

Appendix B: Public Participation Materials

The MPO encouraged the public and outside agencies to review the documents and provide input during all stages of plan development. The TAC and Policy Board meetings were key opportunities for review and decision-making. Each meeting was advertised as a public meeting and noticed as such in the local newspaper. All documents presented at the meetings were available for review at the local libraries, on the MPO website and at City Hall. Public participation followed the MPO procedures as outlined in the *Public Participation Plan* adopted 2006. Comments regarding this document are located at the end of this appendix. Comments in response to Environmental Consultation are located in Appendix C.

The MPO held public meetings on the following days:

June 22, 2010

October 5, 2010

January 4, 2011

April 19, 2011

May 23, 2011

Public notice published in the Janesville Gazette June 15, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be conducting a meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The MPO TAC is a coordinating committee which reviews major transportation projects in the City of Janesville, City of Milton and the towns of Janesville, Harmony, La Prairie, Milton and Rock. MPO staff will be discussing amendments to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the addition of a proposed highway bypass along the west side of Janesville to the 11/14 corridor study currently underway.

The documents being presented to the TAC are available for public review in the Community Development Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, between 7:30 & 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, at the Hedberg and Milton libraries, and on the MPO's web page, www.ci.janesville.wi.us.

For information on the meeting or to receive an agenda, please contact the Planning Department at 755-3095, FAX 755-3196 or email nolant@ci.janesville.wi.us. The meeting will be held on June 22, 2010 in the Police Services Conference Room, 100 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI at 10 a.m.

Publish once: Monday, June 15th.

Public Notice published in Janesville Gazette September 20, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be conducting a meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The MPO TAC is a coordinating committee which reviews major transportation projects in the City of Janesville, City of Milton and the towns of Janesville, Harmony, La Prairie, Milton and Rock. MPO staff will be discussing amendments to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), reviewing the 2011-2016 TIP, reviewing the 2011 Unified Work Program, and making recommendations regarding chapters of the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan.

The documents being presented to the TAC are available for public review in the Community Development Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, between 7:30 & 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, at the Hedberg and Milton libraries, and on the MPO's web page, www.ci.janesville.wi.us.

For information on the meeting or to receive an agenda, please contact the Planning Department at 755-3095, FAX 755-3196 or email nolant@ci.janesville.wi.us. The meeting will be held on October 5, 2010 in room 416, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI at 10 a.m.

Publish once: Monday, September 20, 2010.

Public Notice published in Janesville Gazette December 27, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The documents being presented to the TAC are available for public review in the Community Development Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, between 7:30 & 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, at the Hedberg and Milton libraries, and on the MPO's web page, www.ci.janesville.wi.us.

For information on the meeting or to receive an agenda, please contact the Planning Department at 755-3095, FAX 755-3196 or email nolant@ci.janesville.wi.us. The meeting will be held on January 4, 2011 in room 416, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI at 10 a.m.

Publish once: Monday, December 27, 2010

Public Notice published in Janesville Gazette April 11, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be conducting a meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The MPO TAC is a coordinating committee which reviews major transportation projects in the City of Janesville, City of Milton and the towns of Janesville, Harmony, La Prairie, Milton and Rock. MPO staff will be discussing minor updates to and reaffirmation of the 2005-2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, amendments to the 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and amendment to the 2011 Work Program.

The documents being presented to the TAC are available for public review in the Community Development Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, between 7:30 & 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, at the Hedberg and Milton libraries, and on the MPO's web page, www.ci.janesville.wi.us.

For information on the meeting or to receive an agenda, please contact the Planning Department at 755-3095, FAX 755-3196 or email nolant@ci.janesville.wi.us. The meeting will be held on April 19, 2011 in room 416, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI at 10 a.m.

Publish once: Monday, April 11th

Public Notice published in Janesville Gazette May 9, 2011 and May 16, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Janesville will be conducting a meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Policy Board. The MPO Policy Board is the executive committee that reviews and approves highway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian projects in the City of Janesville, the City of Milton and the towns of Janesville, Harmony, Rock, La Prairie, and Milton. The Policy Board will be discussing and approving an amendment to the 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), approving an amendment to the 2011 Work Program, and approving the update memorandum to the 2005-2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. This public meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2011 at 6:30pm in Room 416 of the Janesville Municipal Building, 18 N. Jackson Street, Janesville.

The documents being presented to the Policy Board are available for public review in the Community Development Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, between 7:30 & 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, at the Hedberg and Milton libraries, and on the MPO's web page, www.ci.janesville.wi.us. Comments related to these documents should be forwarded to the Janesville Area MPO. Phone 608-755-3095. Fax 608-755-3189. Email: nolant@ci.janesville.wi.us

Publish twice – May 9, May 16

JANESVILLE AREA MPO 
June 10, 2010

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Terry Nolan, Janesville Area MPO Coordinator
RE: **Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee has been scheduled as follows:

June 22, 2010

10am

Janesville Police Services Conference Room
100 N. Jackson Street
Janesville, WI

Agenda Items:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of November 3rd Minutes

- IV. New Business
 1. Review of Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives
 2. Review and approval to recommend 11/14 bypass be added to 11/14 corridor EIS
 3. Review and approval of STP Urban project(s)
 4. Review and approval of amendment to 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

- V. Communications from members
 1. Update on status of Janesville-Milton-Whitewater planning study
 2. Update on status of State improvements and studies

- VI. Matters not on the agenda
- VII. Adjournment

Note: The meeting and all business items have been advertised as a public hearing.

If you are unable to attend or have any comments/questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (608) 755-3095.

CC: Brad Cantrell
Duane Cherek



JANESVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Planning Services Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI 53545

Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Police Services Conference Room, Police Department

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order.

Chair, Brad Cantrell, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Roll Call.

Members

Present / Absent		Present / Absent			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Levitt, City Manager, Janesville		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Nordbo, Bureau of Planning, WisDOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Brad Cantrell, Director of Com. Devel., Janesville (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Franco Marcos, Senior Planner, WisDOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Carl Weber, Dir. of Public Works, Janesville (Vice Chair)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carlos Pena, Community Planner, FHWA
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Mumma, Transit Director, Janesville Transit System		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marisol Simon, Region 5 Planning Director, FTA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mike Payne, Engineering Director, Janesville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Carolyn Brandeen, Rock Trail Coalition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dennis Ryan, Senior Engineer, Janesville		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roger Fanning, Harmony Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Todd Schmidt, City Administrator, Milton		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edward Marshall, Janesville Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works, Milton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mike Saunders, LaPrairie Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Paul Benjamin, Director of Planning, Rock County		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Gunn, Rock Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ben Coopman, Highway Commissioner, Rock County		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Meyer, Milton Twp
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alan Sweeny, Rock Co. Board of Supervisors		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Freight Representative, Non-voting
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Soltau, SLATS MPO Coordinator			

Others Present: Duane Cherek (Manager of Planning Services, Janesville) Terry Nolan (Janesville Area MPO Coordinator), Rich Cannon (Rock County Engineer), Mike Gensler (JTS), Michael Hoelker (WisDOT) Inga Jacobson (City of Milton)

III. Approval of November 3rd Minutes

On a motion by Member Payne, seconded by Member Cantrell the November 3rd, 2009 MPO meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.

IV. New Business

- Review of Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, explained this review is part of a minor update of the Long Range Plan due in

May 2011. Member Saunders asked to have protection of agriculture and agricultural industries added to goals. He explained the importance of protecting tracts of farmland from fragmentation, as well as efficient shipment of product to industrial markets. Member Marcos suggested goals for the separate modes of transportation could be more specific. It was decided that Terry Nolan should make changes based on committee suggestions and bring the draft changes to the next TAC meeting in the fall.

2. **Review and approval to recommend 11/14 bypass be added to 11/14 corridor EIS.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, handed out the official memo released by WisDOT providing justification for the continued study of the connection and its inclusion in the Janesville Area Long Range Transportation Plan. On a motion by Member Schmidt, seconded by Member Weber, the TAC unanimously agreed to forward a recommendation to the Policy Board affirming the inclusion of the 11/14 bypass in the USH 14/STH 11 EIS.
3. **Review and approval of STP Urban Project(s).** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, gave a report, explaining the difficulty in using the adopted process to evaluate STP submissions. Member Schmidt stated Milton plans to apply for Transportation Enhancement funds, thereby withdrawing the bike trail project from evaluation. Committee members suggested revising criteria to give more importance to pavement condition and volume. Janesville city staff ranks Main Street as a higher priority than Austin Road. Members also suggested creating a formula for allocating STP funds in an equitable manner between Janesville and Milton. On a motion by Member Weber, seconded by Member Saunders, the TAC directed Terry Nolan to revise prioritization procedures. On a motion by Member Weber, seconded by Member Schmidt, the TAC unanimously approved the Main Street project as the next STP project.
4. **Review and Approval of amendments to 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, explained the addition of a state resurfacing project and the programming of transit projects. The amendment also designates Main Street as the next STP project and adds Austin Road into the TIP. On a motion by Member Payne, seconded by Member Weber, the TAC unanimously approved amendments to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

