



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

Metropolitan Planning Organization

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Mike Poellinger, Stan Hauser, Barb Janssen for Mitch Reynolds, Monica Kruse, Scott Schumacher, Kim Smith, Bob Stupi, Steve Elsen
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Dan Kapanke, Tim Candahl
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Erin Klar (Recorder), Kathleen Stewart, Erin Duffer, Dean Taylor

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 19, 2023 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **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, two (2) projects have been added to the TIP projects list: 243-23-030 CTH OT, STH 35 - CTH SN, Pavement Replacement, Design Obligated in 2023, with Construction Anticipated in 2026; 243-23-031 Holland Bluff Trail, Town of Holland (Bluffview Ct. to Sylvester Rd.), Multi-Use Path, Design Anticipated in 2024, Construction Anticipated in 2025. 53 projects are being amended/changed.

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to approve. **Motion carried unanimously (two excused Kapanke, Candahl).**

APPROVE LAPC ADJUSTED URBANIZED BOUNDARY

The Wisconsin and Minnesota Departments of Transportation, every 10 years following the release of decennial census data, lead a process to adjust Census-defined Urban Area Boundaries (UABs) within their states, in conjunction with their respective offices of the Federal Highway Administration. After review by LAPC staff, the LAPC Technical Advisory Committee, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration, the proposed adjusted Urban Area Boundary has been found to be justified.

MOTION by Kruse/Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously (two excused Kapanke, Candahl).**

APPROVE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY TARGETS

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



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Safety Performance Measure	2018-2022 Baseline	WisDOT 2024 Target
Number of fatalities	600.8	588.8
Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	0.934	0.915
Number of serious injuries	3,095.6	3,033.7
Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	4.822	4.726
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	379.4	371.8

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

REVIEW DRAFT OF 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Looking for approval of the work program in November. To receive funding from the state and federal government the MPO must have a plan of how to spend money received. Five main planning points; Program Support and Administration; Long-Range Transportation Planning; Short-Range Planning; Transportation Improvement Plan; Consultant Studies Funding.

MPO STAFFING – DIRECTOR POSITION UPDATE

Bob Gollnick has been hired as the new MPO Director, he will begin in October.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Transportation alternatives program grants (TAP) and STP-Urban grant applications are due October 27th to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The Northern Grainbelt Port Statistical Area is having their first annual meeting in La Crosse on October 5th, 2023. There is no fee for this meeting and lunch is provided.

OTHER BUSINESS – None noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2024 UPWP
- 2024-2027 TIP Approval
- MPO staffing

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously (two excused Kapanke, Candahl).**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar