

Corrected SASY Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2014, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, United Way

Members Present: Tim Wong, Melanie Foxcroft, Lance Green, Larry Jensen

1. Nomination and election of Chair:

After nominations and discussion, Lance moved to elect Tim Wong as Chair for a period of one year, i.e., ending in June 2015

Seconded by Melanie.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tim was asked to poll those who do not attend committee meetings regularly to identify who is still on the Committee, and who only wants to receive copies of Minutes and e-mails. This includes Matt Miller, Mike Lemberger, Mike Barrett, Maya Lee and Anne Walker.

Tim will also need to work with United Way to arrange a room for the next meeting.

2. Announcements:

- TMP Oversight Committee meeting June 30, 2014, 7:00 pm., Room 215, 215 Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Boulevard
- 4-day Transportation planning workshop July 14-17, Madison Senior Center, est. 10 am – 6 pm details pending. Tim will contact David Trowbridge to find out more details.
- Possible TMP Oversight Committee Thursday July 17, 2014, Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Room 300

3. 300 Block of Jackson Street Closure

- Erin Mackelovich (?sp) set up an Idea Scale website (separate from the City of Madison Budget Idea Scale site) to collect ideas for placemaking at the Jackson Street closure site.
- Discussion: importance of eliminating conflict between bicyclists and people using the site, e.g., by roping off the bike path from the rest of the street except that bicyclists turning onto Jackson will need a way to do that.
- Tim will contact Alder Rummel to identify start and end dates for the closure (note that as of the writing of these Notes, no dates had been set).

4. Starkweather Creek bike path:

- Lance talked to Tony Fernandez, City Engineering, who said that the city is continuing to plan for the new path, which will eventually go all the way to Sun Prairie. He considers this the most important new bike path connection in Madison. Lance will contact Tony for updates and e-mail a link to Committee members.
- There are two crossings of concern, Milwaukee Street and Fair Oaks Avenue.

5. East Rail Corridor Crossing at Fair Oaks:

- Bike path markings at the Fair Oaks crossing are very poorly marked and controlled.

6. Milwaukee Street Bridge Replacement

- Melanie and Tim went to a city presentation on the upcoming bridge replacement of the east branch of Starkweather Creek at Milwaukee Street. The bridge deck is falling apart so a temporary fix was made.
- There will be space for separate bike and pedestrian lanes as part of the new bridge, but the new bike lanes will end on Milwaukee at the point where the new construction ends.

- There will be one or two public hearings.
- Funding is 80% Federal.

7. Transit priorities

Melanie asked for comment on her list of transit priorities developed as part of the city budget process and as provided to the Madison Area Bus Advocates at their recent meeting. Her priorities were:

A. Prioritize transit to allow affordable access for poor, disabled, elders, and those without cars to jobs, public parks, medical facilities, and grocery stores, while reducing pollution and improving the environment, producing savings for the city by limiting sprawl, and saving farmland.

B. Focus service on profitable routes to limit the use of city tax dollars to support transit.

C. Identify federal, city, county, and state funds available for transit, a bus barn, Bus Rapid Transit, and biking and apply for such funding to limit city budget impact. As one example, Madison comprises half of the Dane County population, but Dane County government puts no money into transit.

D. Prioritize building an intermodal/intercity bus terminal at a centralized location convenient for students and others, on major bus lines, and convenient to service to the airport. The terminal should have ticketing capability, restrooms, waiting areas and so forth.

E. Start a trial of a low-tech Bus Rapid Transit system (BRT) but don't skip too many bus stops, which discourages ridership by elders, disabled, and those with young children.

- Discussion followed.

Adjourn.