



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

*Metropolitan Planning Organization
Serving the La Crosse/La Crescent Urbanized Area*

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La Crosse County Administrative Center
212 6th Street North ☎ Room 2300 ☎ La Crosse, WI 54601
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LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD:	LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING:	WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023
MEETING PLACE:	ROOM 1107 ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER 212 6TH STREET N, LA CROSSE, WI 54601 THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON WITH THE OPTION TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS – SEE MEETING ACCESS/ MONITORING INSTRUCTIONS DETAILED BELOW
TIME OF MEETING:	4:30 P.M.
PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Bi-Monthly Meeting
1.	Call to Order and Roll Call
2.	Public comment (5 minutes time limit per comment)
3.	Approval of minutes of the January 18, 2023 LAPC meeting
4.	Approve amending the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program - <i>Resolution 3-2023</i>
5.	Approve Minnesota Department of Transportation Carbon Reduction Program project application – La Crescent
6.	Introduction of La Crosse County Planning and Economic Development Staff
7.	MPO Urbanized Area Update
8.	MPO Staffing Discussion
9.	2024 Member Dues
10.	Other Business
11.	Future Agenda Items -Election of Officers -TIP amendment -MPO staffing discussion
12.	Next Regular Meeting of LAPC: Wednesday, May 17, 2023
13.	Adjourn

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DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator
Corporation Counsel
County Clerk
Facilities

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Linda Seidel, Chair
Patrick Barlow, Vice Chair
Monica Kruse
Mitch Reynolds/Barb Janssen
Scott Schumacher
Mike Poellinger
Tim Candahl
Stan Hauser/Jerry Monti
Joshua Johnson
Kim Smith
Bob Stupi

MEMBERS: If unable to attend, please contact Peter Fletcher, MPO Director at 608-785-5977.

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DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/POSTED: March 7, 2023

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**LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2023
Held in person and via Microsoft Teams**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Linda Seidel, Mike Poellinger, Stan Hauser, Bob Stupi, Josh Johnson, Mitch Reynolds, Monica Kruse, Tim Candahl, Kim Smith, Scott Schumacher
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Erin Klar (Recorder), Francis Schelfhout, Jane Klekamp, Paula Silha, John Bingol

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Seidel 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 November 16, 2022 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE AMENDING THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 1-2023)

The U. S. Department of Transportation regulations require the development and approval of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2023-2026 TIP on November 16, 2022. Since adoption of the TIP, three (3) projects have been added to the TIP project list: CTH FO, CTH F - CTH OA (Construct Wider Paved Shoulders), Highway Safety Project, Design Anticipated in 2023, with Construction Anticipated in 2025; Two (2) Clean Diesel Buses, City of La Crosse, Public Transportation, Obligation Anticipated in 2023; Four (4) Transit Vans, City of Onalaska, OHWS Public Transit, Obligation Anticipated in 2023. **MOTION** by Reynolds/Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADOPTING WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2 (PAVEMENT/BRIDGE CONDITION) AND PERFORMANCE MEASURE 3 (TRAVEL TIME RELIABILITY) (RESOLUTION 2-2023)

The U.S. Department of Transportation under 23 CFR Part 490 established performance measures for the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) to include four (4) performance measures for pavement condition, two (2) for bridge condition, and three (3) for travel time reliability. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has established statewide 2-year 2023 and 4-year 2025 targets for each of the measures in accordance with 23 CFR 490.105. WisDOT has established statewide two- and four-year targets for NHPP performance measures for the performance period, 2022-2025. Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must every four (4) years establish targets for each of the NHPP



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performance measures by either agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of the State's NHPP targets or commit to their own quantifiable NHPP targets for the metropolitan planning area. **MOTION** by Kruse/Barlow to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION – LA CRESCENT

The city OF La Crescent is proposing a project to install 3 electric vehicle chargers with the VW settlement funds administered by the MNPCC. We would install a L3 DC Fast Charger and two L2 EV chargers. The MNPCC has contracted with ZEF energy as the project manager for the installation of these chargers. The total project cost is \$121,000. We are requesting \$12,000 in funds from the Carbon Reduction Program. The EV chargers will be located in the city owned parking lot at 339 1st Street South. The project is planned for installation in spring of 2023. Discussion ensued. **MOTION** by Barlow/Candahl to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Update on 2020 census – changes to urban area. Population being reduced by approximately 2,000. Land area reduced by 9 square miles. Maps should be released in the next month or so.
- The Army Corp of Engineers Waterborne Commerce Statistic Center has approved Northern Grainbelt Port Statistical Area application to be federally recognized as a Port Statistical Area. The eleven county area is now recognized at the federal level as a port. Everything that goes through the area will be reported/compiled at the federal level.
- Transit Equity Days – January 30 to February 4th. MTU, SMRT and Onalaska shared ride are all working together on promotions and events.
- MPO position has been posted. Funding available in March for the position.

