



**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 19, 2025**  
**Held in person and via Microsoft Teams**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patrick Barlow, Tina Tryggstad, Mitch Reynolds, Scott Schumacher, Steve Elsen, Stan Hauser, Kim Smith
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Tim Candahl, Mike Poellinger, Dan Kapanke, and Bob Stupi
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Erin Duffer, Travis Key, Bob Gollnik, Francis Schelfhout, Sam Scinta, Jeffrey Tripp, and Jane Klekamp

**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 15, 2025, LAPC MEETING**

**MOTION** by Mitch Reynolds/Scott Schumacher to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMON GOOD INITIATIVE (SAM SCINTA, PROGRAM DIRECTOR)**

Sam Scinta, and adjunct faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and part of the Reinhart Institute at Viterbo University presented information about a course called 'Rebuilding American Civics' that is offered in Civics. Sam Scinta is seeking to expand the program from its current, primarily senior, attendance. Now it is called the 'Common Good Initiative' with the purpose of reinforcing the importance of local government and civic engagement. The scope of this initiative is to educate the public and remove barriers to entry for students and community members to engage with local government.

**LA CROSSE REGIONAL AIRPORT (JEFFREY TRIPP, AIRPORT DIRECTOR)**

Jeffrey Tripp presented an update of the La Crosse Regional Airport to the Policy Board. The presentation included the capital funding and operating budget for the 2025 fiscal year, and planning infrastructure upgrades to its public facing facilities, networking fiber, and taxiway rehabilitation for the 2026 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AMENDING 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) LIST AND DOCUMENT - Resolution 2-2025**

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) approved the 2025-2028 TIP on November 20, 2024. Since adoption of the TIP, four (4) projects have been added and changes to funding, state project IDs, and/or construction schedules to six (6) existing projects. TIP Document Table 2: Project Funding Sources, on page 12, has added Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant program.

**MOTION** by Scott Schumacher/Mitch Reynolds to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Travis Key and Erin Duffer shared the engagement summary prepared by SRF Consulting, and a brief overview of themes captured so far by public engagement. The online surveys closed at the



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end of January, and more focus groups are planned to wrap up the public engagement portion of MTP development.

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

Bob Gollnik shared the Safe Streets and Roads for All – Comprehensive Safety Action Planning Grant request for proposals was released in mid-February with a March 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. LAPC has assembled its review board to score proposals. The grant agreement for this program has not been finalized yet as the federal funding situation continues to unfold.

Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study not yet released as LAPC is awaiting approval from the Wisconsin DOT for a multi-year contract.

#### **FEDERAL FUNDING AND COUNTY SERVICES (JANE KLEKAMP, LA CROSSE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)**

Jane Klekamp provided a brief overview of how federal funding uncertainty will impact County services, LAPC services, and the communities. Erin Duffer shared the Association of MPOs (AMPO) created a webpage with advocacy resources and information. The Policy Board would like a presentation of this information at the next Policy Board meeting.

#### **2024 FEDERAL OBLIGATED PROJECTS LIST UPDATE**

Erin Duffer shared the table summarizing the 2024 dispersed federal obligations for project included the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). No action required for this item.

#### **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.

#### **RECOGNITION OF LAPC SERVICE: MAYOR MITCH REYNOLDS AND PAULA SILHA**

LAPC staff recognized the efforts of Mayor of La Crosse, Mitch Reynolds, and Paula Silha of the La Crosse County Health Department and member of the TAC and CTAT and thanked them for their contributions.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- MTP Update
- TIP Amendment
- RFP Updates
- MPO Advocacy Toolkit Presentation

#### **MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS**

No updates or requests from the Policy Board at this time.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Scott Schumacher/Stam Hauser to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Erin Duffer