

# Preliminary Engineering/NEPA Analysis for the Dane County/Greater Madison Metropolitan Area

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### **Minutes**

#### TRANSPORT 2020: MANAGEMENT TEAM

Thursday, June 8, 2006 12:00 noon Madison Municipal Building, Room 260 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Madison, WI

#### -- ROLL CALL

ITF Members Present: John DeLamater; Ald. Ken Golden; Jesse Kaysen; Sup. Al Matano; Dick

Wagner.

TAC/Staff Present: Russell Anderson (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources); Lori Kay

(UW-Madison); Rob Kennedy (UW-Madison, Facilities Planning and Management); Jerry Mandli (Dane County Highway and Transportation Dept.); Bob McDonald (Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization); David Trowbridge (Madison Planning and Development; *Transport 2020 Project* 

Manager); LeAnna Wall (WisDOT, Southwest Region).

Others Present: Fred Bartol (Dane Alliance for Rail Transit); Ken Kinney (HNTB Project

Manager); Caron Kloser (HNTB).

#### 1. OVERVIEW OF SCOPING COMMENTS

Ken Kinney opened the meeting reviewing the meeting agenda. Caron Kloser gave a summary of scoping meetings with agencies and the public. A draft summary document will be circulated to the ITF for review and comment.

## 2. REVIEW OF TRANSPORT 2020 PROJECT SCHEDULE, PLANNED WORK TASKS, STATION PLANNING AND BASELINE BUS OPTION

Ken reviewed the three build alternatives that will be taken through detailed definition of alternatives. He also summarized the field review for potential station locations with ITF members on June 7. Additional field review will continue the week of June 19. Ken further noted that Chris Kopp from Cambridge Systematics reviewed bus routes for the baseline and build alternatives with members of Madison Area MPO and Metro.

Discussion after the summary of events and activities:

Will there be just one operating plan prepared or several for each of the alternatives. Ken noted that the operation planning process is iterative and there will a range of operating plans to determine the best level of service for the detailed alternatives.

How will costs be determined when the technology is not selected? And technology will affect conceptual design. The costs and conceptual design will reflect likely technology that would be used in a particular corridor.

How will the ITF and subcommittees be involved in Task 6 activities? Initially, starting in July, the ITF and subcommittees will be involved with selecting the Baseline alternative and bus operating plans.

Ken Golden emphasized that the group needs to be aware of public concern that rail transit will come at the expense of existing and future bus service. There is a new bus advocacy group to whom the ITF should reach out. This group, along with Metro representatives, should be invited to the next Transit Operations Subcommittee.

The next Transit Operations Subcommittee will meet on June 19 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss station locations and the Baseline Alternative. Field reviews for station location will continue the week of June 19 as well. The ITF Management Team is tentatively scheduled to meet on June 21. A full ITF meeting is proposed for July.

Ken confirmed that Stakeholder meetings will begin in July, in concert with Streetcar outreach. It was suggested that the Dane County Cities and Villages Association should be added to the list of stakeholders to meet with.

There was a brief overview of the Land Use workshops held on May 11/12. The workshops included members of the development community who provided insight on station areas that would be good candidate redevelopment areas. The workshop revealed that there is good market potential for transit oriented development (TOD) on the eastside and in the Hilldale area. The Mineral Point corridor does not appear to have near term potential for TOD, but the corridor is a large trip generator. It is still a good exercise to determine the level of ridership that could be achieved with fixed guideway transit.

#### 3. ADJOURNMENT

The Management Team adjourned its meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next Management Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 12:00 noon, Room 260 MMB.

These minutes represent the writers' interpretation of discussion and resolution of key points. Please contact Caron Kloser of HNTB (414/359-2300) to discussion questions, modifications or corrections.