OTHER BUSINESS - none noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- TIP Amendment
- MPO staffing discussion – assisting the membership with grant writing.
- Election of officers

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Poellinger/Candahl to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar

La Crosse Area Planning Committee

RESOLUTION 3 – 2023

AMENDING THE

2023 - 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the La Crosse / La Crescent Planning Area

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation regulations require the development and approval of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2023-2026 TIP on November 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, five (5) projects have been added to the TIP project list:

- 243-23-015 La Crosse County: CTH O, CTH OA - CTH M, Bridge Replacement of B-32-020. Design Anticipated in 2023. Construction not Currently Scheduled/Obligated
- 243-23-016 Town of Shelby: Safe Public Rail Access (EFL App# WI 98), New access road, parking lot and railroad crossing signals to Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge (0.1 miles north of B-32-0163 on WIS 35) USF&W providing match funding
- 243-23-017 Aptiv, Inc.: One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties
- 243-23-018 Center for Independent Living: Call Center, Mobility Management and Operating Assistance. Serves La Crosse County and 41 Other Wisconsin Counties
- 243-23-019 Tri-State Ambulance: One (1) Rear-Entry Minivan. Vehicle Replacement. Serves Vernon and La Crosse Counties

And,

WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, one other project (243-22-026) has had its state ID, project description, project type, and local share modified; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, the Policy Board adopted the WisDOT targets for pavement and bridge condition (PM2) and travel time performance (PM3) and hereby agrees to plan and program projects that support those targets; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee must amend the adopted targets into the TIP document; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee, hereby, approves an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP document and table as reflected in the attachment.

LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Linda Seidel, Chair

Peter Fletcher, Executive Director

Dated: March 15, 2023

Highway and Bridge Condition and Performance

State Targets

Table 9 lists the federal performance measures for the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and the targets established by the Wisconsin and Minnesota DOTs. MnDOT's 2- and 4-year targets for 2022-2025 have been approved by the LAPC and are included in the table.

TABLE 9: WISDOT & MNDOT NATIONAL HIGHWAY PERFORMANCE PROGRAM TARGETS (2022-2025)

Performance Measure	2-yr target (2023)		4-yr target (2025)	
	WisDOT	MnDOT	WisDOT	MnDOT
<i>Pavement Condition</i>				
Interstate – Percentage pavements in “Good” condition	>60.0%	60%	>60.0%	60%
Interstate – Percentage pavements in “Poor” condition	<4.0%	2%	<4.0%	2%
Non-Interstate NHS ¹ – Percentage pavements in “Good” condition	>30.0%	55%	>30.0%	55%
Non-Interstate NHS – Percentage pavements in “Poor” condition	<10.0%	2%	<10.0%	2%
<i>Bridge Condition</i>				
Percentage of NHS bridges by deck area in “Good” condition	>49.0%	30%	>48.0%	35%
Percentage of NHS bridges by deck area in “Poor” condition	<3.0%	5%	<3.0%	5%
<i>Travel Time Reliability</i>				
Interstate – Percent of person-miles traveled that are reliable	92.5%	82.0%	93.0%	82.0%
Non-Interstate NHS – Percent of person-miles traveled that are reliable	91.0%	90.0%	89.5%	90.0%
Interstate – Truck travel time reliability index	1.30	1.4	1.30	1.40

¹ National Highway System.

Sources: Wisconsin and Minnesota Departments of Transportation.

The LAPC has committed to plan and program projects that support the states in achieving their targets.

Performance Monitoring

Table 10 reports the pavement and bridge condition and travel time reliability for the Minnesota and Wisconsin portions of the planning area.

Over 77% of Wisconsin and 76% of Minnesota Interstate pavements in the planning area are rated “good.” None of the Interstate pavement in the planning area is rated “poor.”

The percentage of pavements on the non-Interstate National Highway System (NHS) in the Minnesota and Wisconsin portions of the planning area that is rated “good” is 64.5% and 29.5%, respectively. None of the non-Interstate NHS pavement in the Minnesota portion of the planning area is rated “poor,” while 6.7% of the Wisconsin non-Interstate NHS pavement is rated “poor.”

Of the deck area of NHS bridges, 54.7% in the Minnesota portion and 37.4% in the Wisconsin portion of the planning area is rated “good.” None of the Minnesota bridges is rated “poor” and only 0.4% of the Wisconsin deck area is rated “poor.”

Travel time reliability in the Wisconsin portion of the planning area as calculated by the Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory is 100% for the Interstate, 92.0% for the non-Interstate NHS, and 1.11 for the Interstate truck travel time reliability index. MnDOT calculated the measures for the Minnesota

