



# LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

SERVING THE LA CROSSE (WI)/LA CRESCENT (MN) URBANIZED AREA

### LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

<b>COMMITTEE OR BOARD:</b>	<b>LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 17, 2025</b>	
<b>MEETING PLACE:</b>	<b>ROOM 1107 ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER 212 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET N, LA CROSSE, WI 54601</b> THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON WITH THE OPTION TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS – SEE MEETING ACCESS/MONITORING INSTRUCTIONS DETAILED BELOW	
<b>TIME OF MEETING:</b>	<b>4:30 P.M.</b>	
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>September Policy Board Meeting</b>	
	Item	Action
1.	Call to Order and Roll Call	
2.	Public comment (5 minutes time limit per comment)	
3.	Approval of <a href="#">minutes</a> of the July 16, 2025, LAPC Meeting	Approve
4.	Approval of Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, <a href="#">Moving Ahead to 2055 – Resolution 8-2025</a>	Approve
5.	Approval to amend the <a href="#">2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List – Resolution 9-2025</a>	Approve
6.	Approval to update the <a href="#">2026-2029 Minnesota Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List – Resolution 10-2025</a>	Approve
7.	Approval of the <a href="#">LAPC Functional Classification Update (WI) – Resolution 11 - 2025</a>	Approve
8.	Overview of 2026 Unified Planning Work Program	Information
9.	Project and Initiative Highlights	Information
10.	Director and Staff Report (attached)	Information
11.	Member Updates or Requests	Information
12.	Next Regular Meeting of LAPC: Wednesday, November 19, 2025	Information
13.	Adjourn	Approve

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Corporation Counsel  
County Clerk  
Facilities

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patrick Barlow, Chair  
Tim Candahl/ Marlene Heal, Vice Chair  
Tina Tryggstad  
Shaundel Washinton-Spivey/Barb Janssen  
Scott Schumacher  
Mike Poellinger  
Steve Elsen/Dean Taylor  
Paula Przywojski/Emy Monroe  
Dan Kapanke  
Kim Smith  
Bob Stupi

**MEMBERS:** If unable to attend, please contact Bob Gollnik, MPO Executive Director at 608-785-5977.

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**DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/POSTED: September 10, 2025**

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**LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF July 16, 2025**  
**Held in person and via Microsoft Teams**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patrick Barlow, Tina Tryggestad, Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Scott Schumacher, Steve Elsen, Paula Przywojski, Kim Smith, Tim Candahl, Mike Poellinger, Dan Kapanke, and Bob Stupi
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Erin Duffer, Travis Key, Bob Gollnik, Francis Schelfhout, and Jane Klekamp

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Patrick Barlow called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was called.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 21, 2025, LAPC MEETING**

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Tina Tryggestad to approve the minutes of the March 19, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 21, 2025, LAPC MEETING**

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Tina Tryggestad to approve the minutes of the June 17, La Crosse Area Planning Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF LAPC BYLAW AMENDMENT: ARTICLE IV OFFICERS – RESOLUTION 4-2025**

Bob Gollnik gives background and context to the amendment regarding election cycles of member communities and how an annual election for LAPC Policy Board Chair and Vice-Chair better aligns. **Mike Poellinger moves, Tina Tryggestad seconds. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NOMINATION OF LAPC CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

**Tina Tryggestad moves to nominate Patrick Barlow as Chair of the LAPC Policy Board, Mike Poellinger seconds. All in favor.**

Duties of the Vice Chair described and desired changes to role given before the nomination. Changes include a desire for the Vice Chair to be more closely involved in matters regarding the Policy Board, more similar to Chair duties.

**Tim Candahl nominates Mike Poellinger for Vice Chair. Tina Tryggestad seconds. All in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF UPDATES RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL – RESOLUTION 5-2025**

Francis Schelfhout gives context for the amendment: The U.S. Bike Route application requires inter-state connections to be outlined explicitly within the adopted language. Outlining these inter-state connections are the only changes besides small routing changes on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street cycle track in La Crosse.

Signage for the U.S. Bike Route, once established, will be pursued. The deadline for the U.S. Bike Route application is in October.



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**Mike Poellinger motions to approve. Shaundel Washington-Spivey seconds. All in favor.**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) – RESOLUTION 6-2025**

Three new projects are added into the TIP including:

- Mormon Coulee Road & Birch Street intersection – System Preservation
- City of La Crescent Safe Routes to School – 8 New walking and biking structures
- I-90 Bridge resurfacing – Bridge Rehabilitation

**Mike Poellinger motions to approve. Shaundel Washington-Spivey seconds. All in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2029 MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) LIST – RESOLUTION 7-2025**

Erin Duffer reminds the Policy Board that the Minnesota TIP list is approved on a different cycle than Wisconsin. This is not an amendment, but a new TIP list for Minnesota projects.

**Mike Poellinger motions to approve. Tim Candahl seconds. All in favor.**

Patrick Barlow asks for unanimous support to move item 11 on the agenda above item 10 to accommodate Tina Tryggstad's schedule. **All in favor.**

**EVALUATE E-TIP OPPORTUNITY AND FUNDING (HANDOUT)**

Bob Gollnik gives overview of the history of maintaining the TIP list and discussions surrounding E-TIP in Wisconsin. Highlights include:

- Efficiency in TIP amendment process and freeing up staff time.
- Cost to LAPC ~21 thousand annual fee.
- Other MPOs have good things to say about this E-TIP system.

Erin Duffer adds more information about the supplying company, EcoInteractive and their experience working with other Bi-State MPOs.

Francis Schelfhout adds that it would be a huge time-save.

Mike Poellinger asks for who in Minnesota that EcoInteractive works with. Erin Duffer answers that EcoInteractive works with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Tina Tryggstad asks if the whole cost would come from LAPC reserve funds. Bob Gollnik answers that 2025 funds would come from reserve but that future years EcoInteractive charges would be part of the operating budget.

**Shaundel Washington-Spivey motions to approve the purchase of EcoInteractive software and services. Tina Tryggstad seconds. All in favor.**

**DISCUSS MTP UPDATE STRATEGIC GOALS AND 2026 UPWP PRIORITIES (HANDOUT)**

Bob Gollnik explains the hierarchy of goals, objectives, and action items from the MTP. Bob Gollnik continues by giving justifications for each of the strategic goals.

Erin Duffer gives a summary of Public Engagement activities and how it informed our goals and objectives.

**DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORT**

Detailed list of additional LAPC activities and involvements between this meeting and the last Policy Board meeting was provided in the agenda packet.

**MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS**

Members of the Policy Board were asked to share any local updates or request.



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Tim Candahl asks about the possibility of a 'regionalization of services' study. Emphasizing the rising costs of services that the Town of Shelby is required to provide like fire, police, etc. Additionally, there is a duplication of services that are not justified by the actual need of those services.

Mike Poellinger mentions that there was a study that was related to what Tim Candahl is asking for- Conducted by the Regional Committee of Fire Providers and Operators. This was previously a County led effort.

Bob Gollnik says that LAPC can try to find the old report and identify progress made by that committee.

Bob Stupi mentions that they received the environmental review for their bike trail and that the BFR has been submitted. Construction is set for next Spring. County Highway H RFP is currently out to construct that bike trail.

Shaundel Washington-Spivey adds on to the discussion regarding regionalization. Maybe it would be a good idea to expand the discussion of regionalization of services to include other services beyond fire and police.

Jane Klekamp adds that the Emergency Services Committee started meeting again after a hiatus.

Patrick Barlow announces that the McDonalds in Holmen opens the following day, July 17.

Erin Duffer adds that TAP solicitation and STP-U ranking will be taking place later this fall.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: September 17, at 4:30 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Mike Poellinger/Shaudel Washington-Spivey to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Recorded by Travis Key

# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

## RESOLUTION 8 – 2025

### APPROVING THE La Crosse Area Planning Committee Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan, *“Moving Ahead to 2055”*

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Department of Transportation regulations require the development and approval of a long-range transportation plan by the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC), acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, the LAPC Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan, *Moving Ahead to 2055*, supports the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods; and

**WHEREAS**, *Moving Ahead to 2055* meets the requirements of 23 CFR 450.324 for the development and content of the metropolitan transportation plan, which includes addressing no less than a 20-year planning horizon, and a system performance report evaluating the condition and performance of the transportation system and describing how LAPC projects support Wisconsin and Minnesota performance targets; and

**WHEREAS**, *Moving Ahead to 2055*, provides a framework for the development of short and long-term coordinated transportation projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the LAPC approves *Moving Ahead to 2055* as being consistent with metropolitan planning policies.

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Patrick Barlow, Chair

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Bob Gollnik, Executive Director  
Dated: September 17, 2025

# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

## RESOLUTION 9 – 2025

### AMENDING THE

#### **2025 - 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the La Crosse / La Crescent Planning Area**

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Department of Transportation regulations require the development and approval of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2025-2028 TIP on November 20, 2024;

And,

**WHEREAS**, since adoption of the TIP, two (2) projects have been added to the TIP projects list:

243-25-027	One (1) State of Wisconsin project, USH 53, La Crosse - Galesville (STH 35 to Clinton St.), Reconstruction, Design Anticipated in 2026, Construction Not Currently Scheduled or Obligated, MAJORS/NHPP funding, Mater Group TIP #243-22-021
243-25-028	One (1) City of La Crescent project, LED Street Lighting Upgrade, Walnut Street from S. 3rd St. to Walnut Pl., including a short segment on 4th St., CRP funding