V. Other items for discussion. Terry Nolan gave an update of the Janesville Milton Whitewater Study and the Safe Routes to School Plan. Michael Hoelker gave updates regarding the HWY 14 study, an upcoming public meeting in the fall for the 14/11 corridor study, and the beginning of an access study along HWY 11 to Janesville

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Payne. The June 22, 2010 TAC meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Nolan
MPO Coordinator
6/22/10

JANESVILLE AREA MPO 
September 24, 2010

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Terry Nolan, Janesville Area MPO Coordinator
RE: **Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee has been scheduled as follows:

October 5, 2010

10am

Janesville Police Services Conference Room
100 N. Jackson Street
Janesville, WI

Agenda Items:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of June 22nd Minutes

- IV. New Business
 1. Review of Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives and Performance Measures
 2. Review and approval of amendment to 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program
 3. Review and approval of 2011 Unified Work Program
 4. Review and approval of 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program

- V. Communications from members
 1. Update on travel model to be used for LRTP update
 2. Update on status of Janesville-Milton-Whitewater planning study
 3. Update on status of State improvements and studies

- VI. Matters not on the agenda
- VII. Adjournment

Note: The meeting and all business items have been advertised as a public hearing.

If you are unable to attend or have any comments/questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (608) 755-3095.

CC: Duane Cherek



JANESVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Planning Services Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI 53545

Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Room 416, Janesville Municipal Building

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order.

Duane Cherek, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. Roll Call.

Members

Present / Absent		Present / Absent		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Levitt, City Manager, Janesville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arun Rao, Bureau of Planning, WisDOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Duane Cherek, JVL Planning Services Manager, (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Franco Marcos, Senior Planner, WisDOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Carl Weber, Dir. of Public Works, Janesville (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dwight McComb, FHWA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dave Mumma, Transit Director, Janesville Transit System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marisol Simon, Region 5 Planning Director, FTA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mike Payne, Engineering Director, Janesville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carolyn Brandeen, Rock Trail Coalition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dennis Ryan, Senior Engineer, Janesville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roger Fanning, Harmony Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Jerry Schuetz, Acting City Administrator, Milton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edward Marshall, Janesville Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works, Milton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Saunders, LaPrairie Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Paul Benjamin, Director of Planning, Rock County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Gunn, Rock Twp
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Coopman, Highway Commissioner, Rock County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Meyer, Milton Twp
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alan Sweeny, Rock Co. Board of Supervisors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Freight Representative, Non-voting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Bob Soltau, SLATS MPO Coordinator		

Others Present: Terry Nolan (Janesville Area MPO Coordinator), Steve Schraufnagel (Rock County Planning)

III. Approval of June 22nd Minutes

On a motion by Member Weber, seconded by Member Mumma the June 22nd, 2010 MPO meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.

IV. New Business

1. **Review of Long Range Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives and Performance Measures** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, explained this review is part of a minor update of the Long Range Plan due in May 2011. Goals and Objectives have been revised based upon

suggestions made during June 22nd TAC meeting. Performance measures are a new element to the Long Range document, and will be included in subsequent planning documents. Member Robinson offered to provide PASER data for Milton. On a motion by Member Soltau, seconded by Member Robinson, the TAC unanimously agreed to approve Long Range Plan Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures.

2. **Review and approval of amendment to 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, explained the projects to be added to the 2010 TIP. Member Soltau added that SLATS has added the guardrail project because it extends into their MPO also. On a motion by Member Soltau, seconded by Member Payne, the TAC unanimously approved amendments to the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.
3. **Review and approval of 2011 Unified Work Program.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, gave a brief summary of the main tasks to be undertaken by the MPO in 2011. No discussion. On a motion by Member Payne, seconded by Member Weber, the TAC unanimously approved the 2011 Unified Work Program.
4. **Review and Approval of 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the 2011-2016 TIP, noting corrections to the draft sent to members and highlighting key new projects. Member Mumma pointed out Janesville bus replacements and the Rock County Council on Aging application for a mobility manager. Member Brandeen asked about the River Street TE project, which is a streetscaping project. On a motion by Member Mumma, seconded by Member Weber, the TAC unanimously approved the 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program.

