

Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
June 3, 2026 | Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Hosted via Zoom, [Recording Here](#)

Wood called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Members present: Liz Callin, John Duncan, Michelle Ellias, Noah Lieberman, Julia Matthews, Ellen Zhang, Christof Spieler, Bill Jetzer, Richelle Andrae

Members absent/excused: Clement Abongwa (excused), Adrienne Nienow (excused), Doug Wood (excused)

MPO staff present: Alex Andros, David Kanning

Others present in an official capacity: Mayor Lisa Janairo (City of Middleton) joined to observe. She is a new appointment who will be joining the Policy Board after Dane County Board of Supervisors approval on June 25.

2. Approval of May 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Action: Duncan moved, Jetzer seconded, to approve the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes with one correction: Fred Bartol attended as an observer, not as a representative of the City of Sun Prairie. Motion carried.

3. Communications

The MPO Policy Board received an email from Nick Davies in the City of Madison, "Close Bike Gaps in WisDOT Project Areas," citing the opportunity to extend a multiuse path as part of the STH 19 project.

4. Public Comment (for items *not* on MPO Agenda)

None.

5. Introduction and welcome of new Policy Board members

New members after the May Board meeting were Ellen Zhang, Noah Lieberman, and Julia Matthews.

6. MPO 2026 Resolution No. 11 Approving Amendment No. 22 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County

Kanning presented a summary of the projects included in the proposed amendment. Staff recommend removing the project, "Interstate 39/90 (USH 12/18 to Siggelkow Road) Resurfacing," from the proposed amendment due to an incorrect project description at the time of submittal that did not specify a scope change from resurfacing to bridge rehabilitation. Kanning also noted that the MPO received one comment, included under Agenda Item 3 above, recommending extending the separated path along STH 19 as part of that project. Staff recommend considering this comment due to the nature of the segment as an identified missing link in the Active Transportation Plan for Dane County and a location rated as having Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress 3 and 4 (moderate to high).

Callin clarified that with staff recommending removal of the Interstate 39/90 project from this TIP amendment, the next step will be resubmitting the project with that scope change with the next TIP amendment. Callin also asked for clarification on whether there is still opportunity for a multiuse path to be considered as part of the STH 19 project, as requested in public comment. Ellias responded that it is possible, however the City of Sun Prairie would need to prioritize it because the community is responsible for purchasing the right of way, providing a cost-share, and future maintenance. Jetzer asked, relative to

the proposed Beltline resurfacing project, when construction might start following conclusion of the recent Beltline PEL study. Ellias stated that is unknown but far in the future, as WisDOT first needs approval to move into the next phase of study, after which design dollars would be requested, after which construction would occur.

WisDOT Projects:

1. Beltline Highway (USH 12/14/18/151) (Seminole Highway to I-39/90) Resurfacing (REVISE, Add Design funding in 2026)
2. Beltline Highway (USH 12/18) (John Nolen Drive Eastbound Off Ramp) Safety Improvements (NEW, Design in 2026, Construction in 2029)
3. Interstate 39/90 (USH 12/18 to Siggelkow Road) Resurfacing (REVISE, Add Design funding in 2026)
4. USH 18/151 (Beltline Highway to Fitchrona Road) Resurfacing (REVISE, Add Design funding in 2026)
5. STH 19 (North Thompson Road to North Street) Pavement Replacement (NEW, Design in 2026)
6. STH 138 (CTH A/Aaker Road Intersection) Safety Improvements; Construct New Roundabout (NEW, Design in 2026)

Dane County Project:

1. CTH I (East Street Intersection) Safety Improvements (NEW, Design in 2027)

Action: Lieberman moved, Matthews seconded, to approve MPO 2026 Resolution No. 11 Approving Amendment No. 22 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County, with removal of the Interstate 39/90 (USH 12/18 to Siggelkow Road) Resurfacing project. Motion carried.

7. MPO 2026 Resolution No. 12 Approving an Updated Roadway Functional Classification System for the Madison Urban Area of Dane County, Wisconsin

Kanning presented a summary of updates to the Functional Classification Criteria developed by WisDOT in collaboration with MPO staff.

Action: Jetzer moved, Lieberman seconded, to approve the MPO 2026 Resolution No. 12 Approving an Updated Roadway Functional Classification System for the Madison Urban Area of Dane County, Wisconsin. Motion carried.

8. Regional Transportation Plan Update: schedule and upcoming outreach activities.

Andros stated that the transportation plan update occurs every five years and is underway this year with the title, *Pathways to 2050*. Data collection has been underway since winter 2025 and public engagement began in spring 2026. The MPO must follow federal guidelines for plan content and it must be financially constrained. The public survey and interactive comment map went live in early June and will close on August 1. Staff is hosting focus groups with high school students, older adults, Spanish speaking adults, and low-income adults. The first set of public meetings will take place on June 15 and June 17, and staff will be tabling at community locations over the summer. The plan website has all pertinent information.

Callin confirmed that the goal is to have the draft plan available in January 2027 and the final plan adopted by April 2027 to meet the federal deadline.

9. Announcements and Staff Reports

- Printing more Dane County Bike Maps that include infrastructure completed since the last printing.
- Staff is planning to hold the July board meeting and will send the calendar invite to all new board members. One agenda item will be a major TIP amendment for a City of Madison project.
- The MPO's Municipal Guidance for E-Devices has been a popular topic that staff has presented on

to multiple bodies. Staff is now working on e-device safety education materials communities can use, including short videos for social media and basic print materials.

- Michelle Elias announced that she is retiring from WisDOT and her final day will be July 3, 2026.
- This is Richelle Andrae's last meeting and she thanked everyone for her positive experience on the policy board.

10. **Adjournment**

Matthews moved to adjourn, Jetzer seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2026, virtual