



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 March 18, 2026
Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Tim Candahl, Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Scott Schumacher, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Paula Przywojski, Kim Smith, Bob Stupi
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Dan Kapanke
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jane Klekamp, Bob Gollnik, Erin Duffer, Travis Key, Francis Schelfhout, Michael (Unverified)

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 January 21, 2026, LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Kim Smith to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Dan Kapanke).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) LIST (2025-2029) – Resolution 4-2026

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) approved the 2025-2028 TIP on November 20, 2024. Since the last TIP amendment, six (6) projects have been added and changes to funding, state project IDs, and/or construction schedules to eight (8) existing projects.

Shaundel Washington-Spivey joined the meeting before a motion was made.

MOTION by Kim Smith/Mike Poellinger to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List (2025-2028). **Motion carried unanimously; one excused** (Dan Kapanke).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE 2026 WISCONSIN TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) PERFORMANCE TARGETS – Resolution 5-2026

Annually, Transit Asset Management Targes are established by states to include four State of Good Repair (SGR) performance measures for equipment, rolling stock, infrastructure, and facilities. These targets are set only for the transit agencies operating solely within the urbanized area, MTU and DriftLink.

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Tina Tryggstad to approve the 2026 Wisconsin Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Targets. **Motion carried unanimously; one excused** (Dan Kapanke).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CITY OF LA CRESCENT CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) 2029-2030 APPLICATION

The City of La Crescent submitted an application to the LAPC for the 2029-2030 CRP program cycle to fund the installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at the midblock crossing of Redwood Street East and South 11th Street. If approved, La Crescent would receive \$12,000 in 2029 and \$12,000 in 2030. La Crescent will provide a 20% match for these funds for \$6,000.



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MOTION by Kim Smith/Scott Schumacher to approve the City of La Crescent Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) 2029-2030 Application. **Motion carried unanimously; one excused** (Dan Kapanke).

OVERVIEW OF BASICS (BRIDGES AND SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY SUCCES) ACT (H.R. 7437) AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS

One-pager and H.R. 7437 fact sheet, as included in the agenda packet, distributed to the Policy Board.

Template letters of support will be sent to Policy Board members after this meeting.

Tina Tryggestad exited the meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (SS4A) – HIGH INJURY NETWORK UPDATE

The previous Task Force meeting featured discussion on right-sizing policy recommendations for our area and prioritizing portions of the HIN. Task Force gave comments on weighting criteria, and we are working with Bolton & Menk to select sites for planning-level design work.

Shaundel Washington-Spivey exited the meeting.

DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORT (ATTACHED)/SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

Erin Duffer gives an update on the RTA Feasibility Study. The Existing Conditions Report and Financial Feasibility and Governance Structure Analysis Reports are finished. SRF is now working on the Economic and Community Benefit Analysis. This project is set to wrap up by May 2026.

ETIP Update. This is the first amendment handled solely with the new ETIP software. Staff are optimistic about the time-saving potential of the software and look forward to continuing to work with EcoInteractive as new features are added.

Bob Gollnik gives a Rail Crossing Elimination Grant update. An RFP was posted in February and received 4 submissions. Gradings are underway and 3 firms will be interviewed before the panel makes the final decision.

Erin Duffer mentions that the Title IV plan is set to be updated by LAPC by the end of 2026.

There will need to be a special Policy Board meeting in October to adopt the 2027-2030 TIP Document to meet WisDOT's deadline for approval.

MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS

Members of the Policy Board shared local updates and no requests were made.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Bob Stupi to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously; three excused** (Tina Tryggestad, Dan Kapanke, Shaundel Washington-Spivey).

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

Recorded by Travis Key