



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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Stan Hauser, Tina Tryggestad, Steve Elsen, Mike Poellinger, Scott Schumacher, Dan Kapanke, Bob Stupi, Kim Smith
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Tim Candahl, Mitch Reynolds
OTHERS PRESENT:	Erin Klar (Recorder), Jane Klekamp, Paula Silha, Jono Cowgill

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 17, 2024 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Candahl, Reynolds).**

SRF INTRODUCTION – MTP OUTREACH AND ENAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Jono Cowgill, project manager for SRF Consulting presented on the outreach work they are doing for the MPO. Tasks are Administration, Public Engagement Strategy and Survey, Public Engagement Activities and Additional Items (communications, promotions and stakeholder interviews). Project timeline was laid out. Discussion ensued regarding what the MPO thinks is valuable to this plan.

REVIEW DRAFT OF LAPC 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Plan was submitted to WisDOT for review. Budget shifts were made for travel, conferences and training. Most things have stayed the same, will continue to be aggressive in seeking funds for communities. Plan will be approved at next meeting.

CTAT OBJECTIVES AND REGIONAL TRANSIT COORDINATION

LAPC staff is interested in pursuing a more structured and strategic approach for the Committee for Transit and Active Transportation (CTAT). Historically, the CTAT has contributed to a range of activities, including transit planning, bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, and administrative tasks such as ranking Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant applications. While these efforts have been valuable, we believe that CTAT's potential can be significantly expanded. Moving forward, we propose that CTAT takes on a more proactive role in shaping policy, spearheading advocacy efforts, and leveraging the diverse expertise of both current and potential committee members. By doing so, CTAT can become a driving force in advancing regional transit and active transportation initiatives

MOTION by Poellinger/Elsen to adopt recommendation to the CTAT. **Motion carried unanimously; two excused (Candahl, Reynolds).**



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RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDEDING THE 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 8-2024

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2024-2027 TIP on November 15, 2023. Since the adoption of the TIP eleven projects have been added.

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

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE MN 2025-2028 TIP LIST – RESOLUTION 9-24

Federal regulations require a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning and programming process for TIP/STIP coordination. The schedules for the adoption of the District 6 ATIP and Minnesota STIP recommend that the LAPC approve the Minnesota projects list by July 31. The LAPC approves the Minnesota project list for the 2025-2028 La Crosse and La Crescent Metropolitan Area Transportation Improvement Program as constituting the final Minnesota TIP, consistent with the District 6 ATIP and Minnesota STIP;

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

DIRECTORS REPORT

- **Safe Streets 4 all** – awarded \$350,000. Will work with City of La Crosse to roll out that plan in May.
- **Mid-American Freight Coalition Conference**
- **Borealis Business Roundtable**
- **Rail Safety Week/Operation Lifesaver Event** – Events are happening in September.

STAFF REPORT

- **WisDOT TAP and STP-U awards** – 5 new DriftShare bike stations approved and Town of Shelby sidewalk project.
- **Carbon Reduction Program**
- **Week Without Driving Update** – September 30 to October 6th. Events throughout the City. Encouraged to go car free.
- **MPO Administration (TIP, MIP, technical assistance, etc.)** -

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- MTP Update
- TIP Document Amendment

MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS– no updates.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Poellinger/Stupi to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar