

**Greater Madison MPO
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes**

October 22, 2025

Virtual Meeting via Zoom ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#))

1:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call & Introductions

Members present: Blau (arrived during item #4), Bruun, Grady, Husen, Igl, Jancke, John, Kahler, Nordberg, O'Loughlin, Petykowski, Salmon, Schmid, Schreiber, Sivertson, Sobota (for Mountford), Tao, Violante

Members absent: Clark, Gorman, Handschke, Munz-Pritchard, Streigl

MPO Staff present: Andros, Holloway, Kanning, Lyman

Other present in official capacity: Bryan Manning (City of Verona), Jason Valerius (CARPC)

2. Approval of July 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes

John moved, Igl seconded, to approve the July 23, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Committee Member Reports

- City of Madison (Tao):
 - The John Nolen Drive construction project began last week, and the road is down to one lane in each direction. Our staff is closely watching the situation. We saw congestion move from place to place as people have adjusted and this morning traffic is looking pretty good.
 - We have started a test on the Williamson Street corridor to determine whether we should remove the peak-hour travel lanes on the corridor. We will be discussing this issue with the Transportation Commission in November, at which point they may decide to make the change permanent.
- City of Madison (Petykowski):
 - We are working on the STBG-U-funded Mineral Point Road project. We'll have PS & E completed this fall and are planning on construction next year.
 - Our TAP-funded Badger-Rusk project is now underway and should be completed this fall.
 - We are working on designs for our upcoming STBG-U and TAP projects following the Mineral Point Road project, we'll be trying to get phases 5 and 6 of the Capital City Path project let next summer.
 - West Towne Path phase 2a (High Point Rd to Zor Shrine Pl) is now complete and open.
- City of Fitchburg (Kahler):
 - We are starting design work on the CTH MM bike and pedestrian underpass project. We'll be doing a lot of coordination with the County on that.

- City of Sun Prairie (Salmon):
 - We completed an STBG-U project successfully this year on St. Albert the Great Dr and Thompson Rd. That project included a couple of raised crosswalks, the first we had done in the city. We did some before and after speed studies and saw a substantial (~25% reduction in 50th percentile) speed reduction.
 - We also have a couple of future year STBG-U projects coming up on O’Keefe Ave and a second portion of St. Albert the Great Dr. We just signed a contract with our design consultant and are beginning preliminary design for that work. The O’Keefe project will be converting a 4-lane road into a 2-lane with a bike-bus lane in both directions and then we’ll be adding bike lanes on St. Albert the Great.
 - We included funding for temporary traffic calming materials (rubber curbs, speed tables, traffic circles, etc.) in our budget for next year. We are planning to use those to test out new designs prior to our scheduled reconstruction projects so residents can experience some of those new designs before they go in permanently.
 - We will be doing a partial reconstruction of Main Street in downtown Sun Prairie. We’ll be getting rid of parking on one side and moving the curbs in to create an additional 10 feet of sidewalk space. We will be funding that work locally.

4. Recommendation on Amendment to 2025-2029 TIP

- 18/151 Corridor Study
 - Kanning described two WisDOT projects involving US 18/151, a freeway conversion study for the portion of the highway between Dodgeville and CTH G, about ten miles of which lies inside the MPO area, and the US 18/151 Verona Bypass Expansion Study, which covers a seven-mile segment between CTH PD and CTH G.
 - The studies require major TIP amendments due to their costs exceeding \$7 million.
 - MPO staff recommended approval.

Kahler motioned, John seconded, to recommend approval of the 18/151 corridor study projects. Motion carried.

- STBG-Urban Project Listings
 - Kanning outlined the available funding for STBG-U projects, described the project applications received by the MPO, and detailed the projects recommended for funding by MPO staff.
 - Schmid and Bruun both advocated for the inclusion of the joint Dane County-City of Monona CTH BW project.
 - Schmid suggested reducing the cost share for all of the other projects to enable funding for the CTH BW project.
 - Salmon noted that if the cost share for Sun Prairie’s project dropped below 50%, it would be difficult to get it approved by the city council. Kahler agreed, saying that a cost share below 50% might make Fitchburg reconsider its proposed project as well.
 - Bruun said that it is likely that Monona would have to phase the project.

- Kanning said that if the CTH BW project were divided into two phases, it is likely that one phase could be funded at 40-50% with the remaining \$3.75M if the other projects were funded at 50%.
- The committee discussed whether including a recommendation for a phased approach would limit flexibility if the County decided against phasing the project. Andros said that, since the Dane County Highway Commissioner (Abongwa) sits on the MPO Policy Board, which will need to approve the TCC's recommendations, he will be able to share his perspective on it with the rest of the Board when they make their decision.

Bruun moved, Kahler seconded, to reduce funding to all staff-recommended projects to 50% and to direct remaining funding to the CTH BW project, that may be constructed in phases at the County's discretion. Motion carried.

- TAP Project Listings
 - Lyman detailed the projects that applied for TAP funding and MPO staff's suggested project prioritization.

Salmon moved, Kahler seconded, to recommend approval of TAP funding for the projects recommended by MPO staff. Motion carried.

5. MPO Urban Area Functional Classification Adjustments

- Kanning summarized the 20 proposed changes to roadway functional classifications in the MPO area.
 - Schmid voiced concerns over several roadways where proposed functional classifications are reductions from current functional classifications.
 - Salmon asked about why Learning Pl was shifting from local to collector, since it is only used to provide school access. Kanning said that that change was shown in error and that the functional classification of Learning Place is not changing.
 - Schreiber said that the roadway functional class changes did not need to be approved at this meeting.

Bruun moved, Violante seconded, to table the committee's consideration of the proposed functional class changes until the next meeting. Motion carried.

6. New Equity Priority Areas

Holloway described the origins and uses of the MPO's Tier 1 and Tier 2 Environmental Justice Priority Areas, detailed the MPO's work with the City of Madison Data Team in the development of a new updated methodology for identifying priority areas, and the subset of those zones that the MPO plans to use to assess the distribution of the transportation system's costs and benefits going forward.

7. Chair and Vice Chair Elections for 2026

Bruun was elected as Chair and Petykowski was elected as Vice Chair for 2026.

8. Staff Reports

- Regional coordination regarding path-RR crossing decisions by the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR)

Holloway described the MPO's work with the Dane County, the City of Madison, and other partners investigating recent OCR denials of proposed at-grade railroad crossings for non-motorized paths and efforts to improve the success of local and county governments seeking OCR approval for these types of projects in the future.

Bruun mentioned that he would like to have the topic of railroad crossings for both roads and paths on the agenda for a future TCC meeting. He thought it would be helpful to hear about how communities have navigated the challenge of obtaining OCR approvals for their projects and to discuss potential strategies for future planned projects that could require OCR approval.

- Active Transportation Plan update

Lyman described the survey and online comment map data collected as part of the MPO's Active Transportation Plan and offered to send the data to any MPO communities that want it. Bruun asked Lyman to send him the relevant GIS data.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 19th.

10. Adjournment

Bruun moved, Tao seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.