



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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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 Tuesday, July 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, Ken Harwood, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Jim Krueger, Christina Peterson, Erika Shepherd, Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Jeffrey Tripp, Bill Waller, and Brian McCoy.

Members Excused: Chris Dahl, Paula Silha, Joe Langeberg, and Voni Vegar. **Guests and Staff:** Bob Gollnik, Erin Duffer, Jenna Dinkel, Chelsey Bolden, Matt Sorensen, and Dena Ryan.

Bob Gollnik called the meeting at 2:30pm.

1) Approval of minutes of the June 18, 2024, Meeting:

Charlie Handy motioned to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024, meeting; Jim Krueger 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 one (1) City of La Crosse project to the TIP List: Various Highways, SW Region Pavement Marking, Construction Anticipated in 2024-2025 (243-24-024).
- Addition of one (1) City of La Crescent project to the TIP List: Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Lease 2 Electric Vehicles for Municipal Use (243-24-025).

Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program; Jim Krueger seconded. All were in favor.

3) Review and ranking recommendation of Wisconsin Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) applications:

Erin Duffer shared that two applications were submitted; City of La Crosse 2nd Street Cycle Track upgrade project with a federal grant request of \$326,790 and City of Onalaska East Avenue Sidewalk project with a federal grant request of \$391,393. Bob shared that LAPC staff reviewed the projects and provided the scoring rubric with the committee. Since LAPC was allocated a total amount of \$1,047,715 for 2025-2028, and that the two projects submitted do not exceed that amount, LAPC staff suggested to fund both projects but outline which one be funded first.

Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to fund both projects and list the City of La Crosse project as first priority; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

4) September 2024 agenda items:

Bob shared that in September there will be the Minnesota 2025-2028 TIP List, Minnesota Performance Measures update, and an MTP update.

5) Other business; adjourn; next meeting to be announced:

Dena Ryan introduced herself to the committee as the new Community Planner for the Minnesota Division of FHWA. Jeffrey Tripp introduced himself as the new voting member of the committee, he is the new Director of the La Crosse Regional Airport.

Bob provided an update on the Amtrak Borealis. Ridership is continuing to exceed expectations with over 18,500 riders in June, the first full month of operation.

Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 2:54pm; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.