

**Greater Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
May 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Meeting hosted via [Zoom](#)

Wood called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Members present: Clement Abongwa, Liz Callin, Adrienne Nienow, Michelle Ellias, Cassandra Benedict, Chris Petykowski, Bill Jetzer, Kristi Williams, Doug Wood

Members absent/excused: Richelle Andrae (excused), John Duncan (excused), Derek Field (excused), MGR Govindarajan (excused), Barbara Harrington-McKinney (absent)

MPO staff present: Alex Andros

Others present in an official capacity: Sara Husen (WisDOT), Forbes MacIntosh (DCCVA), Mark Opitz (former chair)

2. Approval of April 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Action: Williams moved, Callin seconded, to approve the April 2, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3. Communications

- a) Email from the Town of Sun Prairie regarding the Bailey Road project – The Town Board has decided not to fund the local share of the project. That portion of the funding will be reallocated.

4. Public Comment (for items *not* on MPO Agenda)

None.

5. Introduction & Welcome of New Policy Board Members

6. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)

- Williams nominated Wood for Chair. *Vote:* Unanimous approval.
- Williams nominated Callin for Vice Chair. *Vote:* Unanimous approval.

7. MPO 2025 Resolution No. 9 Approving Amendment No. 5 to the 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County

Overview of the Amendment:

- Add the federally funded Lower Yahara River Trail Signage project
- Revise the Badger Rusk Path TAP project, increasing the federal share from 60% to 80% (\$ from DeForest project)
- Revise the Capital City Trail (Buckeye Extension) (Segments 5 and 6) (Wagon Trail to I-39/90) TAP project, increasing the federal share from 60% to 80%
- Revise the federal Section 5310 Dane County Mobility Management Program project to reflect that Dane County was awarded state section 85.21 funds to use as the local match
- Revise the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin Accessible Vehicle Purchase project, increasing federal Section 5310 funding and local funding
- Add the federal Section 5311 Forward Service Corporation Mobility Management and Vehicle

Loans capital project

- Add the federal Section 5311 SWCAP Mobility Management and Vehicle Loans capital project, per the request of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Revise the Forward Service Corporation transit operating project listing, adding federal Section 5311 funding and local funding
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Action: Williams moved to approve the amendment. Jetzer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Announcements and Staff Reports

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant-Urban and Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Solicitation:** The call for projects is now open. Details are available on the MPO website.
- **Charge Up Dane County Update:** The Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change is continuing work on Charge Up Dane County and has begun identifying potential locations for up to 70 new electric vehicle charging station sites. There is no update yet on whether federal funding through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant program will be awarded for construction, but planning efforts are moving forward as scheduled.
- **MPO Federal Certification Renewal:** The certification review process was canceled.
- **FHWA Staff Changes:** Mary Forlenza has left FHWA. Jason Nordberg is now serving as the MPO's primary point of contact.
- **Federal Funding Update:** The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) discretionary grant agreement is still under review and has not yet been signed. This is a regional planning grant, and we hope to receive an update soon.
- **Active Transportation Plan for Dane County:** The MPO is leading the development of this plan. Public outreach has begun, including a community survey that received over 700 responses within the first 24 hours. MPO staff will be attending local events to promote the survey, and community partners are encouraged to help spread the word.
- **WisDOT Funding Symposium:** The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will host a virtual funding symposium in May, providing information on current funding opportunities.

9. Adjournment

Wood called for a motion to adjourn. Jetzer moved, Benedict seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. The next meeting will be held virtually on June 4, 2025.