

Draft
Meeting Minutes
SASY Transportation Committee Meeting
August 27, 2013

Present: Donna Magdalena (Chair), Melanie Foxcroft (note-taker), Lance Green, Larry Jensen, Tim Wong.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Larry to approve the Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2013, seconded by Donna: Motion by Approved.
- Approval of Minutes for July 23, 2013 pending.

2. Reports.

- a. Lower State Street design and design of the mall between the State Historical Society and Memorial Union buildings: Donna, Larry, Lance, Tim and Melanie attended one or both of two public meetings held to obtain input on what people want to see in these spaces, and to discuss the resulting two proposals.
- b. Diagonal Bike Crossing at Atwood and Dunning: the letter was approved at the last SASY Council meeting but may not have been sent out, Donna will remind Lou.
- c. Highway 51 reconstruction and design: DOT contacted SASY to inquire whether we wanted to have a presentation on the project. Donna researched this and learned that Governor Walker has given DOT increased money for highway projects; subsequently numerous previously shelved highway studies in the Madison area are now being funded and moving forward. Issues we discussed with the Highway 51 project include:
 - unrealistic, highly inflated projections of increases in car traffic used to justify the project given the consistently flat car driving rates of millennials, baby boomers and elders;
 - apparent lack of awareness of modern design principles between state DOT and adjacent communities emphasizing coordination of planning and development to reduce driving needs: DOT and City Planners need to be asked to utilize design principles in the publication “Great Corridors, Great Communities” from the Project for Public Spaces;
 - the high project cost which appears to preclude consideration of alternatives already available (interstate 39) and alternative transportation modes and designs;
 - lack of consideration in both projections and design of the increasing use of, and need, for alternative transportation modes on and across this corridor, including transit, pedestrian and bicycle.
 - Lack of consideration of how global warming and peak oil will affect future driving habitsWe need a public meeting to inform neighbors of the project and ask the Alder to bring pressure to bear on the planners to consider the above issues.
- d. Corridor Planning Committee:
 - four more public meetings are planned;
 - Placemaking is the City's priority for input;
 - Donna is requesting that the final meeting consider interior streets.
- e. Union Corners: parking is apparently an issue.

3. TIP Recommendations

- a. A TIP meeting is to be held 7:00 pm Wednesday September 11, 2013 at the City County Building by the MPO Policy Board
- b. September 20th written comments are due

c. Wednesday October 2 the MPO Board takes action.
Atwood through Bashford recommendations are due soon.

Larry moved to recommend the following changes for consideration by the SASYNA Council regarding the Draft 2014-2018 TIP plan, seconded by Melanie, passed by the Committee, to be submitted as a written comment from SASY to TIP by the Sept 20 deadline:

1. Milwaukee Street: add bike lanes to the bridge over the east branch of Starkweather Creek and through the Fair Oaks intersection. (Page 45 of Aug 2013 Draft TIP)
2. On Winnebago Street, add bumpouts at pedestrian crossings, and either narrow the street or add bike lanes on both sides from Schenks Corners to La Follette Ave. (Page 47 of Aug 2013 Draft TIP)
3. On Atwood add bike lanes from Fair Oaks to Walter Street. (Page 42 of Aug 2013 Draft TIP)

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 24, from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the United Way building's first floor conference room.