

Advisory Committee Reviews Transportation Element & Continues to Discuss Population Projections

On Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., the Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee convened for their regular monthly meeting. The primary purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Transportation Element of the *Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan*. OMNNI Associates facilitated the meeting.

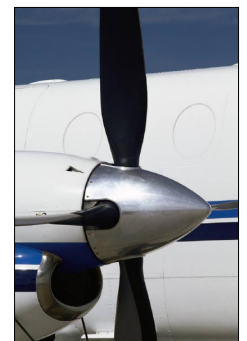
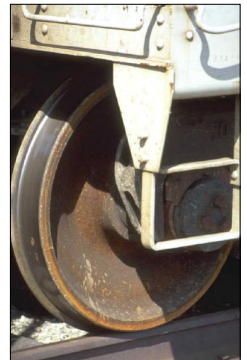
Before reviewing the DRAFT Transportation Element prepared by OMNNI Associates, the Advisory Committee continued its discussion about the projected population of the town. At the January 2002 meeting, OMNNI presented some preliminary population projections based on various data sources. Most of these projections indicated that the town is expected to continue to lose population through 2020 - primarily as a result of annexations by the City of Oshkosh. The Advisory Committee had several questions related to the methodology used in the projections and expressed concerns that the annexations by the City will not likely continue at the same rate in the future so the projections may not be accurate.

At this meeting, OMNNI presented some additional information to answer the Advisory Committee's questions. Upon further review, the Advisory Committee requested that OMNNI conduct one additional projection to account for the impact of large institutional annexations by the City of Oshkosh (i.e. the Correction Facility, Mental Health Facility, Mobile Home Parks). OMNNI will present this information and a final recommendation at the May meeting. The approved population projections will be included in the Issues and Opportunities Element of the Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan.

Next, OMNNI distributed a DRAFT copy of the Transportation Element chapter of the town plan to all committee members. This DRAFT chapter was developed by OMNNI as a starting point for addressing the town's transportation issues. (A copy of this chapter is provided under the Draft Plan Chapters Link on this web page.) The chapter includes:

- The vision finalized by the committee in 2001;
- An inventory describing the condition of the existing transportation facilities;
- A discussion related to future transportation needs and issues; and
- A series of goals and objectives.

During the meeting the Advisory Committee discussed at length issues highlighted in the draft, including the future of CTH A and the use of PASERWARE and a Capital Improvements Plan and Budget to keep a record of desired future improvements. Several changes were suggested to better reflect



local priorities. Some of these changes are highlighted in the draft posted on this web page.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, OMNNI asked the committee to complete the following at their next regular committee meeting scheduled for April 18, 2002:

- Review the DRAFT chapter and provide any comments related to the inventory information and key issues
- Consider additional goals and objectives to include in the Transportation Element;

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