V. Other items for discussion. Terry Nolan and Dwight McComb explained the update to the travel model and the purpose of using a 2008 model. Member Mumma gave an update of the progress to establish inter-city bus service between Janesville, Milton, and Whitewater. Member Marcos gave an update on the status of four studies: USH 14 from Oregon to Janesville; USH 14 from Janesville to I-43; USH 11 from Monroe to Janesville; I-39/90. Member Rau mentioned that the 2030 Rail Plan is available for review and comment on WisDOT's website. Member Soltau explained the notice of proposed rulemaking regarding urbanized boundaries. The proposed rule potentially has a significant impact on transit funding.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Weber, with a second by Member Mumma. The October 5, 2010 TAC meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Nolan
MPO Coordinator
10/5/10

JANESVILLE AREA MPO 
December 27, 2010

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Terry Nolan, Janesville Area MPO Coordinator
RE: **Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee has been scheduled as follows:

January 4, 2011
10am
Janesville Municipal Building
Room 416, Fourth Floor
18 N. Jackson Street
Janesville, WI

Agenda Items:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of October 5th Minutes

- IV. New Business
 1. Review and approval of amendment to 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program

- V. Communications from members
 1. Environmental consultation for the LRTP update
 2. Opportunity to expand freight rail chapter in LRTP update

- VI. Matters not on the agenda
- VII. Adjournment

Note: The meeting and all business items have been advertised as a public hearing.

If you are unable to attend or have any comments/questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (608) 755-3095.

CC: Duane Cherek



JANESVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Planning Services Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI 53545

Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

Room 416, Janesville Municipal Building

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order.

Duane Cherek, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Roll Call.

Members

Present / Absent		Present / Absent			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Levitt, City Manager, Janesville		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arun Rao, Bureau of Planning, WisDOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Duane Cherek, JVL Planning Services Manager, (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Franco Marcos, Senior Planner, WisDOT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carl Weber, Dir. of Public Works, Janesville (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dave Jolicouer, FHWA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dave Mumma, Transit Director, Janesville Transit System		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marisol Simon, Region 5 Planning Director, FTA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mike Payne, Engineering Manager, Janesville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Carolyn Brandeen, Rock Trail Coalition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dennis Ryan, Asst. Engineering Manager, Janesville		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roger Fanning, Harmony Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Jerry Schuetz, City Administrator, Milton		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edward Marshall, Janesville Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works, Milton		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Saunders, LaPrairie Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Paul Benjamin, Director of Planning, Rock County		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Gunn, Rock Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ben Coopman, Highway Commissioner, Rock County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Bryan Meyer, Milton Twp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Alan Sweeny, Rock Co. Board of Supervisors		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Freight Representative, Non-voting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Bob Soltau, SLATS MPO Coordinator			

Others Present: Terry Nolan (Janesville Area MPO Coordinator), Allan Arndt (LaPrairie Supervisor), Inga Jacobson (City of Milton), Chelsea Berg (citizen, LDA participant)

III. Approval of October 5th minutes

On a motion by Member Brandeen, seconded by Member Robinson the October 5, 2010 MPO meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.

IV. New Business

- Review and approval of amendment to 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, explained the projects to be added to the 2011

TIP. On a motion by Member Soltau, seconded by Member Robinson, the TAC unanimously approved amendments to the 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program.

- V. Other items for discussion.** Terry Nolan gave an overview of the Long Range Transportation Plan update document and how environmental consultation and freight rail will be incorporated into the document. Members then discussed recommended projects included in the Plan and rail. Members Saunders and Sweeney oppose the east-west grade separation project due to its impact on agricultural industry. Member Cherek gave a history of why the project was originally proposed, and that the feasibility of the project would be determined during planning and design for the I-39/90 expansion. He added that both this project and the Milton-Shopiere project are long range planning recommendations and it is important to identify those possibilities well in advance. Member Benjamin asked if comments and concerns from the towns are considered in the planning of projects and Member Cherek stated all long range planning recommendations would occur with the major update to be completed in two years.

Member Mumma discussed the South Central Wisconsin Commuter Transportation Study (SCWCTS) and the results that could benefit freight rail planning. The study also prompted a joint resolution by the Janesville area and Beloit area MPO's to preserve rail corridors. Member Mumma talked about the possible disinvestment by Union Pacific, as they are seeing less traffic on the Janesville to Chicago line now that General Motors is closed. Member Benjamin suggested we receive a presentation by Fitchburg representatives regarding how communities go about owning railway.

