



**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 20, 2024**  
**Held in person and via Microsoft Teams**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patrick Barlow, Tina Tryggestad, Steve Elsen, Scott Schumacher, Bob Stupi, Barb Janssen, Tim Candahl
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Kim Smith, Stan Hauser, Dan Kapanke, Mike Poellinger
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Erin Duffer, Travis Key, Bob Gollnik, Jane Klekamp, 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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, LAPC MEETING**

**MOTION** by Bob Stupi/Tina Tryggestad to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser Kapanke, Poellinger).**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LAPC 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) – Resolution 10-2024**

The 2025 Planning Work Program for the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (PWP, work program) presents work activities that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) will undertake as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the La Crosse, Wisconsin and La Crescent, Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The PWP 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 Administration (FTA) and Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation (MnDOT and WisDOT). The PWP is developed to be consistent with the guidance provided in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Unified Planning Work Program Handbook.

**MOTION** by Bob Stupi/Steve Elsen to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser, Kapanke, Poellinger).**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Resolution 11-2024**

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 LAPC is recognized by the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin as the MPO for the La Crosse/La Crescent area. The LAPC approves the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program as being consistent with metropolitan plans and policies. The LAPC policy board authorizes the staff of the LAPC to make minor changes in order to address the concerns of the FTA, FHWA, MnDOT, and WisDOT.

**MOTION** by Tina Tryggestad/Bob Stupi to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser, Kapanke, Poellinger).**



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**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDING THE 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT – Resolution 12-2024**

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2024-2027 TIP on November 15, 2023. Since the adoption of the TIP two projects have been added, changes to funding, state project ID and/or construction schedules to 70 projects, and five projects have been completed and removed and one project rescinded.

**MOTION** by Tim Candahl/Barb Janssen to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser, Kapanke, Poellinger).**

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2025 MINNESOTA PM1 SAFETY TARGETS – Resolution 13-2024**

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) must annually establish calendar year targets for each of the five HSIP safety performance measures and agree to plan and program projects so that the contribute to the accomplishments of the State HSIP targets or commit to quantifiable HSIP targets for the metropolitan planning area.

<b>Safety Performance Measure</b>	<b>2019-2023 Baseline</b>	<b>MnDOT 2025 Target</b>
Number of fatalities	420.8	352.4
Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	0.742	0.582
Number of serious injuries	1,745.6	1,463.4
Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	3.075	2.470
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	285.4	258.4

**MOTION** by Steve Elsen/Tim Candahl to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser, Kapanke, Poellinger).**

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2025 WISCONSIN PM1 SAFETY TARGETS – Resolution 14-2024**

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) must annually establish calendar year targets for each of the five HSIP safety performance measures and agree to plan and program projects so that the contribute to the accomplishments of the State HSIP targets or commit to quantifiable HSIP targets for the metropolitan planning area.

<b>Safety Performance Measure</b>	<b>2019-2023 Baseline</b>	<b>WisDOT 2025 Target</b>
Number of fatalities	591.6	579.8
Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	0.922	0.904
Number of serious injuries	3,145.0	3,082.1
Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	4.906	4.808
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	388.6	380.8

**MOTION** by Barb Janssen/Steve Elsen to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser, Kapanke, Poellinger).**



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**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2024 UPWP EXTENSION REQUEST– Resolution 15-2024**

Since approval of the 2024 UPWP the budget was amended in June to transfer funds from the 500-element to hire additional staff member while maintaining a balance for outreach and engagement consultants for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. LAPC contracted with SRF in September 2024. This item is to approve extension of the 2024 funds until June 30, 2025, to complete the unfinished 2024 work program activities for the outreach and engagement consultants.

**MOTION** by Bob Stupi/Tina Tryggestad to approve. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser, Kapanke, Poellinger).**

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Erin Duffer provided an update on the engagement efforts thus far, including the open house, focus groups, pop-ups, and the online community survey and comment map.

**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.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- MTP Update
- TIP Amendment

**MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS**

Members shared about 2025 municipal and county budget approvals. Other updates included Casberg Coulee bridge in Holland opened on Friday, Holmen Fire District started looking at fire station siting, Medary's Comprehensive Plan is wrapping up, and the La Crosse Hwy 35 Corridor study progressing with a Technical Advisory Committee meeting coming up in December.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Tina Tryggestad/Tim Candahl to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously; four excused (Smith, Hauser, Kapanke, Poellinger).**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar and Erin Duffer