



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 16, 2025
Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

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

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 21, 2025, LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Tina Tryggestad to approve the minutes of the March 19, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 21, 2025, LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Tina Tryggestad to approve the minutes of the June 17, La Crosse Area Planning Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF LAPC BYLAW AMENDMENT: ARTICLE IV OFFICERS – RESOLUTION 4-2025

Bob Gollnik gives background and context to the amendment regarding election cycles of member communities and how an annual election for LAPC Policy Board Chair and Vice-Chair better aligns. **Mike Poellinger moves, Tina Tryggestad seconds. Motion carried unanimously.**

NOMINATION OF LAPC CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Tina Tryggestad moves to nominate Patrick Barlow as Chair of the LAPC Policy Board, Mike Poellinger seconds. All in favor.

Duties of the Vice Chair described and desired changes to role given before the nomination. Changes include a desire for the Vice Chair to be more closely involved in matters regarding the Policy Board, more similar to Chair duties.

Tim Candahl nominates Mike Poellinger for Vice Chair. Tina Tryggestad seconds. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF UPDATES RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL – RESOLUTION 5-2025

Francis Schelfhout gives context for the amendment: The U.S. Bike Route application requires inter-state connections to be outlined explicitly within the adopted language. Outlining these inter-state connections are the only changes besides small routing changes on to the 2nd Street cycle track in La Crosse.

Signage for the U.S. Bike Route, once established, will be pursued. The deadline for the U.S. Bike Route application is in October.



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Mike Poellinger motions to approve. Shaundel Washington-Spivey seconds. All in favor.

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RESOLUTION 6-2025

Three new projects are added into the TIP including:

- Mormon Coulee Road & Birch Street intersection – System Preservation
- City of La Crescent Safe Routes to School – 8 New walking and biking structures
- I-90 Bridge resurfacing – Bridge Rehabilitation

Mike Poellinger motions to approve. Shaundel Washington-Spivey seconds. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2029 MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) LIST – RESOLUTION 7-2025

Erin Duffer reminds the Policy Board that the Minnesota TIP list is approved on a different cycle than Wisconsin. This is not an amendment, but a new TIP list for Minnesota projects.

Mike Poellinger motions to approve. Tim Candahl seconds. All in favor.

Patrick Barlow asks for unanimous support to move item 11 on the agenda above item 10 to accommodate Tina Tryggstad's schedule. **All in favor.**

EVALUATE E-TIP OPPORTUNITY AND FUNDING (HANDOUT)

Bob Gollnik gives overview of the history of maintaining the TIP list and discussions surrounding E-TIP in Wisconsin. Highlights include:

- Efficiency in TIP amendment process and freeing up staff time.
- Cost to LAPC ~21 thousand annual fee.
- Other MPOs have good things to say about this E-TIP system.

Erin Duffer adds more information about the supplying company, EcoInteractive and their experience working with other Bi-State MPOs.

Francis Schelfhout adds that it would be a huge time-save.

Mike Poellinger asks for who in Minnesota that EcoInteractive works with. Erin Duffer answers that EcoInteractive works with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Tina Tryggstad asks if the whole cost would come from LAPC reserve funds. Bob Gollnik answers that 2025 funds would come from reserve but that future years EcoInteractive charges would be part of the operating budget.

Shaundel Washington-Spivey motions to approve the purchase of EcoInteractive software and services. Tina Tryggstad seconds. All in favor.

DISCUSS MTP UPDATE STRATEGIC GOALS AND 2026 UPWP PRIORITIES (HANDOUT)

Bob Gollnik explains the hierarchy of goals, objectives, and action items from the MTP. Bob Gollnik continues by giving justifications for each of the strategic goals.

Erin Duffer gives a summary of Public Engagement activities and how it informed our goals and objectives.

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.

MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS

Members of the Policy Board were asked to share any local updates or request.



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Tim Candahl asks about the possibility of a 'regionalization of services' study. Emphasizing the rising costs of services that the Town of Shelby is required to provide like fire, police, etc. Additionally, there is a duplication of services that are not justified by the actual need of those services.

Mike Poellinger mentions that there was a study that was related to what Tim Candahl is asking for- Conducted by the Regional Committee of Fire Providers and Operators. This was previously a County led effort.

Bob Gollnik says that LAPC can try to find the old report and identify progress made by that committee.

Bob Stupi mentions that they received the environmental review for their bike trail and that the BFR has been submitted. Construction is set for next Spring. County Highway H RFP is currently out to construct that bike trail.

Shaundel Washington-Spivey adds on to the discussion regarding regionalization. Maybe it would be a good idea to expand the discussion of regionalization of services to include other services beyond fire and police.

Jane Klekamp adds that the Emergency Services Committee started meeting again after a hiatus.

Patrick Barlow announces that the McDonalds in Holmen opens the following day, July 17.

Erin Duffer adds that TAP solicitation and STP-U ranking will be taking place later this fall.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 17, at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Shaudel Washington-Spivey to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Recorded by Travis Key