Previous to the meeting, Terry had asked Member Sweeney to help find a freight representative to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee and Member Sweeney asked Ken Lucht with WSOR. Ken Lucht is willing to serve and will be attending the next TAC meeting.

Bryan Meyer, Chairman of Milton Township, requested the MPO extend its planning boundary to include Newville Road north of HWY 14. The Town has been unsuccessful in receiving funding for maintenance of the road. Member Cherek replied that the 2010 Census would result in a redrawing of planning boundaries, and this may be a good opportunity to explore the inclusion of the road. MPO staff will look further into the matter.

Alan Arndt, LaPrairie Township Supervisor, brought up the need for interchanges at the intersections of HWY 11 and CTY G and HWY 11 and HWY 51. Member Cherek replied that a new study being conducted by WisDOT will consider improvements along state HWY 11 for that area located between Monroe and I-39/90. Within the Janesville are, those intersections will be studied. Member Marcos said the HWY 11/14 study will also consider improvements to the intersections, and the study may need to be sped up due to the approval of the I-39/90 expansion.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Coopman, with a second by Member Payne. The January 4, 2011 TAC meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Nolan
MPO Coordinator
1/4/11

JANESVILLE AREA MPO

April 11, 2011

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Terry Nolan, Janesville Area MPO Coordinator
RE: **Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the MPO Technical Advisory Committee has been scheduled as follows:

April 19, 2011

10am

Janesville Municipal Building
Room 416, Fourth Floor
18 N. Jackson Street
Janesville, WI

Agenda Items:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of January 4th Minutes

- IV. New Business
 1. Review and approval of amendment to 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program
 2. Review and approval of amendment to 2011 Unified Work Program
 3. Review and approval of 2005-2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update memorandum

- V. Communications from members
 1. None
- VI. Matters not on the agenda
- VII. Adjournment

Note: The meeting and all business items have been advertised as a public hearing.

If you are unable to attend or have any comments/questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (608) 755-3095.

CC: Duane Cherek



JANESVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Planning Services Department, 18 North Jackson Street, Janesville, WI 53545

Janesville Area MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Room 416, Janesville Municipal Building

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order.

Duane Cherek, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Roll Call.

Members

Present / Absent		Present / Absent	
x	Eric Levitt, City Manager, Janesville	x	Arun Rao, Bureau of Planning, WisDOT
x	Duane Cherek, JVL Planning Services Manager, (Chair)	x	Franco Marcos, Senior Planner, WisDOT
x	Carl Weber, Dir. of Public Works, Janesville (Vice Chair)	x	Alexis Kuklenski for Dave Jolicouer, FHWA
x	Dave Mumma, Transit Director, Janesville Transit System	x	Marisol Simon, Region 5 Planning Director, FTA
	x Mike Payne, Engineering Manager, Janesville	x	Carolyn Brandeen, Rock Trail Coalition
	x Dennis Ryan, Asst. Engineering Manager, Janesville	x	Roger Fanning, Harmony Twp
	x Jerry Schuetz, City Administrator, Milton	x	Edward Marshall, Janesville Twp
x	Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works, Milton	x	Allan Arndt, LaPrairie Twp
x	Rich Cannon for Paul Benjamin, Director of Planning, Rock County	x	Mark Gunn, Rock Twp
x	Ben Coopman, Highway Commissioner, Rock County	x	Bryan Meyer, Milton Twp
x	Alan Sweeney, Rock Co. Board of Supervisors	x	Ken Lucht, WSOR
x	Bob Soltau, SLATS MPO Coordinator		

Others Present: Terry Nolan (Janesville Area MPO Coordinator)

III. Approval of January 4th minutes

On a motion by Member Sweeney, seconded by Member Weber the January 4th MPO meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.

