

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES: 2016

The following summarizes the regional transportation consultation activities conducted by the Commission pursuant to its Regional Transportation Consultation Process during 2016.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation System Planning

- The Committee met on four occasions in 2016 (January 27, March 30, and June 8 and 29), during which the Committee, along with the Advisory Committee on Regional Land Use Planning, provided guidance the VISION 2050 preliminary recommended and final recommended land use and transportation plans.

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 met twice in 2016, on April 25 and November 16. At the April meeting, the five Committees collectively reviewed and recommended projects for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding. Also at the April meeting, the Milwaukee Urbanized Area Committee, acting alone, reviewed and recommended Milwaukee urbanized area projects for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The five Committees met in November to collectively consider and adopt a program of projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2017-2020.
- The Kenosha Urbanized Area Committee also met on October 10 to review and consider the proposed functional classification of the arterial street and highway system in the year 2010 adjusted Kenosha urbanized area. The Committee also reviewed and adopted amendments to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program at that meeting. The Racine Urbanized Area Committee met on September 20 to review and consider the proposed functional classification of the arterial street and highway system in the year 2010 adjusted Racine urbanized area. The Committee also reviewed and adopted amendments to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program at that meeting.

Kenosha County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met once in 2016, on May 10, to review and discuss the preliminary recommended regional transportation plan for VISION 2050 including proposed functional improvements to the Kenosha County arterial system.

Milwaukee County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met twice in 2016. On January 6, the Committee reviewed and discussed VISION 2050 detailed alternative land use and transportation plans, and also discussed potential arterial street and highway improvements for inclusion in the preliminary recommended transportation plan. On May 3, the Committee reviewed and discussed the VISION 2050 preliminary recommended transportation plan, including proposed functional improvements to the Milwaukee County arterial system and an evaluation of the potential benefits and impacts of reconstructing, with widening or without widening, IH 43 between Howard Avenue and Silver Spring Drive.

Ozaukee County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met twice in 2016. On January 11, the Committee reviewed and discussed VISION 2050 detailed alternative land use and transportation plans, and also discussed potential arterial street and highway improvements for inclusion in the preliminary recommended transportation plan. On April 27, the Committee reviewed and discussed the VISION 2050 preliminary recommended transportation plan including proposed functional improvements to the Ozaukee County arterial system.

Racine County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met twice in 2016. On January 11, the Committee reviewed and discussed VISION 2050 detailed alternative land use and transportation plans, and also discussed potential arterial street and highway improvements for inclusion in the preliminary recommended transportation plan. On May 6, the Committee reviewed and discussed the VISION 2050 preliminary recommended transportation plan including proposed functional improvements to the Racine County arterial system.

Walworth County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met once in 2016, on May 9, to review and discuss the preliminary recommended regional transportation plan for VISION 2050, including proposed functional improvements to the Walworth County arterial system.

Washington County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met twice in 2016. On January 12, the Committee reviewed and discussed VISION 2050 detailed alternative land use and transportation plans, and also discussed potential arterial street and highway improvements for inclusion in the preliminary recommended transportation plan. On May 1, the Committee reviewed and discussed the VISION 2050 preliminary recommended transportation plan including proposed functional improvements to the Washington County arterial system.

Waukesha County Jurisdictional Highway Planning Committee

- The Committee met once in 2016, on April 28, to review and discuss the preliminary recommended regional transportation plan for VISION 2050 including proposed functional improvements to the Waukesha County arterial system.

Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF)

- The Committee met twice in 2016, on March 22 and June 21. The Committee discussed the public feedback on the preliminary recommended land use and transportation plan for VISION 2050. The Committee also discussed the VISION 2050 final recommended transportation plan, an equity analysis of the VISION 2050 land use plan, the fiscally constrained transportation plan, and an equitable access analysis of the fiscally constrained transportation plan.

OTHER CONSULTATION EFFORTS

VISION 2050

In addition to guidance from the two Advisory Committees, a number of consultation efforts were conducted during 2016 as part of developing VISION 2050. More detail on these efforts can be found in the Public Involvement and Outreach section:

- In spring 2016, the Commission staff met with several of the task forces convened to examine specific issues related to land use and transportation as part of developing VISION 2050. The meetings focused on the preliminary recommended plan and its evaluation.
- Corresponding with the VISION 2050 workshops held for the general public, the Commission completed a fifth series of workshops in the spring of 2016 with eight community partner organizations. These workshops were specifically targeted at reaching and engaging minority populations, low-income populations, and people with disabilities. This series of workshops was held to obtain input from the participants on the preliminary recommended plan and its evaluation.
- The Commission staff reached out to numerous groups representing minority populations and low-income populations during 2016, 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 2016, 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.

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