And,

**WHEREAS**, since adoption of the TIP, Changes to funding, project description, state project ID, and/or construction/design schedules have been made to fifty eight (58) projects:

Thirty-four (34) State of Wisconsin projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>243-19-020, 243-22-021, 243-14-026, 243-19-035, 243-25-022, 243-24-020, 243-20-027, 243-24-013, 243-11-024, 243-21-002, 243-21-021, 243-24-021, 243-24-026, 243-23-020, 243-19-017, 243-24-027, 243-21-022, 243-22-028, 243-20-016, 243-23-022, 243-24-039, 243-25-012, 243-21-023, 243-22-020, 243-20-028, 243-20-031, 243-19-034, 243-22-030, 243-24-018, 243-22-018, 243-24-040, 243-22-034, 243-24-024, &amp; 243-24-019</li></ul>
Ten (10) La Crosse County projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>243-20-022, 243-20-023, 243-23-035, 243-23-029, 243-22-027, 243-23-012, 243-24-028, 243-21-017, 243-21-018, &amp; 243-25-013</li></ul>
Six (6) City of La Crosse projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>243-23-024, 243-23-025, 243-24-022, 243-22-036, 243-24-032, &amp; 243-22-024</li></ul>
Two (2) City of Onalaska projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>243-22-022 &amp; 243-24-030</li></ul>
Two (2) State of Minnesota projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>243-24-037 &amp; 243-25-026</li></ul>
Two (2) Town of Shelby projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>343-24-016 &amp; 243-22-037</li></ul>
One (1) Town of Holland project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>243-23-031</li></ul>
One (1) Village of Holmen project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>243-24-034</li></ul>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee, hereby, approves an amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP table and document as reflected in the attachment.

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Patrick Barlow, Chair

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Bob Gollnik, Executive Director  
Dated: September 17, 2025



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

## RESOLUTION 10 – 2025

### APPROVING THE

### *Update to the 2026 - 2029 Minnesota Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) List for the La Crosse / La Crescent Planning Area*

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2026-2029 Minnesota TIP List on July 16, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, since adoption of the Minnesota TIP List by LAPC, one (1) project has been added:

- One (1) City of La Crescent project, LED Street Lighting Upgrade, Walnut Street from S. 3rd St. to Walnut Pl., including a short segment on 4th St., CRP funding (243-25-028)

And,

**WHEREAS**, since adoption of the Minnesota TIP List, Changes to funding, project description, state project ID, and/or construction/design schedules has been made to one (1) State of Minnesota Carbon Reduction Program project (243-24-037) and one (1) State of Minnesota Bridge Rehabilitation project (243-25-026);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the LAPC approves the update to the Minnesota project list for the 2026-2029 La Crosse and La Crescent Metropolitan Area Transportation Improvement Program as constituting the final Minnesota TIP, and to be consistent with the District 6 ATIP and Minnesota STIP;

And,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the LAPC will approve in November 2025 the 2026-2029 Wisconsin TIP projects list which will include the approved 2026-2029 Minnesota TIP projects list.

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Patrick Barlow, Chair

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Bob Gollnik, Executive Director

Dated: September 17, 2025

# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

## RESOLUTION 11 – 2025

### SUPPORTING THE

#### *Approval of Changes to the La Crosse Area Planning Committee's Functional Classification System*

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the La Crosse, Wisconsin – La Crescent, Minnesota urbanized area, with responsibility for transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, functional classification is the method by which roads and streets are categorized based on the levels of mobility and access they provide; and

**WHEREAS**, functional classification of a road or street has a bearing on federal transportation funding eligibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) have developed guidance for functional classification of roads and streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) periodically reviews and updates the functional classification system of roads and streets throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommended functional classification changes were developed through joint review by LAPC and WisDOT planning staff; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommended changes have been reviewed by LAPC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC); and

**WHEREAS**, documents showing the recommended changes are attached; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will, after local approval of the recommended functional classification changes, approve the changes and submit them to FHWA for final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved final functional classification map will be made available to LAPC after FHWA final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the new functional classifications will supersede the existing functional classifications in the urban area;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) Policy Board hereby approves all recommended functional classifications.