IV. New Business

- Review and approval of amendment to 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, explained the projects to be added to the 2011

- TIP. Alexis Kuklenski mentioned TIP numbers need to be added to the state projects. On a motion by Member Mumma, seconded by Member Levitt, the TAC unanimously approved amendments to the 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program with needed correction.
2. **Review and approval of amendment to 2011 Work Program.** Terry Nolan, MPO Coordinator, delivered staff report detailing the scope of the project change. Ben Coopman, Rock County Highway Commissioner, asked how the towns and county would be involved in the process. There was discussion about the scope of the project and the need to keep the project within budget constraints. It was determined to be logical to keep the focus of the project within the urban area. Member Levitt motioned to approve the Work Program amendment with the change to expand the scope of work to include county road segments within the urbanized area. Member Mumma seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 3. **Review and approval of 2005-2035 Long Range Plan Update memorandum.** Terry Nolan, MPO coordinator, gave an overview of the document and explained the results of the traffic forecasting. Member Weber requested the Long Range Plan incorporate the need for I-39/90 interstate crossings. Member Mumma agreed, saying the interstate is a hindrance for transit routes. There was discussion regarding whether the Plan should call out specific crossing recommendations. Member Weber motioned to amend the LRTP update memorandum to include a recommendation that, during the design of I-39/90, the MPO work with WisDOT to review the adequacy of crossing within the MPO for all modes of transportation, and specifically Bell Street and potential crossings between HWY 14 and Mt. Zion. Member Levitt seconded. Motion passed unopposed. Member Weber then made a motion to approve the LRTP update memorandum as amended and forward to the Policy Board. Member Mumma seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

V. Communications from members. Member Marcos explained WisDOT may be speeding up the state corridor studies currently underway in the MPO region in order to coincide with the I-39/90 expansion. Member Weber said WisDOT mentioned the reconstruction of HWY 14 from Deerfield to STH 26 may be accelerated due to the I-39/90 reconstruction, but he did not know what the accelerated schedule would be. Member Canon said the I-39/90 reconstruction will have major impacts on local roads as traffic is rerouted, and that the I-39/90 project will include funds to mitigate impacts. Possible mitigation may be traffic signals, turning improvements and transit service.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Coopman, with a second by Member Canon. The April 19, 2011 TAC meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Ms. Nolan:

I would like to provide some information for the Janesville Metropolitan Planning Organization during this public comment period to help with updating the 30-year Long-Range Plan for Janesville growth. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of E. I. DuPont de Nemours and operates an office and 120 acre research farm in Section 1 of La Prairie Township. We rent around 150 additional acres in Harmony and La Prairie. Pioneer opened the Janesville corn research center in 1982 for the purpose of developing improved field-corn hybrids for the upper Midwest. Pioneer leaders in the late 70's realized the importance and potential of conducting corn research on the Rock Prairie, east of Janesville. Our farm consists of Plano Silt Loam, which is one of the most productive prairie-soil types in Wisconsin. Hybrids identified with superior performance on Plano Silt Loam will generally yield well on many of the other soil types found in this state. It is an excellent soil for delivering quality research data for plant breeding to improve genetic gain and yield. We do have numerous examples of Pioneer's long-term research commitment to a community and corn-growing area, such as the establishment of our Algona, IA and Princeton, IL centers in 1938, Mankato, MN in 1958, Union City, TN in 1955, Garden City, KS in 1978, York, NE in 1957, Kekaha, HI in 1968, Windfall, IN in 1960, and Princeton, IN in 1946. Three full-time employees started the Janesville office in 1982, and today we are one of Pioneer's larger research facilities. We have 20 full-time employees on our staff today, with 9 having M.S. or Ph. D degrees. Our part-time workforce varies with the seasonal nature of growing corn, and we do use around 50 high school students in July to help with our field work.

Plant breeders have two roles to play. One is to develop improved hybrids to satisfy demand from domestic users of corn for animal feed, bio-fuels, industrial chemicals, and food corn. World population growth projections require significantly higher agricultural production. A second task is to add yield to existing crop land to compensate for acres lost due to urbanization, development, and infrastructure growth. We all are familiar with the stories that the 4-H fair grounds used to be on the east edge of Janesville. I encourage the MPO to define and clearly state their views on preserving highly productive farm land adjacent to Janesville. Understanding the contribution of agriculture to the local and regional economy must be a part of a solid growth plan for Janesville.

We are aware of planning for the Highway 11/14 project, which certainly has proposed alignments in La Prairie Township. The Highway 11/14 - Milton-Shopiere intersection is a significant safety concern for our staff during the day as we go to and from work. Eastward growth of Janesville, the new alignment of 11/14, and availability of uniform farmland for our research programs all become important long-term considerations for our continued work and success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas C. Kevern". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'K'.

Thomas C. Kevern, Ph.D.

Research Scientist