

MINUTES
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Commissioners Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53187

Meeting Occurred in Person and Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Excused:

Commissioners:

Michael Crowley, Chairperson
Charles Colman
Katrina Hanson
John Holloway
Brian Holt
Dewayne Johnson
Mary Knipper
Amy Maurer
Natalia Minkel-Dumit
Robert Pitts
Jeffrey Schleif
Peggy Shumway
Eric Stelter
David Stroik

Donna Brown-Martin
Priscilla Coggs-Jones
Michael Maistelman

Staff:

Stephanie Hacker	Executive Director
Benjamin McKay	Deputy Director
Christopher Hiebert	MPO Director
Laura Herrick	Chief Environmental Engineer

Guest:

Chandra Staples	Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Legislative Assistant
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ROLL CALL

Chairperson Crowley called the Planning and Research Committee meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Chairperson Crowley indicated for the record that Commissioners Brown-Martin, Coggs-Jones, and Maistelman had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2024, MEETING

Chairperson Crowley asked if there were any changes or additions to the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Schleif, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the May 21, 2024, Planning and Research Committee Meeting were approved.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN: AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. McKay to review the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the Village of Jackson sanitary sewer service area. A copy of the preliminary draft of the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated June 11, 2024, concerning this matter was provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. McKay indicated that in a letter dated August 11, 2023, the Village of Jackson requested that the Commission amend the Jackson sanitary sewer service area, tributary to the Village of Jackson sewage treatment facility. He stated that the purpose of the amendment is to include certain lands located immediately adjacent to, but outside of, the currently adopted sewer service area.

Mr. McKay directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 1, which identifies the proposed area to be added to the Jackson sewer service area. He stated that the subject area encompasses 8.7 acres and is located northeast of and immediately adjacent to the intersection of Eagle Drive and Main Street, or STH 60. He also stated that the subject area contains 3.5 acres of environmentally significant lands, including 2.4 acres of secondary environmental corridor and 1.1 acres of floodplain and a small, isolated wetland/stormwater pond located outside the secondary environmental corridor.

Mr. McKay stated that the proposed addition of approximately 8.7 acres to the Jackson sewer service area represents an increase in the Jackson planned sewer service area of 1.9 percent. He noted that approximately 1.2 acres of the subject area is proposed to be developed with a commercial use and the remaining area is associated with an adjacent school and existing and proposed streets. There is no anticipated change in the resident population associated with the proposed amendment. The Jackson sewer service area would continue to lie within the VISION 2050 population projection range.

Mr. McKay stated that the Village of Jackson wastewater treatment facility has an average annual capacity of 1.69 million gallons per day. The additional net flow generated from the proposed addition is expected to be about 0.001 million gallons per day. The treatment plant has adequate capacity to treat wastewater flows from the subject area.

Mr. McKay then noted that a public hearing was held on June 11, 2024. There were no objections to the proposed amendment at the hearing. The Jackson Village Board also approved the amendment on June 11, 2024.

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The amendment is consistent with the land use component of VISION 2050, the regional water quality management plan, and Chapter NR 121 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* governing the preparation of areawide water quality management plans.

Mr. McKay stated that the staff recommendation is for the Committee to recommend that the Commission amend the Village of Jackson sanitary sewer service area. Upon adoption by the Commission, the amendment will be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for approval and the WDNR will then provide the amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for certification. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Holloway, Mr. McKay stated that stormwater facilities are not an aspect of the Commission staff review of proposed sanitary sewer service area amendments.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. McKay stated that the Commission does encourage larger amendments if there are multiple subject areas that could be added to a sewer service area at one time.

There being no further questions or comments on a motion by Ms. Minkel-Dumit, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Amendment to the Village of Jackson Sanitary Sewer Service Area was unanimously recommended by the Committee for adoption by the Commission.

PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE CHLORIDE IMPACT STUDY

Chairperson Crowley asked Ms. Herrick, Chief Environmental Engineer, to provide an update to the Committee on the Chloride Impact Study.

During the presentation the following comments and questions were made.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Knipper, Ms. Herrick confirmed that Technical Report No. 67 presents a discussion on legal and policy considerations for the management of chloride.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Schlieff, Ms. Herrick stated that Commission staff can coordinate with counties and the U.S. Geological Survey on the placement of stream gages and noted there is an approximately one time \$15,000 installation cost and an annual \$13,000 fee for a stream gage.

Ms. Minkel-Dumit commented on the importance of how the information and eventual best management practices from the Chloride Impact Study are presented so they are useful to units of government and the private sector. She noted that there are good visual examples from the Wisconsin Salt Wise Partnership. Mr. Holloway commented that salt usage on private property appears to have increased in recent years even as winter storm events have decreased. Mr. Holt commented that salt storage over the summer can be costly and in some cases the salt is not useable the next winter. Mr. Schlieff noted that Washington County works with local units of government on using brine for winter roadway treatment.

Mr. Stroik commented on the usefulness of the study to county and local governments and then noted that the study has been ongoing for several years with costs continuing to be incurred. Mr. Crowley noted that the study was initiated by the Commission through a prospectus that was developed between 2014 and 2016 and presented to each of the seven counties in the Region for consideration. Ms. Herrick stated that monitoring field work occurred between 2017 and 2022, and data analysis has been ongoing since 2022. She also clarified that the first year of monitoring field work in 2017 was dedicated to field testing the equipment.

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM eTIP DEMONSTRATION

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. Hiebert, MPO Director, to provide a demonstration of the Commission's new electronic Transportation Improvement Program eTIP.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Holt, Mr. Hiebert noted that the timeline and the phasing of projects, such as right-of-way acquisition, preliminary engineering, and construction, are identified in the TIP. He also noted that some projects will last beyond the years included in the current TIP.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Crowley stated that the next meeting of the Planning and Research Committee will be held on November 5, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Crowley asked Mr. McKay if there were any correspondence or announcements. Mr. McKay noted that the next quarterly Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at a location in Ozaukee County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Schleif, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hacker
Executive Director

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