



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2023**

**Held in person and via Microsoft Teams**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patrick Barlow, Mike Poellinger, Stan Hauser, Mitch Reynolds, Monica Kruse, Scott Schumacher, Kim Smith, Tim Candahl
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Kim Smith, Dan Kapanke, Steve Elsen
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Erin Klar (Recorder), Jane Klekamp, Kathleen Stewart, Erin Duffer, Paula Silha, Ken Harwood

### 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 JUNE 21, 2023, LAPC MEETING

**MOTION** by Poellinger/Hauser to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. Barb Jansen was present, and the minutes will be changed to reflect that. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### APPROVE AMENDING THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2023-2026 TIP on November 16, 2022. Since adoption of the TIP, one (1) project has been added to the TIP projects list: 243-23-029 Casberg Coulee Road, Town of Holland, Long Coulee Creek Bridge Replacement of B-32-095, Design Obligated in 2024, Construction Obligated in 2025.

**MOTION** by Hauser/Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### APPROVE THE 2024-2027 MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT LIST

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 require that the LAPC approve the Minnesota projects list by July 31. The LAPC approves the attached Minnesota project list for the 2024-2027 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. The LAPC will approve in November 2023 the 2024-2027 TIP plan document, which will include the 2024-2027 Wisconsin TIP projects list and the approved 2024-2027 Minnesota TIP projects list.

**MOTION** by Kruse/Hauser to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### ADOPTING MNDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) established statewide calendar year 2024 targets for each of the five HSIP performance measures in accordance with 23 CFR 490.209. Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must annually establish calendar year targets for each of the five HSIP performance measures by either agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of State HSIP targets or commit to quantifiable HSIP



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targets for the metropolitan planning area. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee agrees to plan and program projects that support the MnDOT 2024 HSIP targets.

**MOTION** by Poellinger/Hauser to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **UPDATE ON LAPC ADJUSTED URBANIZED BOUNDARY PROCESS**

Erin Duffer presented an Urban Area Boundary Update. The MPO and the states will work together to adjust the map of the Urban Area Boundary. The MPO is currently working with WisDOT. We will also work with MnDOT and when a boundary has been agreed upon with both State DOT's a draft will be presented to the LAPC for approval (possibly September). Once the LAPC approves the draft it will be sent to FHWA for their approval.

## **MPO STAFFING – DIRECTION POSITION UPDATE**

Applications for the Director Position have been coming in. The hiring process and the MPO organizational structure discussed at the last meeting was summarized including providing funding (2023 MPO planning funds/local MPO funds) for overlap of the Director Position for transition/training purposes. The interview selection committee was reviewed, and the committee reps were identified as:

City – Poellinger as lead, Reynolds as alternate.

Town – Stupi as lead, Candahl as alternate.

Village – Barlow as lead, Schumacher as alternate.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Wisconsin Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) solicitation for bike/ped funding is available. In July, the Town of Holland was awarded TAP funding for paving of the northern portion of the Holland Bluff trail. The STP Urban Program solicitation is open, and it closes October 27<sup>th</sup>. The TCMC (second train) is still tentatively scheduled to begin daily service later this fall.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – None noted.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Draft 2024 UPWP and Budget
- 2023-2026 TIP amendment
- Adjusted Urbanized Boundary
- MPO staffing/director discussion

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Poellinger/Candahl to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar