



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, January 11, 2023

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

**Members Present/On Call:** Voting: Kurt Wayne, Stephanie Sward for Matt Gallager, Jarrod Holter, Bob Gollnik, Joe Langeberg, Bill Waller, Loren Schwier, Jim Krueger, Chris Dahl, Paula Silha. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT. **Guests and Staff:** Jim Kuehn, Matthew Sorensen, Joe Klein, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:30 pm.

**1) Approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2022 TAC meeting:**

*Jim Krueger motioned to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting; Stephanie Sward seconded. All were in favor.*

After approval of the minutes, Peter Fletcher asked Jim Kuehn to introduce Matthew Sorensen, the new MPO liaison. Jim stated that he will be replaced on the TAC by Matthew who joined them in December. Matthew was not yet on the call but will introduce himself when he's available.

**2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program:**

Peter Fletcher summarized the changes to the TIP tables and TIP document, which includes adding new and amending existing projects and incorporating approved performance targets into the document. He stated that no comments came in during the comment period.

Paula Silha referred to the West Salem SRTS project and asked who the contact was there and who the contacts are in Holland and Holmen also. She wants to ensure that those communities are aware of the County's SRTS program and the support they provide.

*Jarrod Holter motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented; Joe Langeberg seconded. All were in favor.*

**3) Update on the WisDOT and MnDOT Carbon Reduction Programs:**

Peter Fletcher updated the committee on the WisDOT and MnDOT processes for their respective CRPs. He stated that the LAPC had been allocated \$261,000 for 2022 and that several applications had been submitted, but the program has been put on hold until it is approved by the State Joint Finance Committee. Once that occurs, the 2022 funding can move forward. The 2023 allocation is expected to be the same as 2022.

The MnDOT program was rolled out a couple of months ago. Because so little of the LAPC urbanized area is in Minnesota, the CRP allocation is only \$12,000 and it must be utilized in the Minnesota portion of the urbanized area. The City of La Crescent is the only eligible applicant. The City is looking to use the \$12,000 as a local match to VW funds for which they are applying for EV chargers. Minnesota is allowing a stack-up of funds up to three years which would amount to \$36,000 for 2024-2026.

The CRP has a wide range of eligible activities.

**4) Other updates and information items:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the population and area numbers are out for the 2020 urbanized areas. Our area dropped in population and area likely because of the changes in defining criteria. The boundaries have not been released yet but we suspect ours has changed.

Peter Fletcher stated that the Port Statistical Area, which includes 11 counties on both sides of the Mississippi River, was approved in December. This means the region will be a federally recognized port and provide better opportunities for funding.

Peter Fletcher stated that the County posted the position for an MPO Transportation Planner who will work with Jackie Eastwood through 2023 and take over her position when she retires at the end of the year. We hope to have the new person by March.

**5) January 2023 agenda items:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the next meeting will occur in March and will include an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP.

Matthew Sorensen introduced himself as the new WisDOT MPO liaison and shared his previous experiences with other agencies and WisDOT.

**6) Other Business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:**

The next meeting will be held virtually and in person on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

*Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 2:52 pm; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.*