



LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

SERVING THE LA CROSSE (WI)/LA CRESCENT (MN) URBANIZED AREA

Minutes of Committee on Transit and Active Transportation, September 10, 2026

Minutes of the meeting of the CTAT held as an in-person and virtual meeting on Teams on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 3:30 pm.

Members Present: Bridget Brown, Jenna Dinkel, Andrew Ericson, Jim Krueger, Jason Ludwigson, Omer Sohail, Jenny Morris, Chelsey Boldon

Members Excused: Ken Harwood, Jim Longhurst, Francis Schelfhout, Maggie Smith, Cathy Van Maren

Staff and Others Present: Bob Gollnik, Travis Key, Nikki Kvam, Kurt Wayne, Alex McDonough

Travis Key called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

1) Approval of the [minutes](#) of the July 9, 2026, CTAT meeting.

Jenna Dinkel motioned to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026 meeting; Jim Krueger seconded. All were in favor.

2) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Update

Travis Key provided an update about TAP awards for the most recent TAP solicitation cycle. The TAP applications from our region that were awarded are: the non-infrastructure Safe Routes To School, King Street Greenway Extension in La Crosse, and the Highway 16 shared-use path infill connection in Onalaska. The next TAP solicitation will occur in the fall of 2027.

3) Regional Transit Development Plan (RTDP) Engagement Overview

Travis Key shared key themes from the Transit Development Plan's public survey that ended in July. Broadly, survey respondents viewed additional investment in transit positively. Most cited transit improvements were broken out by agency.

Draft recommendations are currently in development and will be shared with local transit agencies for feedback.

4) Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Roundtable - Overview of Discussion

Travis Key shared an overview of results from the RTA Roundtable Discussion hosted by LAPC in collaboration with the Wisconsin Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Topics covered in the discussion related to RTA formation, tax levy authority, allowable expenses and services, and opt-in/opt-out provisions. The group reached a consensus that there is a need for state aid in facilitation of RTA formation.

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5) Week Without Driving Update

Travis key provided an update on Week Without Driving activities, beginning on October 1st and ending on October 8th.

LAPC, in collaboration with the City of La Crosse, will be hosting a 'Bike Ride With Local Leaders' on October 2nd from 9am to 11:30pm around the northside of La Crosse and Onalaska. The ride will begin at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center.

6) [SS4A](#) Update

Travis shared an update about the progress on the Comprehensive Safety Action Planning effort. The draft plan has been available for comments from the Project Management Team and will be presented to the Task Force soon. Shortly after, the full draft plan will be available for public comments.

7) Other updates and information items

- Chelsey Boldon shared that 8 schools in total have signed on to participate this year, with 2 of them being new to the program. Chelsey also reminded the group that international walk to school day is on October 7th.
- Jenna Dinkel shared that the city has acquired new bike/ped counters to collect usage data from trails and bike/ped infrastructure. The city now has several simple counters and one more sophisticated unit that can differentiate between bike and pedestrian.
- Jason Ludwigson shared that the Wagon Wheel bike/ped counts have been updated for 2025-2026 and will share with the group.
- Jim Krueger shared that a public involvement meeting will be scheduled for October for future transit input and prioritization of services. Additionally, passenger counters are being installed on buses and are expected to begin collecting data soon.

8) Adjourn; next meeting TBA.

Jenna Dinkel motioned to adjourn at 3:57pm; Jim Krueger seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting is set for November 12, 2026.

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