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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, July 13, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 in room 1700 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Members Present/On Call: Voting: Jim Krueger; Stephanie Sward for Matt Gallager; Bob Gollnik; Jarrod Holter; Loren Schwier; Kurt Wayne; Bill Waller; Anna Pierce; Charlie Handy; Keith Back for Joe Langeberg. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT; Karl Buck, Wis FHWA; Jim Kuehn, WisDOT. **Members Excused:** Joe Langeberg; Bob Fisher. **Guests and Staff:** Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:30 pm.

1) Approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2022 TAC meeting:

Jim Krueger motioned to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting; Stephanie Sward seconded. All were in favor.

2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program:

Peter Fletcher stated that the draft TIP list went through the public comment period with no comments.

Jarrod Holter motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program as presented; Keith Back seconded. All were in favor.

3) Recommendation to approve 2023-2026 Minnesota Transportation Improvement Program project list:

Peter Fletcher stated that the draft Minnesota TIP list went through the public comment period with no comments. Minnesota is on a different schedule than Wisconsin and requires the MN TIP to be approved by the end of July. The list will be incorporated into the full 2023-2026 TIP to be approved by the Policy Board in November.

Bill Waller motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the 2023-2026 Minnesota TIP project list as presented; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

4) STP-U BIL 2023-2026 Program project ranking:

Peter Fletcher stated that the TAC ranked the projects at the June meeting without knowing the exact allocation. We were anticipating similar funding levels as in the past but have since been notified that we'd be receiving over \$5.3M. All the applications submitted to WisDOT were vetted for eligibility and now with the new and substantially larger allocation need to be re-ranked.

After discussion over participating cost share, community preferences, TAC policy for awarding funds, and past projects funded, Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve funding the projects for CTH OT [\$2,436,320], Theater Rd [\$351,395], and Monitor St [\$1,726,000] at 80%, and the project for Green Bay St between 22nd St and Losey Blvd for the balance of the eligible funds [\$810,469 at 66.6%]. Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

5) LAPC Public Participation Plan:

Peter Fletcher stated that the last plan update was in 2019. The current draft adds remote opportunities for participating in meetings, updates the TIP amendment process, modifies some of the existing language, and

incorporates new elements. He asked that the TAC review it and comment back. The Plan will be made available and noticed for a 45-day public comment period at the end of July.

6) Other updates and information items:

Peter Fletcher informed the committee that the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) is on hold until WisDOT receives the proper approvals for the use of the funding. It will likely be several months before that program is active again. TAP awards, however, will be announced in the next few weeks.

Charlie Handy stated that a sustainability study was conducted on SMRT. The study concluded that SMRT would be out of funding by January 2025 and that the service will need additional, long-term support from local governments and businesses. The service is also likely to undergo a change in rate structure.

Anna Pierce announced that the Minnesota State Highway Improvement Plan update is entering its first round of public engagement and that the Minnesota Statewide Multimodal Plan is in the Governor's office awaiting approval and is hoped to be made available to the public next week. She added that Minnesota has extra Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds available. Minnesota communities in the planning area that apply must go through the LAPC TIP approval process.

7) July 2022 agenda items:

- 2022-2025 TIP amendment
- Public Participation Plan

8) Other Business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

The next meeting will be held virtually and in person on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 3:09 pm; Keith Back seconded. All were in favor.