IL Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for Urbanized Areas Wisconsin Portion (TIP Committee)
The Round Lake Beach- McHenry- Grayslake, IL (Wisconsin Portion) Urbanized Area Committee met once on March 5. The meeting was held via an email vote where the proposed amendments were approved at each meeting.

West Bend Advisory Committees on Transportation System Planning and Programming for
The West Bend Urbanized Area Committee met five (5) times (January 23, February 20, March 5 and May 15). The January 23, February 20, March 5 and May 15 meetings were all held via an email vote where the proposed amendments were approved at each meeting.
Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF)

- The SEWRPC Environmental Justice Task Force met three times, in May, September and November, to review VISION 2050 update efforts, the regional chloride study, SEWRPC materials and other SEWRPC initiatives. In the May meeting, there was discussion about SEWRPC’s participation in UW-Milwaukee Causier Lecture featuring Professor John Powell. In the September meeting, there was a review of the Commission’s Affirmative Action Plan and discussion of increasing diversity among candidates for open positions at the Commission and also an overview of potential Milwaukee County Transit System service changes. During the December meeting, initial work for 2020 review and update of VISION 2050 was presented to the Environmental Justice Task Force.

OTHER CONSULTATION EFFORTS

VISION 2050

During 2019, public meetings were held in all seven counties within the Region for the first round of the 2020 update to the VISION 2050 plan. More detail on these efforts can be found in the Public Involvement and Outreach section:

- Outreach continued to nine partner nonprofit community organizations, which include Common Ground, the Ethnically Diverse Business Coalition, Hmong American Friendship Association, IndependenceFirst, Milwaukee Urban League, Renew Environmental Public Health Associates (REPHA), Southside Organizing Committee, Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin, and the Urban League of Racine and Kenosha.

- The Commission staff reached out to numerous groups representing minority populations and low-income populations during 2019, primarily through letters, phone calls, and in-person meetings. Upon request, Commission staff gave presentations on VISION 2050 and other transportation issues.

Public Outreach

- Also, during 2019, Commission staff conducted extensive public outreach and consultation efforts with groups, organizations, and officials representing minority populations and low-income populations, in addition to the outreach conducted for VISION 2050.