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TRANSPORT 2020: IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

5:00 p.m.

**Madison Municipal Building, Room LL-110
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Madison, WI**

-- ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sandy Beaupre; Rod Clark; Chuck Kamp; Lori Kay; Dan Larson; Sup. Al Matano; Jim Pulvermacher; Dan Viste; Dick Wagner.

Members Absent: Michael Blaska; Karna Hanna; Chris Klein; Sup. Scott McDonell; Jeff Miller; Paul Munz.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Dick Wagner called the June 25, 2008 Transport 2020 Finance and Governance Subcommittee meeting to order. There were no modifications to the meeting agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Wilson said that he was a member of Madison Area Bus Advocates (MABA). He wished to congratulate Transport 2020 on its formal submittal of the New Starts Application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). He said that it is important to continue to focus on long range bus planning as well, as this will be an important component of a successful rail system. Wilson felt that express bus service that incorporate elements of bus rapid transit (BRT) should be explored and developed as part of an overall express transit system plan. He said that this system plan should evaluate corridors that could feed the start-up east-west commuter rail line.

Bob Schaefer expressed concerns about the Transport 2020 project and its high cost. He said that the system would cost even more, if extended over time. He said that the previous meeting raised questions about the cost effectiveness of the rail system and he felt that this was a good discussion. He said that it would be best to start with bus service, rather than rail.

3. REVIEW OF MADISON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (BOB MCDONALD, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MANAGER, MADISON AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD)

Bob McDonald provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – which is also known as the Transportation Planning Board.

(Note: Mr. McDonald's slide presentation can be obtained by request)

Co-Chair Dick Wagner noted that the Madison Area MPO is an example of a regional institution that delivers transportation plans and services. He said that a similar regional structure could be considered for delivering public transit services, or could be a possible model when thinking about a potential future regional transit authority (RTA). He then asked Subcommittee members if they had any questions or comments for Bob McDonald.

Jim Pulvermacher said that he had to leave to attend another meeting but wished to express some concerns about the Subcommittee process. He said that it was his understanding, having participated in the meetings facilitated by Thrive on the RTA subject, that this Subcommittee would be re-evaluating the Transport 2020 recommendations. He said that the recent submittal of the FTA New Starts Application seemed to be contrary to that charge. He also said that the Subcommittee was intended to review possible models and structures for a future RTA, and that so far the meetings have not been doing that. He expressed concerns about the 2008 meeting schedule and whether or not that could be accomplished in that timeframe.

Dick Wagner said that staff will survey members before the next meeting for a list of specific issues from Transport 2020 that they would like reviewed, such as the issue of park-and-ride lot location/availability (pointed out by Mr. Pulvermacher). He said that we will also compile the list of issues prior to the next meeting and discuss it, with suggested additions by Subcommittee members. Wagner said that information at future meetings could address these specific concerns in the context of RTA and other recommendations. He also noted that, while a draft schedule was prepared, it is not a fixed schedule and could certainly be extended.

Dick Wagner added that an evaluation of possible RTA structures is important and that the Subcommittee will indeed be considering that. However, Wagner stressed the importance of having all Subcommittee members understand how regional transportation planning, transportation project development and project financing take place in Dane County and Wisconsin.

Wagner said that Bob McDonald's presentation this evening on regional issues, David Trowbridge's presentation last week (and planned for this evening), and Subcommittee member Rod Clark's presentation on State/Federal issues at the July 29 meeting were intended to provide the type of background information necessary to have good discussion on future regional transportation institutions (such as a possible new RTA). Wagner said that the Subcommittee fully intends to address the issues Mr. Pulvermacher points out, but that a thorough review of this type of background information is necessary first.

4. REVIEW OF UPDATED FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORK PLAN

Having lost quorum, the Finance and Governance Subcommittee was forced to conclude the June 25 meeting prior to the completion of the entire agenda. Dick Wagner said that a review of the Transport

2020 alternatives analysis would be included on the July 29 agenda. Wagner said that the remaining 2008 meeting dates for the Finance and Governance Subcommittee are as follows. He asked that Subcommittee members contact David Trowbridge if they had any conflicts with these dates:

2008 Meeting Dates (all 5:00 p.m.)

- Tuesday, July 29, Room LL-110 MMB
- Wednesday, August 27, Room 309 CCB
- Wednesday, October 1, Room 309 CCB
- Wednesday, October 29, Room 309 CCB
- Wednesday, November 19, Room 309 CCB
- (alternate) Wednesday, December 3, Room 309 CCB

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Finance and Governance Subcommittee adjourned its meeting at 6:40 p.m.