



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

*Metropolitan Planning Organization
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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 MNPCA. We would install a L3 DC Fast Charger and two L2 EV chargers. The MNPCA 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