



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Draft
TRANSPORT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION
TASK FORCE

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Wednesday, December 19, 2007

5:00 PM

Room LL 130

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 10 -

John D. DeLamater; R. Richard Wagner; L. Jesse Kaysen; Lori Kay; Mark M. Opitz; Al Matano; Charles A. Erickson; Scott McDonell; Sandy Beaupre and Joe Olson

Absent: 1 -

Christopher P. Klein

Excused: 4 -

Stephen J. Hiniker; James A. Berkenstadt; Kristine A. Euclide and Michael Blaska

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wagner, seconded by DeLamater, to Approve the Minutes of August 29, 2007. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Res. 18-07-08 (Sup. Jack Martz, representing Fitchburg). Two public forums were held in Fitchburg and Sun Prairie. The public wants more voice in this discussion regarding what the transportation priorities should be and who should pay for them. Give taxpayers the opportunity to speak for or against this before decisions are made. A committee should be formed to approve moving forward with this resolution in April.

Arnold Harris lives in Cross Plains and works for the planning commission. He informed the ITF that 53% pick the light rail for their second choice for commuting to Madison. He also supports the RTA.

David Baker supports the resolution.

Bill Richardson would rather see improvements in current infrastructure and buses. He urges to approve the referendum. The ridership increase is about 2% or less in other communities. This is a huge cost for a small improvement.

Sam Johnson supports the resolution.

Fred Bartol of the Dane Alliance for Rational Transportation suggested that it should be an open public forum.

Royce Williams does not support RTA legislation yet. He rejects the resolution.

Hans Noeldner thinks that this discussion should continue in a public venue. He feels the referendum will shut the RTA down.

Al Vorhees would like more information available to the public and more public input.

4 **08492** Dane County Resolution ID 185, 07-08, "Authorizing Countywide Vote on a Dane County Regional Transit Authority"

John Delamater said that the resolution refers narrowly to commuter rail but the RTA includes much more. Dick Wagner said that a public referendum is premature given the lack of detail and public knowledge about the issues. Sup. Mark Opitz said that the resolution is too narrowly worded and misses the point.

Chair Scott McDonell said that he supports a public referendum, but not at this time. He said that pending State legislation would affect the details of how an RTA would be structured and operated.

The Task Force voted 8-0 (2 abstentions) to recommend that the County Board deny Resolution 185.

A motion was made by Matano, seconded by Erickson, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s). The motion FAILED the following vote:

Absent: 1 -

Christopher P. Klein

Excused: 4 -

Stephen J. Hiniker; James A. Berkenstadt; Kristine A. Euclide and Michael Blaska

Ayes: 8 -

John D. DeLamater; R. Richard Wagner; L. Jesse Kaysen; Lori Kay; Mark M. Opitz; Al Matano; Charles A. Erickson and Scott McDonell

Abstentions: 2 -

Sandy Beaupre and Joe Olson

5 **08493** Update on Progress to Submit Transport 2020 FTA New Starts Application

There has been some progress on the New Starts application. It has been shown that the model produces measurable results. The FTA has requested to add branded bus service. The baseline is BRT.

Bob Schaefer (citizen speaker) - Cutting costs on the rail system is a major talking point. He doesn't think many items that could be costly are taken into consideration or will meet FTA approval. There has been no comparison to what the overall system ridership will be compared to the system without a train.

6 **08494** Transport 2020 Project Timeline/Next Steps

The application will be drafted in mid-January and submitted to FTA within a month or so. This information will be put on the Web site and made available to the public.

7 [08495](#) Information and Announcements by Task Force Members

The next ITF meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

8 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 6:05 p.m.