



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

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2024
FROM: ERIN DUFFER, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
TO: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 13, 2024, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee TAC will be held on **Wednesday November 13, 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 September 11, 2024, meeting.
2. Recommendation to approve amending the [2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) List](#).
3. Recommendation to approve the [2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Document](#) and [List](#).
4. Grants informational update.
5. MPA boundary update.
6. MTP engagement update.
7. January 2025 agenda items: 2025-2028 TIP amendment.
8. 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, Erika Shepard, Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Jeffrey Tripp, Voni Vegar, Bill Waller, Brian McCoy

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, July 10, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Members Present/On Call: Voting: Stephanie Sward for Matt Gallager, Ken Harwood, Charlie Handy, Kevin Schubert for Jarrod Holter, Jim Krueger, Christina Peterson, Erika Shepherd, Joe Langeberg, Paula Silha, Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Jeffrey Tripp, and Brian McCoy.

Members Excused: Chris Dahl, Bill Waller, and Voni Vegar. **Guests and Staff:** Bob Gollnik, Erin Duffer, Travis Key, Chelsey Bolden, Nikki Kvam, Bryan McCoy, Jono Cowgill, Francis Schelfhout, and Dena Ryan.

Bob Gollnik called the meeting at 2:30pm.

1. Approval of minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting.

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

2. Introduction to new MPO Transportation Planner, Travis Key.

Travis Key introduced himself and shared a bit about his background and education. The committee welcomed him to the team.

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

Erin Duffer provided an overview of the items being amended, including ten (10) projects added to the TIP List and changes to five (5) other existing projects.

Stephanie Sward motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List; Jim Krueger seconded. All were in favor.

4. Recommendation to approve the MN 2025-2028 TIP List.

Erin Duffer shared an overview of the projects on the Minnesota side of the MPA that will be included in the 2025-2028 TIP List.

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

5. SRF Introduction and MTP Outreach and Engagement.

Jono Cowgill with SRF Consulting shared some highlights of their engagement strategy and some next steps. Jono conducted a Mentimeter interactive questionnaire with the TAC, soliciting opinions on regional transportation issues and needs to help form the visioning and goals of the plan.

6. November 2024 agenda items: 2025-2028 TIP Document and List

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Bob Gollnik shared that the next meeting will have the review and action item for the 2025-2028 TIP document and list and there will likely be another 2024-2027 TIP amendment.

7. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced.

Charlie Handy updated the group about Week Without Driving events during the last week of September this year and encouraged the committee to participate and share with their constituents.

Bob Gollnik shared the Operation Lifesaver will be coming to the area on September 23 and 24 for events regarding Rail Safety Week. There will be a press events, a law enforcement roundtable, a community presentation at the Bangor Public Library, and presentations at several schools and boys and girls clubs.

Francis Schelfhout mentioned that the Federal Redistribution TAP funds were awarded to the Town of Shelby for the sidewalk project and the City of La Crosse for the bike share program. There have been discussions at the state level that this program will likely happen again a year from now. Francis encourage those who can start to look at funding designs at the local level to be project ready for this opportunity again.

Charlie Handy motioned to adjourn at 3:35pm; Paula Silha seconded. All were in favor.

