



LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SERVING THE LA CROSSE (WI)/LA CRESCENT (MN) URBANIZED AREA

DATE: DECEMBER 30, 2024
FROM: ERIN DUFFER, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
TO: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: JANUARY 8, 2025, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee TAC will be held on **Wednesday, January 8, at 2:30 p.m.** in person in Room 1107 and as a virtual meeting. If you cannot attend in person, please use the information provided below to join the Teams meeting.

AGENDA

1. Approval of [minutes](#) of the November 13, 2024, meeting.
2. Recommendation to approve amending the [2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) List and Document](#).
3. Upcoming RFPs update.
4. MTP engagement update.
5. March 2025 agenda items: 2025-2028 TIP amendment.
6. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced.

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Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members: Chris Dahl, Matt Gallager, Ken Harwood, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Jim Krueger, Paula Silha, Joe Langeberg, Christina Peterson, Bryan McCoy, Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Jeffrey Tripp, Voni Vegar, Bill Waller, Brian McCoy

Non-voting Members: Jason Nordberg, Evan Gross, Matthew Sorensen, Dena Ryan, Francis Schelfhout



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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, November 13, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Members Present/On Call: Voting: Chris Dahl, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Christina Peterson, Joe Langeberg, Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Jeffrey Tripp, and Brian McCoy.

Members Excused: Matt Gallagher, Ken Harwood, Jim Krueger, Erika Shepherd, Paula Silha, Bill Waller, and Voni Vegar.

Guests and Staff: Bob Gollnik, Erin Duffer, Travis Key, Francis Schelfhout, Chelsey Bolden, Nikki Kvam, Bryan McCoy, and Matthew Sorensen.

Bob Gollnik called the meeting at 2:30pm.

1. Approval of minutes of the September 11, 2024, meeting.

Charlie Handy motioned to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting; Chris Dahl seconded. All were in favor.

2. Recommendation to approve amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Erin Duffer provided an overview of the items being amended, including two (2) projects added to the TIP List, six (6) projects removed for completion or deleted, and changes to 70 other existing projects.

Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

3. Recommendation to approve the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Erin Duffer shared highlights of the 2025-2028 TIP Document; sharing the illustrative list, performance measures and targets, and distribution of TIP investments.

Chris Dahl motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the Minnesota 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.

4. Grants informational update.

Erin Duffer shared a list of federal discretionary grants currently available and encouraged the members to apply.

5. MPA boundary update.

Bob Gollnik updated the committee on the conversations LAPC and WisDOT staff had on adjusting the MPA boundary after the 2020 census and 2023 urban area adjustments. It was determined that the MPA remain the same until the next census update.

6. MTP engagement update.

Technical Advisory Committee

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Erin Duffer provided an overview of the engagement efforts thus far and next steps.

7. **January 2025 agenda items:** 2025-2028 TIP Document and List amendment
Bob Gollnik shared that the next meeting will likely have a 2025-2028 TIP amendment.
8. **Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced.**

Jarrold Holter motioned to adjourn at 3:03pm; Chris Dahl seconded. All were in favor.

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2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Project List										2025 (x\$1000)				2026 (x\$1000)				2027 (x\$1000)				2028 (x\$1000)				Source of Funds
Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp. Type	2025				2026				2027				2028								
						Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	
WISCONSIN TRANSIT PROJECTS																										
243-03-037		La Crosse County	MiniBus, Volunteer Driver	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6	SF					
243-03-039		City of LaCrosse	MTU Operating Assistance	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL	2,794.8	1,108.5		1,686.3	5,589.6	2,794.8	1,108.5		1,686.3	5,589.6	2,794.8	1,108.5		1,686.3	5,589.6	5307					
243-23-012		City of LaCrosse	Two (2) Hybrid Replacement Buses	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL		1.3		579.0	580.2				579.0	580.2						5339					
243-24-012		City of La Crosse	MTU AVL (automatic vehicle location) System	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL																5307					
243-23-013		City of La Crosse	Two (2) Clean Diesel Buses, City of La Crosse, Public Transportation, Obligation Anticipated in 2023	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL				884.5	356.8	1,241.3				884.5	356.8	1,241.3				5339					
243-23-027		Couleeap	Vehicle Loans, Operating Assistance (WETAP), Crawford, La Crosse, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL																5307 85.24					
243-22-013		Vernon County	Mobility Management, Volunteer Driver Program and Vernon County Mini Bus. Serves locations in La Crosse Area	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL		22.5		5.6	28.2				22.5	5.6	28.2					5310					
243-25-014		Vernon Area Rehabilitation Center	One (1) medium-large bus replacement vehicle.	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL		112.9		37,627.0	37,739.9				112.9	37,627.0	37,739.9					5310					
243-22-015		Aptiv, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL																5310					
243-23-017		Aptiv, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL																5310					
243-22-016		Monroe County	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL																5310					
243-23-018		Center for Independent Living	Call Center, Mobility Management and Operating Assistance. Serves La Crosse County and 41 Other Wisconsin Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL		229.6		229.6	459.2				86.1	21.5	107.6					5310					
243-23-019		Tri-State Ambulance	One (1) Rear-Entry Minivan. Vehicle Replacement. Serves Vernon and La Crosse Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL																5310					
243-23-028	5311523-26a	La Crosse County	Lease - Replacement <30' Buses	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL																5311					
243-25-015		Monroe County	One (1) High Roof Rear Entry Transit Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL		62.4		20.8	83.1				62.4	20.8	83.1					5310					
243-24-036	5991-02-41	City of Onalaska	Two (2) Transit Vans, City of Onalaska, OHWS Public Transit, Obligation Anticipated in 2027	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL												288.0		72.0	360.0	TAP					
243-13-013		La Crosse County	Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit (SMRT) La Crosse, Crawford, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL	288.4	31.3		257.2	576.8	288.4	31.3		257.2	576.8	288.4	31.3		257.2	576.8	5311					
243-03-043	11.12.15 11.03.02	City of Onalaska	Onalaska / Holmen / West Salem Public Transit. Operating Assistance	Transit	PE OA CAPT TOTAL	405.0	196.2		252.0	853.3	405.0	196.2		252.0	853.3	405.0	196.2		252.0	853.3	5307					

Project Costs: Project costs are listed in thousands (x \$1,000) by project component: preliminary engineering (PE), right-of-way purchase (ROW or RW), utilities (UTL), construction (CONST), planning study or other transportation related activity (PLAN), operating assistance (OA), capital expense (CAPT).

Source of Funds: Project funding is listed as a program code as shown in Table 2. Because some projects are funded from a variety of sources, the major source is listed for each project.

TABLE 2: PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDING SOURCE*	CODE
<i>Federal Highway Programs</i>	
National Highway Performance Program	NHPP
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	STBG
Surface Transportation Program	STP
Transportation Alternatives Program	TAP
Highway Safety Improvement Program	HSIP
Federal Lands Access Program	FLAP
Federal Emergency Relief (Flooding)	ER
Carbon Reduction Program	CRP
National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program	NEVI
Intelligent Transportation System Program	ITS
Safe Streets For All Grant	SS4A
<i>Federal Transit Programs</i>	
Urbanized Area Formula Grant	5307
Bus and Bus Facilities Program	5339
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities	5310
Rural Area Formula Grants	5311
<i>State and Local Funding</i>	
Major Highway Projects (Wisconsin)	MAJOR
Wisconsin or Minnesota State Funds (includes transit funds)	SF
Municipality Local Funds	LF

TIP Grouped Projects List

The Grouped Projects List (Table 4) includes projects that are grouped under a single project number in the TIP Project List. These projects have little to no environmental impact, are not regionally significant, and can be processed quickly through an administrative modification. Grouped project types currently include bridge maintenance, emergency repair, and existing TAP projects. Because we now add new TAP projects to the main TIP projects list and not to the existing grouped list, the TAP group is slowly being phased out as projects are completed and removed from the TIP.

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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN - PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT



Engagement Summary (September – December 2024)

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) is updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to better serve our community. The MTP will plan transportation investments to make it easier for everyone to get where they need to go.

How Does Community Engagement Inform the MTP Update?

In-person and online engagement activities asked residents across the region to share about how they travel in the La Crosse Area. Engagement activities sought community input to identify issues and barriers they experience when walking, biking, taking transit, and driving.

What Engagement Has Occurred?

LAPC staff offered a variety of engagement opportunities and connected with community in the places they live, work and play. Phase 1 engagement included an online survey and interactive comment map and eight events that connected with more than 260 residents. In-person engagement shared information about the MTP update and gathered community feedback via a comment map, marble activity to identify top concerns and a family-friendly madlib activity about transportation in the Driftless region.



Online Engagement

Community survey received **more than 520 responses** asked more than 20 questions. An online comment map identified more than 215 concerns



Engage at Community Events

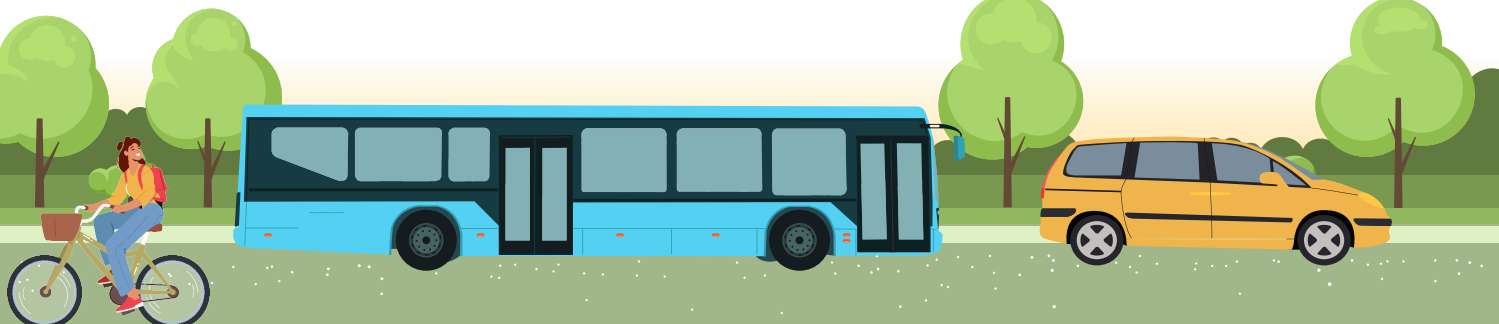
Bingo Night - Oct. 9, Omni Center Onalaska. Engaged with 140+ people
UW-La Crosse Campus - October 1. Engaged with 35+ people
Holmen Community Center - October 10. Engaged with 24+ people



Community Conversations

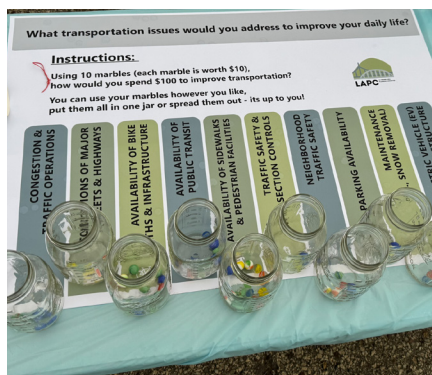
Hosted discussions about transportation needs with the following groups:

- Local Municipalities
- La Crosse County Staff
- Cia Siab
- Centro Latino



What transportation issues would you address to improve your daily life?

- Using 10 marbles (each marble is worth \$10), how would you spend \$100 to improve transportation?



1	AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC TRANSIT
2	CONDITIONS OF STREETS
3	AVAILABILITY OF BIKE PATHS
4	NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC SAFETY
5	TRAFFIC & INTERSECTION SAFETY
6	AVAILABILITY OF SIDEWALKS & CROSSWALKS
7	MAINTENANCE (I.E., SNOW REMOVAL)
8	PARKING AVAILABILITY
9	CONGESTION & TRAFFIC FLOW
10	ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) INFRASTRUCTURE

"Please add bus stops closer to our homes in areas with multi-family complexes"

"The most important transportation need in our region today is with respect to traffic safety and walkability of our neighborhoods.."

"Roads fixed, more bike lanes, better paths for pedestrians."

"More public transport! More buses going on more routes. There are a lot of places that aren't reachable by buses."

