

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Transportation Committee  
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
ECWRPC Offices  
Tuesday, April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Ken Robl at 1:35 P.M.

Committee Members Present

Ken Robl, Chair.....Winnebago County  
Dick Koeppen, Vice Chair .....Waupaca County  
Neal Strehlow..... Waushara County  
Marshall Giese .....Shawano County

Committee Members Excused

David Albrecht .....Winnebago County  
Clarence Wolf ..... Calumet County

Staff Members Present

Walt Raith .....Assistant Director  
Jason Kakatsch ..... Principal Transportation Planner  
Dave Moesch.....Associate Transportation Planner  
Nickolas Musson..... Transportation Planner

- 1. Introductions, Statement of compliance with Wis. Stats. Ch. 19, Subchapter V, Sec.19.84 regarding Open Meetings

Mr. Robl welcomed the group and began introductions.

Mr. Raith stated that the meeting had been properly noticed and that the Commission is in compliance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. He noted that the meetings are scheduled a year in advance, with the notices and agendas available on the website or by request.

Mr. Musson introduced himself and explained that he is originally from northern Wisconsin and has spent the last two years working at Southwest Michigan Planning Commission with planning responsibilities for two Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Mr. Musson is extremely excited to be back in Wisconsin and looks forward to working with all of the Committee members.

- 2. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

3. Discussion and action on the January 19, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting Summary of Proceedings

Mr. Raith stated the summary of proceedings from the January 19, 2010 meeting was enclosed in the meeting materials. Mr. Robl asked the committee if there was any discussion or comments. Hearing none, Mr. Robl asked the committee for a motion on the summary of proceedings.

Mr. Giese made a motion to approve the summary of proceedings. Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion, review and Ratify Steering Committee action on **Resolution 04-10: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas-2010**

Mr. Raith explained that American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects have a limited time frame before they have to show up in the TIP in order for them to obtain funding. To ensure projects made it in the TIP in time the Steering Committee authorized them on behalf of the full commission in March.

Mr. Moesch stated that the New Freedom Grant operating and capital projects that were added were for transporting disabled people to work and a mobility manager to administer the grant. The amendments to Valley Transit's projects Bus Wash System, Maintenance Facility Roof Repair and Transit Center Rehab were made because Valley Transit received additional funds and amended their budgets for fiscal year 2010.

Mr. Koeppen mentioned that he has a contract with Waupaca County to pick up an individual from home to work and is wondering if this would qualify for New Freedom funding.

Mr. Kakatsch explained that based on the circumstances the contract with Waupaca County may qualify for New Freedom funds and would qualify for JARC funding. Mr. Kakatsch stated that he has informed Waupaca and Shawano counties of JARC funding opportunities and would be happy to meet at a later date to discuss JARC funding in further detail.

With no other discussion, Mr. Strehlow moved to support the Steering Committee approval proposed resolution 04-10 with a motion. Mr. Koeppen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and action on **Proposed Resolution 08-10: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Areas-2010**

Mr. Moesch explained that WisDOT is requesting we add two corridor studies in the TIP, USH 10 from WIS 441 to USH 10/WIS 114 split and WIS 114 from USH 10 to the WIS 114/WIS 55 split south of Sherwood. Mr. Moesch stated that these projects were originally one project in the 2007 TIP and now are split in two. The corridor studies will take place in 2010 and 2011.

With no other discussion, Mr. Giese moved to approve the proposed resolution 08-10 with a motion. Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and action on **Proposed Resolution 09-10: Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Protect the State of Wisconsin Segregated Transportation Fund.**

Mr. Raith explained that East Central Regional Planning Commission staff supports the notion that the transportation "user fee" funds should only be used for transportation projects and should not be used for other purposes. Mr. Raith stated that we need to send a message that spending transportation funds for other purposes is unacceptable. Mr. Raith asked the committee to support this resolution.

Mr. Strehlow asked how the public is going to learn about this issue.

Mr. Raith explained that the Transportation Development Association (TDA) is working with a number of transportation stakeholders, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the legislature and others to inform the public about the proposed initiative.

With no other discussion, Mr. Strehlow moved to approve the proposed resolution 09-10 with a motion. Mr. Koeppen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion on the Fox Cities, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac Urbanized Area, Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) Update.

Mr. Raith explained that staff is consulting with environmental agencies and local tribes to inform them that Fox Cities, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac Urbanized Areas are in the process of updating their LRTPs. Staff will be addressing the public through a series of newsletters and press releases as staff moves through the update process. Mr. Raith also mentioned that there will be an emphasis on freight because it is anticipated that freight traffic will double along the USH 41 corridor by the year 2035. The Committee will be considering freight opportunities as part of the next LRTP update.

8. Adjourn

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on July 6, 2010.

Mr. Robl asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, Mr. Koeppen made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 2:10 p.m.