

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Transportation Committee  
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
ECWRPC Offices  
Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Committee Members Present

Ken Robl, Chair .....Winnebago County  
Dick Koeppen, Vice Chair .....Waupaca County  
Neal Strehlow ..... Waushara County  
Jerry Erdmann .....Shawano County  
David Albrecht .....Winnebago County  
Helen Nagler..... Outagamie County

Staff Members Present

Walt Raith..... ECWRPC  
Dave Moesch ..... ECWRPC  
Jason Kakatsch ..... ECWRPC  
Nick Musson ..... ECWRPC

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robl at 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Robl welcomed the group and began introductions.

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

No members of the public were present.

- 3. Discussion and action on the April 27, 2011 Transportation Committee meeting Summary of Proceedings.

Mr. Robl stated the summaries of proceedings from the April 27, 2011 meeting were enclosed in the meeting materials. Mr. Robl asked the committee if there was any discussion or comments on the summary of proceedings. Hearing none, Mr. Robl asked the committee for a motion on the summary of proceedings.

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

- 4. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Mrs. Nagler made a motion to re-elect Mr. Robl as Chair and Mr. Koeppen as Vice-Chair, Mr. Strehlow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Affirmation on Resolution 12-11; amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Area – 2011.

Mr. Raith explained that the Steering Committee took action on Resolution 12-11 in regard to Highway 15 that is now in the State budget. The reason for the resolution is to allow the State to start engineering and design work this year.

Mr. Raith noted that the new administrator from the Village of Hortonville came to East Central the other day and asked for a Highway 15 access point at Highway M in town. Mr. Raith explained that you don't want an access point there because of Highway 15 and school traffic. Taking Highway 15 thru traffic out would allow traffic to run smother. Highway M was never designed to handle that much traffic.

Mr. Moesch explained that the reason the resolution went to the Steering Committee was to allow the DOT to get a design consultant on board as soon as possible. He stated that the resolution did go through a 30 day public review period because it was a major amendment due to the amount of funding. There were no public comments. Mr. Moesch also stated that included in the resolution was an amendment to add a resurfacing project on STH 47, from Appleton to Black Creek.

6. Discussion and action on Resolution 13-11; amending the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Area – 2011.

Mr. Moesch explained that since the last TIP amendment, the DOT requested more amendments to be added to the TIP. The TIP amendments included a design project for WIS 47 and CTH 00 roundabout in Outagamie County and the Madison to Green Bay Intercity Bus Route, with stops in Fond du Lac, Appleton and Oshkosh. Mr. Moesch explained that the WIS 47 and CTH 00 roundabout has had some crashes and has been studied for a number of years. He noted that the Intercity Bus route needs to be added to the TIP because the route crosses through the MPO area.

Mr. Robl asked the committee if there was any discussion or comments on the proposed resolution 13-11 to amend the Transportation Improvement Program for the Fox Cities and Oshkosh Urbanized Area – 2011. Hearing none, Mr. Robl asked for a motion on resolution 13-11.

Mr. Albrecht made a motion to approve resolution 13-11, Mrs. Nagler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Medical Assistance Transportation Update

Mr. Kakatsch explained that the State of Health and Human Services sent out a request for proposals for providers to bid for all Medical Assistance Broker services for the State. A contract with a firm called Logisticare out of Atlanta, Georgia was signed and service was implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. He explained that they noted some of the concerns with the program at the Commission meeting and got their blessing to work with Chairman Mr. Ken Capelle to write a letter with concerns and sending it to the State area legislators. He noted that they did get a response from Senator Mike Ellis, who forwarded the original letter to the Secretary of Health Services. The Secretary of Health Services responded with a letter explaining that everything will be ok. The service has been implemented for about three weeks and there have already been a number of complaints. There have been a lot of horror stories of people that need access to transportation and are not getting it. All cost savings will equate to a profit to Logisticare. Mr. Kakatsch is encouraging counties to document everything and submit them to their area legislature.

Mr. Koeppen shared a number of his company's horror stories working with Logisticare.

8. HUD Sustainability Grant

Mr. Raith explained that East Central is in the process of preparing a grant application for a HUD sustainability Grant. The handout is a summary of what the grant entails. The grant will be focused around Highway 41 and its becoming an interstate. Mr. Raith noted that regional transportation could be considered in the grant.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Robl asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, Mrs. Nagler made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Koeppen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Committee adjourned at 2:19 P.M.