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2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Project List																										
November 20, 2024																										
Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp-Type	2024 (x\$1000)					2025 (x\$1000)					2026 (x\$1000)					2027 (x\$1000)				Source of Funds	
						Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other		Total
MINNESOTA PROJECTS																										
243-09-015	TRF-3780-24, 25, 26, 27	City of La Crescent	SECT 5307: City of La Crescent Transit Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																					
					OA	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	
					TOTAL	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	
243-24-025	236-080-005, 006	City of La Crescent	**CRP** City of La Crescent: Lease 2 Electric Vehicles for Municipal Use	Other	PE																					
					OA						16.0			6.0	22.0	16.0			6.0	22.0						
					TOTAL						16.0			6.0	22.0	16.0			6.0	22.0						
243-23-026	236-080-004	City of La Crescent	**CRP** City of La Crescent: Lease 1 Electric Vehicle to Replace Police Cruiser	Other	PE																					
					OA				3.0	15.0																
					TOTAL	12.0			3.0	15.0																
WISCONSIN TRANSIT PROJECTS																										
243-03-037	La Crosse County	MiniBus, Volunteer Driver	Transit	PE																						
				OA	293.8			58.8	352.6	293.8			58.8	352.6	293.8			58.8	352.6	293.8			58.8	352.6		
				TOTAL	293.8			58.8	352.6	293.8			58.8	352.6	293.8			58.8	352.6	293.8			58.8	352.6		
243-03-039	City of LaCrosse	MTU Operating Assistance	Transit	PE	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7		
				OA																						
				TOTAL	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7		
243-23-012	City of LaCrosse	Two (2) Hybrid Replacement Buses	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
243-24-012	City of La Crosse	MTU AVL (automatic vehicle location) System	Transit	PE																						
				OA																						
				TOTAL	323.1			80.8	403.9	323.1			80.8	403.9												
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				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
243-23-027	Coulecap	Vehicle Loans, Operating Assistance (WETAP), Crawford, La Crosse, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
243-22-013	Vernon County	Mobility Management, Volunteer Driver Program and Vernon County Mini Bus. Serves locations in La Crosse Area	Transit	PE																						
				OA	28.8			15.5	44.3																	
				TOTAL	28.8			15.5	44.3																	
243-22-014	Vernon Area Rehabilitation Center	One (1) medium-large bus replacement vehicle.	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
243-22-015	Aptiv, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
243-23-017	Aptiv, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
243-22-016	Monroe County	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
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	410.3			410.3	820.6																	
				TOTAL	410.3			410.3	820.6																	
243-23-019	Tri-State Ambulance	One (1) Rear-Entry Minivan. Vehicle Replacement. Serves Vernon and La Crosse Counties	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
243-23-028	5311523-26a	La Crosse County	Lease - Replacement <30' Buses	Transit	PE																					
					OA				Continued																	
					TOTAL				Continued																	
243-24-014	Monroe County	One (1) High Roof Rear Entry Transit Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties	Transit	PE																						
				OA	57.1			24.5	81.6																	
				TOTAL	57.1			24.5	81.6																	
243-23-014	City of Onalaska	Four (4) Transit Vans, City of Onalaska, OHWS Public Transit, Obligation Anticipated in 2023	Transit	PE																						
				OA				Continued																		
				TOTAL				Continued																		
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																					
					TOTAL																					
243-13-013	La Crosse County	Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit (SMART) La Crosse, Crawford, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE																						
				OA	250.4			43.3	293.8																	
				TOTAL	250.4			43.3	293.8																	
243-03-043	11.12.15 11.93.02	City of Onalaska	Onalaska / Holmen / West Salem Public Transit. Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																					
					OA	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	
					TOTAL	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	

Federal Grants Update:

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PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program:

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT)

Application Deadline: February 24, 2025

Projects addressing the climate crisis by improving resiliency of the surface transportation system (also includes public transit, ports, and intercity passenger rail).

Grant Types:

1. Planning Grants – NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED (100% federal funding)
2. Resilience Improvement Grants
3. Community Resilience & Evacuation Routes Grants
4. At-Risk Coast Infrastructure Grants (not applicable to LAPC area)

RAISE Discretionary Grant Program:

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Application Deadline: January 30, 2024

Surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. Capital and planning projects focused on improving safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility, and community connectivity, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation. Previously known as BUILD and TIGER grants.

Grant Types:

1. Planning Grants – NO MINIMUM FUNDING REQUEST
2. Capital Grants – \$1 million minimum funding request (LAPC area classified as rural for this program for less than 200K urban area pop.)
- UP TO 100% FEDERAL FUNDING due to rural classification

RIA Grant Program:

Regional Infrastructure Accelerators (RIA)

Application Deadline: January 9, 2025

Grant assistance for developing improved infrastructure priorities and financing strategies for the accelerated development of a project that is eligible under the [Transportation Infrastructure and Finance Innovation Act \(TIFIA\) Credit Program](#).

- Projects are not required to apply for or receive TIFIA Credits to be eligible but are strongly encouraged if applicants are considering the appropriateness of innovative financing methods.
- Award ceiling: \$1.5 million
- Award floor: \$1 million
- NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED (100% federal funding)

LCTM Grant Program:

Low Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM)

Application Deadline: November 25, 2024

Reimburses the incrementally higher costs of using, or provide incentives to eligible recipients for the use, in projects, of construction materials and products that have substantially lower levels of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with all relevant stages of production, use, and disposal.

- NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED (100% federal funding)
- Eligible facilities: Federal-aid highway, tribal transportation facility, federal lands transportation facility, or federal lands access transportation facility.
- Funds cannot be used for a project for additional through travel lands for single-occupant vehicles.