2023 - 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Project List

March 15, 2023 Draft

Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp-Type	2023 (x\$1000)				2024 (x\$1000)				2025 (x\$1000)				2026 (x\$1000)				Source of Funds				
						Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed		WI	MN	Local / Other	Total
						2023				2024				2025				2026								
MINNESOTA PROJECTS																										
243-09-015	TRF-0780-23, 24, 25, 26	City of La Crosse	SECT 5307: City of La Crosse Transit Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																					
					CA	78.1			312.5	390.7	78.1			312.5	390.7	78.1			312.5	390.7	78.1					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL	78.1			312.5	390.7	78.1			312.5	390.7	78.1			312.5	390.7	78.1					
WISCONSIN TRANSIT PROJECTS																										
					PE																					
243-03-037		La Crosse County	MiniBus, Volunteer Driver	Transit	CA		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6						
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6						
243-03-039		City of LaCrosse	MTU Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																					
					CA	2,556.7	1,459.2		1,668.8	5,684.7	2,556.7	1,459.2		1,668.8	5,684.7	2,556.7	1,459.2		1,668.8	5,684.7						
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL	2,556.7	1,459.2		1,668.8	5,684.7	2,556.7	1,459.2		1,668.8	5,684.7	2,556.7	1,459.2		1,668.8	5,684.7						
243-23-012		City of LaCrosse	Two (2) Hybrid Replacement Buses	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT	1,260.0			320.0	1,600.0																
					TOTAL	1,260.0			320.0	1,600.0																
243-21-001		City of La Crosse	Two (2) Replacement Fixed-Route Low-Floor Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses. (The Local Share will be paid over 10 years through shared revenue reduction.)	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-19-019		City of La Crosse	MTU Low or No-Emission 2 Electric Buses, 2 Charging Stations, Infrastructure on Electric Grid, funds obligated in 2019; capital will be acquired in 2021 due to delays created by COVID-19	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-23-013		City of La Crosse	Two (2) Clean Diesel Buses, City of La Crosse, Public Transportation, Obligation Anticipated in 2023	Transit	PE																					
					CA	884.6			221.1	1,105.7																
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL	884.6			221.1	1,105.7																
243-22-012		Coudecap	Vehicle Loans, Operating Assistance (WETAP), Crawford, La Crosse, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-22-013		Vernon County	Mobility Management, Volunteer Driver Program and Vernon County Mini Bus. Serves locations in La Crosse Area	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-22-014		Vernon Area Rehabilitation Center	One (1) medium-large bus replacement vehicle.	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-22-015		Apex, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-23-017		Apex, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE																					
					CA	81.3			15.3	76.8																
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL	81.3			15.3	76.8																
243-22-016		Monroe County	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-23-018		Center for Independent Living	Call Center, Mobility Management and Operating Assistance. Serves La Crosse County and 41 Other Wisconsin Counties	Transit	PE																					
					CA	400.2			400.2	800.4																
					CAPT	105.8			26.4	132.2																
					TOTAL	506.0			426.7	932.7																
243-23-019		Tri-State Ambulance	One (1) Rear-Entry Minivan. Vehicle Replacement. Serves Vernon and La Crosse Counties	Transit	PE																					
					CA	53.3			13.3	66.6																
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL	53.3			13.3	66.6																
243-20-013		La Crosse County	Two battery electric outway buses and associated infrastructure equipment for Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit (SMRT) service	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-20-026		City of La Crosse	Two (2) Standard 35-Ft Bus Replacements, Obligation in 2022.	Transit	PE																					
					CA																					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL																					
243-23-014		City of Onalaska	Four (4) Transit Vans, City of Onalaska, OHWS Public Transit, Obligation Anticipated in 2023	Transit	PE																					
					CA	169.7			42.4	212.1																
					CAPT				36.4	74.4																
					TOTAL	169.7			78.8	286.5																
243-13-013		La Crosse County	Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit (SMRT) La Crosse, Crawford, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE																					
					CA	237.5	60.0		177.5	475.0																
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL	237.5	60.0		177.5	475.0																
243-03-043	11.12.15 11.03.02	City of Onalaska	Onalaska / Holmen / West Salem Public Transit. Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																					
					CA	386.7	266.1		234.4	887.2	386.7	266.1		234.4	887.2	386.7	266.1		234.4	887.2	386.7					
					CAPT																					
					TOTAL	386.7	266.1		234.4	887.2	386.7	266.1		234.4	887.2	386.7	266.1		234.4	887.2	386.7					

TO: Peter Fletcher Executive Director LAPC
FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: February 22nd, 2023
RE: Carbon Reduction Program Narrative - EV

The City of La Crescent proposes to replace a current police cruiser using Carbon Reduction Program funds. The City is proposing to replace a current police cruiser with a fully electric powered police cruiser. The existing police cruiser is used approximately 365 days a year and travels on average 50 miles per day with a gas mileage of 17 mpg, thereby utilizing 1,060 gallons of gas a year. The vehicle is used for patrol at all hours of the day. Gas savings do not consider idle time that will be saved. Utilizing the La Crescent fleet study, completed by Sawatch Labs, replacing the existing police cruiser with a fully electric powered police cruiser would result in a 93% GHG emission reduction.

The city will install electric vehicle charging infrastructure at City Hall for charging the electric vehicle. This charging infrastructure will be funded using city funds. The city will use the \$12,000 CRP allocation and match that with \$2,400 from city funds for 2023. The city intends on using future CRP funds (2024-2026) for similar purposes.

The vehicle will be purchased via a lease as soon as the project funding agreement is approved. The city intends to purchase the vehicle at the end of the lease term. Usage of this proposed electric vehicle would provide the City data to demonstrate how future electric vehicle purchases would benefit the city.