



**LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
 SERVING THE LA CROSSE (WI)/LA CRESCENT (MN) URBANIZED AREA

**LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2025**  
**Held in person and via Microsoft Teams**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patrick Barlow, Tim Candahl, Tina Tryggestad, Steve Elsen, Scott Schumacher, Bob Stupi, Mitch Reynolds, Mike Poellinger, Kim Smith, Stan Hauser, Dan Kapanke
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Erin Duffer, Travis Key, Bob Gollnik, Francis Schelfhout, Michelle Howe, and Michael Richardson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Patrick Barlow called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was called.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2024, LAPC MEETING**

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Bob Stupi to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**WISDOT AREA CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATES (WIS 35, WIS 16, US 53)**

Michelle Howe and Michael Richardson presented on the progress of the La Crosse Majors Corridor Studies. For the WIS 35 corridor, a purpose and need has been developed, alternatives created, and recommended alternatives given. Safety improvements are the primary focus of this study alongside addressing deteriorating infrastructure and multimodal needs. Michelle and Michael gave a summary of the public outreach activities and reported that this corridor study is reaching the final stages before final design. An overview of the US 53, 14/61 corridor was presented and reported public engagement is expected to wrap up by summer of this year. Lastly, an overview was presented on the WIS 16 corridor and discussed how this project will include bridge replacement. Public engagement for this corridor is projected to conclude by the end of 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AMENDING 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) LIST AND DOCUMENT - Resolution 1-2025**

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) approved the 2025-2028 TIP on November 20, 2024. Since adoption of the TIP, four projects have been added and changes to funding, state project IDs, and/or construction schedules for existing projects. TIP Document Table 2: Project Funding Sources, on page 12, has added Surface Transportation Program (STP), Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) program, and Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program.

**MOTION** by Kim Smith/Mike Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CITY OF LA CRESCENT 2027-2029 MINNESOTA DOT CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) APPLICATION**

This application is for the 2027-2029 Carbon Reduction Program funding cycle. The City of La Crescent's application is to replace a Public Works gasoline-powered fleet truck with an ZEV truck. Erin Duffer noted approval of this item does not require a resolution.



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**MOTION** by Steve Elsen/Bob Stupi to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

In-person outreach and engagement overview one-pager document was presented and discussed. At a future meeting, staff will present a summary of key findings of the online survey and engagement activities.

**LAPC REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) UPDATE**

Draft RFP for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was shared. Action planning activities solicited in the RFP are to be comprehensive and cover the entire geographic area of the MPA, including all road classifications and mode types. RFP is to be release in February.

Additionally, the draft Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Feasibility Study RFP was discussed. This plan will utilize the Complete Streets/SAT) set-aside funds in LAPC's 2025 budget, as outlined in the 2025 UPWP. RTAs have been recommended in several previous LAPC plans. Staff is looking to move forward with the RFP in the next month.

**DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORT**

Detailed list of additional LAPC activities and involvements between this meeting and the last Policy Board meeting was provided in the agenda packet.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- MTP Update
- TIP Amendment
- RFP Updates
- TIP Document Amendment

**MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS**

Tim Candahl asked clarifying questions and updates about existing and future projects in the Town of Shelby from staff and WisDOT. Bob Stupi shared the Casberg Coulee bridge is working as designed.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Scott Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Recorded by Erin Duffer