



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

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

**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 JULY 16, 2025, LAPC MEETING**

**MOTION** by Tina Tryggestad/Scott Schumacher to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused** (Kim Smith, Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Dan Kapanke, Paula Przywojski).

**APPROVAL OF THE 2026 LAPC UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (SUMMARY HANDOUT) (RESOLUTION 12-2025)**

The LAPC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) presents work activities that LAPC will undertake as the dedicated MPO for the La Crosse, Wisconsin, and La Crescent, Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Area. The UPWP is developed with the input and cooperation of the local municipalities, agencies, transit providers, and the public through the LAPC Policy Board, technical committees, and public participation process. Input is also sought from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Authority (FTA) and Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation (MnDOT and WisDOT). The UPWP is developed to be consistent with the guidance provided in the WisDOT UPWP Handbook.

Handout was distributed to Policy Board Members. This includes key correction made by to the Draft UPWP’s funding table. Upon discussion with WisDOT, the SATO funds previously presented in the draft have been reduced and funds dedicated to consultant contracts are to be transferred to staff time.

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Steve Elsen to approve the 2026 LAPC Unified Planning Work Program. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused** (Kim Smith, Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Dan Kapanke, Paula Przywojski).

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND ADDING ILLUSTRATIVE YEAR 2029 (2025-2029) (RESOLUTION 13-25)**

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) was created through an Inter-municipal Agreement approved by all local units of government located within the La Crosse urbanized area as the urban planning body responsible for performing urban transportation planning. The amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP table and document include the addition of the 2029 Illustrative Project year and changes to funding, state project ID, and/or construction schedules to one (1) State of Wisconsin project (243-19-035).



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**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Bob Stupi to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused** (Kim Smith, Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Dan Kapanke, Paula Przywojski).

**APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2031 STP-URBAN APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW OF RANKINGS**

The STP-Urban program is for transportation projects within the urbanized area, funded through an allocation from WisDOT. This STP-Urban cycle, LAPC is allocated a higher-than-normal estimated amount than in previous program cycles, with \$6,705,342. This allocation is provided for planning purposes and subject to change, in which case the applicants will reconvene with LAPC and WisDOT staff to determine how projects are awarded.

The following STP-U projects and funding allocations were recommended by LAPC Technical Advisory Committee:

Applications	Federal Funding Request	Local Share of Participating Cost	Total Participating Project Cost
La Crosse County – CTH B (STH 16 to Sablewood Dr)	\$1,776,320 (80%)	\$444,080 (20%)	\$2,220,401
La Crosse County - CTH HD (1500' N CTH MH to 350' N of Newport)	\$1,748,708 (80%)	\$437,177 (20%)	\$2,185,886
City of Onalaska - East Ave (Spruce St to Riders Club Rd)	\$2,706,668 (80%)	\$676,667 (20%)	\$3,383,335
La Crosse County - CTH OT (STH 35 to CTH XX)	\$472,863.0 (48.9%)	\$494,137.0 (51.1%)	\$967,000
<i>Total Federal Requests with recommended adjustment</i>	<i>\$6,704,559</i>		

A question was raised about why the CTH OT project was selected for a reduced match instead of others. It was shared that it was one of multiple applications submitted by the county, and the determination was made in coordination with the applicant.

Kim Smith joined the meeting during this item.

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Bob Stupi to approve the TAC’s recommended STP-U project ranking and funding allocation percentages, as attached. **Motion carried unanimously; three excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Dan Kapanke, Paula Przywojski).

**APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2030 WISCONSIN TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW OF RANKINGS**

The Transportation Alternatives Program is a statewide discretionary grant program for projects that will improve active transportation such as biking or walking. Program applicants apply to WisDOT and have their projects ranked by the Committee on Transit and Active Transportation (CTAT) based on scoring criteria developed by CTAT. The rankings are submitted to WisDOT and help inform WisDOT’s own ranking of projects against other TAP applications across the state. Awards are expected to be announced in April 2026.

The CTAT rankings are as follows:

1. City of La Crosse – Ranger Drive Active Transportation Enhancements
2. City of Onalaska – State Highway 16 Trail
3. Town of Holland – County Road MH Trail, Phase 2
4. City of La Crosse – King Street Greenway Extension
5. La Crosse County Health Department – Safe Routes to School Program, Non-Infrastructure

**MOTION** by Tina Tryggestad/Bob Stupi to approve the CTAT’s recommended rankings of the Wisconsin TAP applications in the planning area. **Motion carried unanimously; three excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Dan Kapanke, Paula Przywojski).



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### **PROJECT UPDATES: SS4A, RTA, RCE (LA CRESCENT, TOWN OF ONALASKA), ETIP INTEGRATION**

Bob Gollnik gives an overview of progress made on the SS4A Safety Action Plan including the first Task Force meeting last week, preliminary development of the High Injury Network, and initial analysis of 10 years' worth of crash data.

Mike Poellinger remarks that the largest proportion of pedestrians in our region are college students, and that reaching those people are very important.

Bob Gollnik gives an update on the Rail Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant. LAPC received notification that the project was about to be let awaiting a couple of signatures but has now been placed back into review. RCE still on hold.

Erin Duffer gives an update on the RTA Feasibility Study. Funding mechanisms are currently being explored and SRF will be working to tie funding mechanisms to service scenarios in the coming weeks. This project is set to wrap up by May 2026.

ETIP Update. LAPC staff have been meeting with EcoInteractive staff on a weekly basis to implement the ETIP software and configure the workflow to fit LAPC's TIP structure.

### **2026 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS UPDATE**

Erin Duffer provided an update on Safety Performance Measures and Targets. LAPC has until February 2026 to adopt these state targets or set our own. Neither Minnesota nor Wisconsin achieved their 2025 safety targets. Minnesota is maintaining the previous year's targets through 2026, and Wisconsin is re-adjusting their targets to be higher than 2025's to reflect a 2% increase from the new baseline.

Bob Stupi asked what LAPC does with the safety targets or what happens if they aren't met.

Patrick Barlow remarks that it would be interesting to get ahead of the state in terms of targeting safety improvements that are more aggressive than the state.

Patrick Barlow asks the Policy Board if there was interest to pursue adopting our own targets. Mike Poellinger adds that there is a lot of work already being done with the Safety Action Plan, and that targets may be better set after the plan's conclusion. Safety performance target adoptions will be on the January Policy Board agenda.

### **DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORT**

Staff report was attached to the agenda and reviewed by the Policy Board. Regarding SMRT Bus, Bob Gollnik reiterated the role of LAPC in supporting La Crosse County's efforts with advisory services and information gathering. Jane Klekamp mentioned she will be coordinating with the County Board of Supervisors to get direction for SMRT in 2026.

### **MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS**

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

### **NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Scott Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously; three excused** (Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Dan Kapanke, Paula Przywojski).

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

Recorded by Travis Key