

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

***May 28, 2025***

***[Virtual Meeting via Zoom](#)***

***1:00 p.m.***

**1. Roll Call & Introductions**

***Members present:*** Blau, Bruun, Clark, Gorman, Grady, Husen, Kahler, Melotik (for John), Mountford, Nordberg, O'Loughlin, Petykowski, Schmid, Sivertson

***Members absent:*** Dietz, Handschke, Igl, Munz-Pritchard, Salmon, Schreiber, Striegl, Tao, Violante

***MPO Staff present:*** Andros, Kanning, Lyman

***Other present in official capacity:*** None

**2. Approval of February 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Blau moved, Gorman seconded, to approve the February 26, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Committee Member Reports**

- City of Madison (Petykowski):
  - West Towne Path Phase 2a, connecting High Point Road to Zor Shrine Place, is under construction and should be finished later this summer. Phase 2b, connecting Zor Shrine Place to Gammon Road, is currently in design.
  - Badger-Rusk Path is being prepared to go out for bidding, hopefully within the next month.
  - The John Nolen Drive Project has been turned in to WisDOT for PSE review. It is due to be let on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Work on the southbound bridges is planned to begin this fall.
  - The Mineral Point Road Project is on track and approaching PSE in November.
  - The City is also working on the design for some other TAP- and STBG-funded projects as well.
- Village of DeForest (Blau):
  - The extension of Cake Parkway and the reconstruction of Dennis Drive have gotten started.
  - The traffic signals are now operational at the intersection of Highway 19 and Williamsburg Way.
  - We are currently signalizing the intersection of Williamsburg Way, US 51, and Pepsi Way, near the DeForest Travel Center truck stop, the Kwik Trip distribution center, and Camping World. That intersection is long overdue for improvements.
  - The CTH V project, which is a collaboration between Dane County and DeForest, will be commencing within a month or so. A section of the road will be urbanized, with curb and gutter, the remainder will be resurfaced, and a bike path will be built along the

north side of the road, connecting the trail end at Main Street with the trail end at Halsor. That will help get soccer and lacrosse players to the Windsor Athletic complex on the east side of US 51. We had received a Carbon Reduction Grant for that path but we received notification about winning the grant too late to apply it to the project. We are working with WisDOT to see if we can repurpose the grant for a similar project going west, from Main Street to River Road.

- We had a public information meeting for our Vinburn Road STP-Urban Grant project, scheduled for 2027, as well as a collaboration meeting for the Vinburn and North Town Road intersection project, which is an HSIP project that will involve the installation of new traffic signals. We are also scheduling a public information meeting for the STP-Urban project on Holum Street that will be happening in 2028.
- City of Monona (Bruun):
  - There is a section of the Lake Loop bike route in Monona known as the “scenic route” that goes up on Tonyawatha Trail and Winnequah Trail near the lake shore where the pavement is in bad shape. There have been several bicyclists that have been hurt in crashes in that area so far this year, so we have decided to detour bicyclists riding the Lake Loop onto Winnequah Road along that stretch. That section is slated for reconstruction next year and the mayor has said that it *will* be funded. We’ll revisit whether bicyclists will be routed back on that section after the road work or whether the route will stay on Winnequah Road and potentially plan for future improvements there, such as bike lanes. Madison Metro Transit now operates on Winnequah Road and there is parking along one side and the sidewalks get crowded in that area as well.
  - The Nichols Road reconstruction project is now in the design phase. PSE for that project will be sometime next year.

#### **4. Project Funding Solicitations**

Kanning provided an update on project funding solicitations. He noted that the MPO is now accepting applications for the next TAP and STBG-Urban funding cycles.

Kanning then mentioned that the MPO will be sending out a solicitation for Section 5310 Program funding next week.

Bruun asked whether the 5310 program could cover curb ramps on sidewalks and similar projects. Lyman said that that would be an allowable project type.

#### **5. eTIP Update**

Kanning provided an update on the MPO’s progress transitioning to an electronic version of the Transportation Improvement Program, or eTIP. He noted that SEWRPC adopted an eTIP system recently and has been very happy with it. The MPO’s eTIP should make information more accessible for the public and improve efficiency for both the MPO and project sponsors.

This year project sponsors are being asked to submit their project information for the TIP in the normal fashion (Excel) by June 20, but they have the option of also submitting using the new eTIP platform. In future years, project sponsors will just submit projects via the eTIP platform. Sponsors will also be able to adjust their project information directly using the new platform.

Bruun asked why the deadline for submission couldn't be later than June 20<sup>th</sup>. Kanning replied that because the transition to the eTIP is happening right now, if there are any problems discovered after the site goes live or there is a delay by a week or two, it could take a long time to resolve.

Schmid asked if the eTIP would be fully visible to the public or if there would be two separate sites or some other limitation on what the public would see on the site relative to what agency staff can see. Kanning and Andros replied that the information that agency staff see when uploading information to the site is more extensive than what is shown to the general public.

Petykowski mentioned that he often meets with Kanning or Lyman after submitting project information for the TIP if he sees that WisDOT's information does not quite agree with his submission and that MPO staff then get the errors corrected. He asked if staff would continue to help ensure that project information is accurately reflected in this way after the transition to the eTIP. Kanning replied that when projects are entered, they are in a draft phase, during which they can be altered either by MPO staff or by the project sponsor. Lyman continued that until the TIP is adopted, MPO staff can work with project sponsors to make changes. When finalized, all of the changes that were made to the draft information will be visible.

Bruun asked about the MPO's QAQC process. Andros replied that the MPO reviews WisDOT's information on a quarterly basis to make sure all of the information is in agreement. Husen, said that WisDOT has been happy with the results of SEWRPC's transition to an eTIP.

## **6. Greater Madison MPO Website Redesign**

Andros introduced the MPO's new website to the committee, showed the key pages, and detailed some of the changes from the previous website.

## **7. Active Transportation Plan Update**

Andros updated the committee on the MPO's progress on the Active Transportation Plan for Dane County.

Lyman asked the committee if there were any locations in their communities where they think signs promoting the Active Transportation Plan survey would be useful. Bruun, Blau, and Gorman noted that there were places that they would like to have signs. Lyman said he would follow up with them about it.

## **8. Staff Reports**

- Lyman reviewed the results of Madison Metro's 2024 On-Board Survey. The results of the survey indicate that much of the improvement from the transit network redesign accomplished a lot of its goals in terms of providing better service to lower income and minority residents but that for people with disabilities and mobility impairments, the redesign has not been as beneficial.
- Bruun asked if there were any topics that committee members would like to see covered at the net meeting. He reminded them that if anything occurred to them, they could reach out to MPO staff.

## **9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. Adjournment**

Blau moved, Clark seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.