



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, September 14, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Members Present/On Call: Voting: Jim Krueger; Bob Gollnik; Bill Waller; Anna Pierce; Charlie Handy; Joe Langeberg, Kevin Schubert. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT; Jim Kuehn, WisDOT; Bobbi Retzlaff, FHWA. **Members Excused:** Karl Buck, Wis FHWA. **Guests and Staff:** Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:30 pm.

1) Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2022 TAC meeting:

Joe Langeberg motioned to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting; Bob Gollnik seconded. All were in favor.

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

Peter Fletcher briefly described the new and amended projects. He stated that the draft TIP list went through the public comment period with no comments.

Bob Gollnik motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program as presented; Kevin Schubert seconded. All were in favor.

3) Recommendation to approve LAPC Public Participation Plan:

Peter Fletcher provided a brief overview of the changes to the PPP. He stated that the public comment period ended on the 13th. Jackie Eastwood pointed to Appendix C, which summarizes the comments received and the actions taken. She identified three areas of the PPP where the language was updated to reference the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The modification was in response to a comment from FHWA MN.

Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the Public Participation Plan as presented; Bob Gollnik seconded. All were in favor.

4) LAPC 2023 Local Studies Program:

Peter Fletcher stated that the funding for the local studies program comes from the difference between LAPC federal and state revenues and LAPC operating expenses. He anticipates having \$34,000 to \$35,000 available for 2023. He sent out a solicitation for proposals about three weeks ago and has received one from the City of La Crescent. Any proposals received will be sent to WisDOT for vetting for eligibility (only planning is eligible). Getting the project in the work program in November will allow the sponsor to get started in January and finished by the end of 2023.

5) Other updates and information items:

Peter Fletcher stated that all the projects submitted for TAP funding in our area (5) were awarded in the last solicitation. Another solicitation is expected in mid-fall, with roughly the same amount of funds available. Francis Schelfhout added that there will be five more years of annual solicitations and if the funding trend continues, WisDOT could support heartier applications. In response to a question from Bob Gollnik regarding multicounty applications, Francis stated that the largest he has seen is at the school district or county level, but he has not seen an application with multiple counties involved.

Anna Pierce stated that the public comment period for the Minnesota Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP) will end on Sunday (September 18). The first round of public input for the Minnesota Statewide Highway Improvement Plan (MnSHIP) ends toward the end of September. MnDOT is starting discussions on how to distribute funding from the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). LAPC staff will participate in that process.

Peter Fletcher provided an update on the TCMC stating that 3-4 extra trips per week are likely to start in 2023.

6) November 2022 agenda items:

- 2023-2026 TIP amendment

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

The next meeting will be held virtually and in person on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 2:52 pm; Joe Langeberg seconded. All were in favor.