

MINUTES  
BAY-LAKE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE

April 17, 2009  
Bay-Lake RPC Offices  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Clancy, Paul DeWitt, Ed Kelley, Tom Kussow, Toni Loch, Tim Ryan for Don Markwardt, Ron McDonald, Mary Meyer, Lois Trever, and Chuck Wagner,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Osterberg

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Heath and Jim Van Laanen

- I. Chairperson Lois Trever called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. **Moved** by Tom Kussow and seconded by Paul DeWitt that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried, with all voting aye on a voice vote.
- III. **Moved** by Tom Kussow and seconded by Bill Clancy that the minutes of the February 13, 2009, meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried, with all voting aye on a voice vote.
- IV. Chairperson Lois Trever asked if there was any public input; none was received.
- V. There were no guest presentations.
- VI. Jim Van Laanen, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the *2008 Economic Impact Report for the Port of Green Bay* he prepared on behalf of the Green Bay Port and Solid Waste Department. Copies of the document were distributed to the committee members for their review and information. Mr. Van Laanen has been writing annual reports for the harbor for the past 15+ years. The economic analysis contained within the report was generated through the application of the MARAD Port Economic Impact Customized Version 1.1 developed by Rutgers University several years ago for the U.S. Maritime Administration. The MARAD Port Kit estimates the economic value of the port activities in terms of economic output, income, and taxes generated, which are critical to educating public officials and the general public on the value of the port industry.

The Port of Green Bay primarily handles bulk commodities, such as cement, coal, fuel oil, limestone, salt, liquid asphalt, and pig iron. During the 2008 shipping season, the Port of Green Bay handled a total of 2,205,062 metric tons of cargo in all commodity categories compared to 2,329,493 metric tons of cargo in 2007, a slight decrease of 5.34 percent. Domestic inbound shipments of cement, coal, gypsum, limestone, and liquid asphalt accounted for 1,893,734 metric tons or nearly 86 percent of the total commodities handled by the port during the last season. The total direct and indirect effects of the Port's activity in 2008 was estimated at more than \$75.5 million in output, 621 jobs, nearly \$23.2 million in income and approximately \$35.7 million in Gross State Product. In 2008, an estimated total of \$9,845,700 in taxes were induced by the Port of Green Bay, including \$1,762,500 in local taxes, \$2,096,800 in state taxes, and \$5,986,400 in federal taxes. In 2008, the Gross State Product (wages + taxes + profits) induced by the Port of Green Bay was estimated at \$35,724,400. No action was needed on the report.

- VII. Richard Heath distributed a draft copy of the Commission's 2008 Annual Report. Rich mentioned it is interesting to look back and see how the Commission has evolved over the past 30+ years. The annual reports were and continue to be a valuable way to thoroughly document the changes

in staffing, programming, and programs that have occurred over the years. Much of the recent work completed by the Commission has been centered around comprehensive planning. With many of the communities within the region having already adopted or will be adopting their plans in the next several months, staff are looking to see what the next generation of projects may look like beginning in 2010. With the financial issues being felt at all levels of government, it may hold some interesting opportunities for the Commission as it looks to fill the voids left behind by staffing cuts at the state and local levels but the continued need to provide services with less people and money. Mr. Heath asked the committee members to review the report and contact Brenda or Mark, if they notice any errors. Also, Rich encouraged the committee members to contact Mark if they know of any projects the Commission may be able to do or assist with in the near and long term.

VIII. There were no comments on the March 2009 Monthly Work Program Activity Report.

IX. **Lois Trever** adjourned the Work Program Committee at 11:15 a.m. The next Work Program Committee meeting is June 12, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Heath  
Recording Secretary