



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2024 Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Stan Hauser, Tina Tryggestad, Kim Smith, Bob Stupi, Steve Elsen, Mike Poellinger, Dan Kapanke, Mitch Reynolds
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Tim Candahl, Scott Schumacher
OTHERS PRESENT:	Erin Klar (Recorder), Francis Schelfout, Kathleen Stewart

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 MARCH 20, 2024 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Smith to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Candahl, Schumacher).**

APPROVAL OF SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF LAPC'S METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA (MPA) – RESOLUTION 3-2024

The Mississippi River Trail is located primarily on the Wisconsin All-American Great River Road National Scenic Byway (WIS 35) between Prescott and Illinois State Line, but also routed on other state and county highways, local roads or alternative routes for bicycling. The Wisconsin Mississippi River Parkway Commission and La Crosse County, with the cooperation of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and other stakeholders, have proposed a specific route to be designated as Mississippi River Trail. We have investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area.

MOTION by Poellinger/Reynolds to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Candahl, Schumacher).**

APPROVAL OF 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 4-2024

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2024-2027 TIP on November 15, 2023. Since adoption of the TIP, six projects have been added to the TIP projects list: 243-24-016 Town of Shelby, US 14/61 from Fireclay Ct to STH 35, Sidewalk Extension, Design See TIP #243-14-026, Construction Anticipated in 2024; 243-24-017 Village of West Salem, East Ave/West



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Franklin St, Pedestrian Improvements, Design/Construction Not Currently Scheduled or Obligated; 243-24-018 Village of West Salem, Leonard Street, (Soo Line RR Xing 390920B), Railroad Warning Device, Construction in 2024; 243-24-019 Village of West Salem, Mill Street, (Soo Line RR Xing 390917T), Railroad Warning Device, Construction in 2024; 243-24-020 Village of West Salem, CTH b/Oak Avenue, (Soo Line RR Xing 390921H), Railroad Warning Device, Construction in 2024; 243-24-021 Town of Hamilton, Linse Road, (Soo Line RR Xing 390914X), Railroad Warning Device, Construction in 2024.

MOTION by Smith/Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Candahl, Schumacher).**

WISDOT TAP REDISTRIBUTION SUBMITTALS

The funds are available to projects already in our TIP.

- Town of Shelby/City of La Crosse – 14/61 Sidewalk Improvements.
- Village of West Salem – Crosswalk Improvements
- City of La Crosse DriftBike Stations

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN SURVEY AND OUTREACH

Survey will be sent out in June. (Include draft of the survey). Intended to be sent out to all constituents to get feedback. Will send out to Towns and Villages, universities, high schools and other stakeholders.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RECRUITING A THIRD FTE TO LAPC STAFF IN CY 2024

Would like to hire a third FTE in the next month or so. Looking at about \$40,000 for the rest of the year, and then would like to roll them into the next year. We have the budget to cover that position. Position would work on grants and also be a planner to help with projects. Looking for a motion this month and a resolution will be brought next month. **MOTION** by Reynolds/Poellinger to approve hiring a third FTE person. **Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Candahl, Schumacher).**

DISCUSS AND APPROVE INTERIM JUNE POLICY BOARD MEETING (HYBRID OPTION)

Will be a hybrid meeting to include the DriftShare Bikes in the TIP. Would hope to have the meeting in late June. **MOTION** by Poellinger/Reynolds for a special meeting in June. **Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Candahl, Schumacher).**

DIRECTORS REPORT

- **Borealis Service** – Inaugural event will be held Tuesday, May 21st.
- **SS4A Submittal** – Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for our region will be completed, will be sent out to a consultant. Will work with City of La Crosse, start date Spring 2025.
- **MNDOT State Rail Plan TAC/PAC** – Meetings are happening.
- **Harbor Commission and Northern Grain Belt Ports** – Federal funding streams are available. Working on projects to pursue.
- **Update on Dues Letters** – Letters went out on Friday.
- **Miovision Update** – Equipment is available for use.
- **Rail Safety Week/Operation Lifesaver Event** – Will be happening in schools and libraries in September 2024.



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STAFF REPORT

- **APA National Conference** – Opportunity to network with planners across the country. Focus on health equity and sustainability.
- **Performance Measures and Analysis** – Looking for better ways to keep tabs on the safety measures and greenhouse gas measures. Lawsuit no longer requires us to have this has a performance target. MN did submit their targets.
- **MPO Administration** (i.e., TIP, MTP, technical assistance, etc.) – Working on reporting to local communities.
- **Carbon Reduction Program** – application due June 30th. 1.3 million available between 2025 and 2028. This board will have to rank the projects.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- STP Updates
- MTP Update
- TIP Document Amendment

MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS– no updates.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar