



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 July 15, 2026 Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Tim Candahl, Tina Tryggstad, Scott Schumacher, Paula Przywojski, Kim Smith, Bob Stupi
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Dan Kapanke
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jane Klekamp, Bob Gollnik, Travis Key, Michael Miller, Michelle Howe, Michael Richardson, Francis Schelfhout

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick Barlow called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 20, 2026, LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Bob Stupi/Scott Schumacher to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Dan Kapanke).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDING THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) LIST (2025-2028) – Resolution 8-2026

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) approved the 2025-2028 TIP on November 20, 2024. Since the last TIP amendment, two (2) existing projects had changes to funding, state project IDs, and/or construction schedules.

MOTION by Paula Przywojski/Bob Stupi to approve amending the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List. **Motion carried; four excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Dan Kapanke).

SPECIAL OCTOBER MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2026 AT 4:30 PM

Bob Gollnik shared an update about changes to WisDOT TIP adoption deadlines and how this October meeting will allow LAPC to adopt the TIP in time to meet the new deadline.

Virtual is likely for this meeting to be flexible.

Noted to the Board that the date on the distributed agenda was incorrect and the actual proposed date for this special meeting is October 21, 2026.

MOTION by Tim Candahl/Scott Schumacher to approve a special October meeting of the Policy Board on October 21, 2026 at 4:30 PM. **Motion carried; four excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Dan Kapanke).

2027 POLICY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – EVEN MONTHS

As noted in the previous agenda item. WisDOT timelines have changed, and to avoid an annual special October meeting, LAPC staff is proposing to move Policy Board meetings to even months instead of the odd months as it is now.

If approved, LAPC staff will draft a bylaw amendment to be approved at the next Policy Board meeting.



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MOTION by Bob Stupi/Scott Schumacher to approve LAPC staff drafting a bylaw amendment to change the LAPC Policy Board meeting schedule to even months. **Motion carried; four excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Dan Kapanke).

AMERICORPS COMMUNITY CORPS HOST SITE

Bob shared some context about the Mobility Manager role as a recommendation in several area plans and the opportunity the AmeriCorps program provides to create this position.

This position will be a part-time (18 hours/week) and be active for one year.

Bob Gollnik described the desired function of a Mobility Manager and the deadline to select a candidate.

The cost to LAPC will be approximately \$2,000 – \$4,000 as a cost share agreement for the AmeriCorps program.

MOTION by Tina Tryggstad/Paula Przywojski to approve LAPC hosting an AmeriCorps Community Corps position for the Mobility Manager role. **Motion carried; four excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Dan Kapanke).

WISDOT MAJORS UPDATE – Michelle Howe, PE, Majors Supervisor/Matt Messina

Michael Miller, Michelle Howe, and Michael Richardson presented an update on the status of the US Highway 53, 35, and 16 Majors projects. Up-to-date information on the Majors projects can be found [here](#).

Another public involvement meeting is to be held later this year.

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (SS4A) UPDATE

Travis Key shared an update on the SS4A planning grant project. The Task Force provided feedback on the three (3) selected concept designs and Bolton & Menk will soon share draft copies of the final Safety Action Plan to the Project Management Team for review.

TRANSIT UPDATE: RTA FEASIBILITY STUDY, REGIONAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Travis Key shared an update on the implementation of the RTA Feasibility Study. LAPC, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Chapter of the Sierra Club, will be hosting a regional roundtable discussion on RTA legislation as part of a larger state-wide discussion.

Travis Key shared that the Transit Development Plan's public survey is open through the end of July, and after comments have been compiled, draft recommendations will be developed and shared with local transit agencies for feedback.

FRA RCE – RAIL CROSSING ELIMINATION (RCE) UPDATE: Brice Prairie/Town of Onalaska, La Crescent

Bob Gollnik shared that the Brice Prairie RCE project is well underway with the Project Management Plan being drafted by SRF to be reviewed by LAPC and FRA staff shortly.

La Crescent's RCE grant has interviewed and selected their consultant for the project and will be similarly kicking off their project.

DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORT (ATTACHED)/SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

Bob Gollnik reiterated that a special Policy Board meeting will need to be held in October to accommodate a new TIP adoption timeline.

2027 BUDGET OVERVIEW AND SUMMARY

Bob Gollnik notified Policy Board members that dues letters have been sent out.

MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS



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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Scott Schumacher/Paula Przywojski to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mike Poellinger, Steve Elsen, Dan Kapanke).

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

Recorded by Travis Key