



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Stan Hauser, Mitch Reynolds, Monica Kruse, Scott Schumacher, Kim Smith, Bob Stupi, Steve Elsen, Tim Candahl
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Mike Poellinger, Dan Kapanke
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Erin Klar (Recorder), Kathleen Stewart, Jane Klekamp, Erin Duffer, Bob Gollnik, 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: Bridget Brown emailed regarding the recent signal changes at West Avenue and Jackson Street.

Cathy Van Maren emailed regarding bike infrastructure on Losey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20 2023 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Hauser/Stupi to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously (two excused; Poellinger, Kapanke).**

INTRODUCTION OF BOB GOLLNIK – MPO DIRECTOR

Chair Patrick Barlow and Peter Fletcher introduced Bob Gollnik as the new MPO director. Has been on the job for about one month. Peter Fletcher expressed appreciation of the Policy Board allowing the overlap in positions.

APPROVE AMENDING THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2023-2026 TIP on November 16, 2022. Four additional projects have been added.

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

APPROVAL OF 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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 U. S. Department of Transportation regulations provide for self-certification that the urban transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable requirements of federal law. 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 approves the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program as being consistent with metropolitan plans and policies.

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



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APPROVAL OF THE 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) was created as the MPO for the La Crosse and La Crescent Metropolitan Planning Area through an Intermunicipal Agreement approved by all local units of government located within the La Crosse Planning Area as the metropolitan planning body responsible for performing transportation planning. The LAPC is recognized by the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin as the transportation planning policy body for the La Crosse and La Crescent Planning Area. The LAPC certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of § 450.336 of Title 23.

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

APPROVAL OF NHS ROUTES AND FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

WI DOT is requesting functional changes to the map because of the north/south corridor project being removed. The modified map has been approved by the TAC committee. **MOTION** by Reynolds/Schumacher to approve. **Motion carried unanimously (two excused Kapanke, Poellinger).**

VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM 2022-2027 STP-URBAN RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS REQUEST

Request to change project from Leonard Street to Hamilton Street because of the railroad crossing on Leonard street. TAC has approved. **MOTION** by Elsen/Kruse to approve. **Motion carried unanimously (two excused Kapanke, Poellinger).**

WISCONSIN STP-URBAN AND TAP PROGRAM UPDATE

The table of projects was distributed to committee members. There are \$15 million in STP-Urban requests. Prior to the next LAPC meeting, the CTAT will rank TAP projects and the TAC committee will be ranking the projects.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Bob Gollnik is hoping to meet with members of the committee and learn more about their municipalities needs.

OTHER BUSINESS – Chair Patrick Barlow thanked Jackie Eastwood and Peter Fletcher for their service to the La Crosse Area Planning Committee.

Tim Candahl brought up an issue with a sidewalk in the Town of Shelby. He will work with the DOT to submit a TAP application and work to increase communication between the involved agencies and communities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- TIP Amendments
- TAP and STP-Urban project rankings

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Candahl/Stupi to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously (two excused Kapanke, Poellinger).**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar