



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, January 10, 2024

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

**Members Present/On Call:** Voting: Stephanie Sward for Matt Gallagher, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Paula Silha, Kurt Wayne, Joe Langeberg, Erika Shepherd, Loren Schwier, Chris Dahl, Jim Krueger, Ian Turner, and Bill Waller. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT; Matthew Sorenson, WisDOT.

**Members Excused:** Andrea Trane, Ken Harwood, Voni Vegar, Christina Peterson. **Guests and Staff:** Bob Gollnik, Erin Duffer, Kathleen Stewart, and Jenna Dinkel.

Bob Gollnik called the meeting at 2:32pm.

### 1) Approval of minutes of the November 8, 2023, Meeting:

*Charlie Handy motioned to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, meeting; Jarrod Holter 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:

- Addition of three (3) new City of La Crosse projects to the TIP List:
  - Various Highways Pedestrian Traffic Signal Rehab (243-23-032),
  - Losey Boulevard/Main Street Intersection, Left Turn Lanes/Monotubes (243-23-033), and
  - Losey Boulevard, Mormon Coulee Road to Ward Avenue Reconstruction (243-23-034).
- Addition of one (1) new La Crosse County Project to the TIP List: CTH M, Town of Barre-Town of Bangor, B-32-0239 & B-32-14 Bridge Replacements (243-23-035).
- Addition of one (1) transit project: One (1) High Roof Rear Entry Transit Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties (243-24-012).
- Addition of one (1) State of Wisconsin project: USH 53, La Crosse – Galesville (Sand Lake Rd Interchange NB Offramp), Signal & Left Turn Lane, Design under TIP #243-222-19, Construction Anticipated in 2029 (Advanceable to 2027) (243-24-013).
- Changes to funding and state project ID to one (1) State of Wisconsin system preservation project (243-22-018) and two (2) transit projects (243-22-013 and 243-23-018).

Erin Duffer read into the record one public comments received on this proposed amendment:

1. By Cathy Van Maren on December 21, 2023, at 3:26pm:

*“Will the Losey redo from MC Rd to Ward Ave have a protected bike lane? How can we invoke Complete Streets on this project? The whole Losey needs to include safe(r) bike infrastructure. It has been completely ignored and there is no parallel uninterrupted street plus schools along the way.”*

*Joe Langeberg motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program; Stephanie Sward seconded. All were in favor.*

### 3) STP-Urban Applications Review and Ranking:

Bob Gollnik shared that he and Erin Duffer reviewed the applications submitted against the STP-U Program Project Prioritization Criteria to provide their staff recommendation to choose to fund projects for the federal

amount within the \$1,379,646 allocation to the LAPC planning area. The projects that scored the highest for staff and recommended to be approved were the City of La Crosse's application for a reconstruction project on Green Bay Street from 9<sup>th</sup> St S to 14<sup>th</sup> St S and the City of Onalaska application to purchase transit vans. Both of which could be funded at the full 80% federal share.

*Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve staff recommendation to fund the City of La Crosse's application for the Green Bay Street project and the City of Onalaska's application for transit vans at the full 80% federal share; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.*

**4) Update on FHWA Final Rule on National Performance Management Measures for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Measures:**

Erin Duffer shared that in early December of 2023, FHWA published a final rule establishing a GHG performance measure in addition to the other existing National Performance Management Measures. These other measures include safety, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, environmental sustainability, reduced project delivery delays, and transit asset management. Erin explained that targets for the GHG measures will be a declining target for reducing tailpipe CO<sup>2</sup> emission on the interstate and non-interstate NHS. The state DOTs will first set their targets and then the MPOs.

**5) Discuss Miovision Equipment Purchase and Application:**

Bob Gollnik shared that LAPC is discussing purchasing the traffic counter product, Miovision. This tool would be owned by LAPC and available for dues-paying member communities to conduct various traffic studies, including bicycle and pedestrian counts, at a lower cost.

**6) Update on Medary Comprehensive Plan:**

Bob Gollnik shared that LAPC is helping the Town of Medary with the update of their Comprehensive Plan. Previously, LAPC allocated local funds to update and complete town comprehensive plans. These funds will be used to contract with Abbey Nicewander to help draft the plan, along with support from La Crosse County staff.

**7) March 2024 agenda items:**

TIP Document amendment.

**8) Other business; adjourn; next meeting to be announced:**

*Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 3:12pm; Joe Langeberg seconded. All were in favor.*