**(See attached map)**

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TASK/PROJECT	HIGHLIGHTS	NEXT STEPS
<b>Illustrative Project Planning Discussions</b>	LAPC staff finished conducting illustrative project planning discussions with member communities, sharing engagement themes and results, sharing draft MTP recommendations related to policy, planning, and projects, and developing timeline and cost estimates for individual projects identified through these discussions. Staff have been implementing the results of the illustrative project planning discussions into the MTP's recommendations.	Staff compiled the results of discussions for inclusion in the MTP.
<b>MTP Development</b>	Bob, Erin, and Travis finished drafting <i>Moving Ahead to 2055</i> and sent out the draft for state and federal partners to review in July, including environmental and cultural resource agencies. After some revisions suggested by state and federal partners, staff opened up the plan for public comment in August and held two last open houses. One was held at the Town of Onalaska and the other at La Crosse County Administrative Building, with a virtual option available.	Open for public comment until September 16, with Policy Board set to approve on September 17, 2025
<b>E-TIP Implementation Project</b>	After approval by the board in July 2025, staff moved forward in procuring a vendor contract with EcoInteractive to transfer to an electronic TIP system. A kickoff was held on 8/12, and staff continues to coordinate with the firm.	Continue coordinating the development of the interface.
<b>WIS 53 &amp; 14/61 TAC and LOAC Meetings</b>	Erin and Travis attended TAC/LOAC meetings to review preferred alternatives and selected design preferences for US 53	Continue participating in TAC and PIMs
<b>WIS 16 Corridor Study</b>	Initial kickoff TAC/LOAC meeting on 9/10. Additional project page information was circulated to LAPC mailing list.	Continue participating in TAC and PIMs
<b>APA Wisconsin Conference</b>	Wisconsin chapter of the American Planning Association is holding their annual conference in La Crosse, September 11-12, 2025. Erin is on the conference planning committee and encouraged local municipalities to attend.	Monthly meetings, conference held
<b>WI MPO MTP/LRTP Workgroup</b>	Erin is leading an MPO-driven initiative to survey existing MTPs/LRTPs activities in Wisconsin and best practices nationwide. Workgroup was formed last year and work to initiate opportunities for improvement.	Bi-monthly meetings, Best Practices Report and Recommendations
<b>Harbor Commission/Port Statistical Area</b>	Bob has been working with Adam Binsfield (Joint Harbor Commission Chair), and La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce to create a MOU with the Prairie Du Chien Chamber of Commerce to move forward with PSA efforts and promote waterway access/economic development for the region. MOU have been signed by both Chambers. Updated information was presented at the August Harbor Commission meeting and a master plan update will be discussed in Fall 2025.	Continue to participate in relevant Chamber Events and support Harbor Commission direction
<b>LAPC Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study</b>	Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study kicked off and underway with SRF consulting. Currently in the data-collection phase and met for the first Steering Committee Meeting in August.	Continue to work with SRF for key deliverables.
<b>WisDOT Grant Solicitations</b>	Both the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) are open for solicitation and accepting applications until October 31, 2025. Staff have coordinated with applicable municipalities on applications and communicate relevant information to the TAC and CTAT.	TAC/CTAT prioritization and ranking of projects post application deadline.



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<b>City of La Crescent Active Transportation Plan</b>	Erin is sitting on the steering committee for development of the City of La Crescent's Active Transportation Plan. Hosted by MnDOT, this plan will provide a roadmap for improving conditions for a safer, more accessible, and connected La Crescent Community.	Attend future steering committee meetings and scheduled bike/walk audits.
<b>FRA RCE Grants</b>	<p>LAPC led an FRA RCE Grant Submittal on behalf of the Town of Onalaska (Brice Prairie), submitted on 9/19/24.</p> <p>LAPC supported an FRA RCE Grant for the City of La Crescent, submitted 9/23/24.</p> <p>Both grants were successful, and staff is awaiting Federal review to move forward with the grant agreement process. FRA project managers have been assigned and staff have had project kickoff meetings with FRA managers Grant agreement paperwork has been submitted. Recent Congressional inquiry with Rep. Van Orden indicates "grant continues to move forward through the obligation process and the FRA does not anticipate any challenges at this time" Tentative start date(s) are Q4 2025.</p>	Release RFP after Federal review and guidance is provided.
<b>SS4A</b>	LAPC received "Official" notification of award for a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through the SS4A program on October 8. The timeline for the beginning of the project (in partnership with the City of La Crosse) was initially May 2025. A Grant agreement was finalized in August 2025 and an internal kickoff with the project steering committee and consultant was held 8/27	Continue working with consultant and formalize a project task force.
<b>MnDOT State Rail Plan Policy Advisory Committee</b>	Most recent meeting was November 26, for the <a href="#">MnDOT State Rail Plan</a> PAC #2. A final draft of the plan is being produced beginning in May 2025 and should be released for public comment by Q4 2025.	Maintain communications and collaborate as necessary moving forward.
<b>MNDOT Freight Network Optimization Tool</b>	Bob is serving on the advisory steering committee for the <a href="#">FNOT</a> , which aims to provide an online application that will provide both public and private sector users with the ability to analyze and visualize freight data in support of multimodal freight planning and supply chain analysis to reduce goods movement costs, create a more efficient freight network, and to support economic development across Minnesota. The most recent update was completed on June 26.	As the tool moves from beta phase, determine uses in SE Minnesota.
<b>Minnesota GO Update – Advisory Committee</b>	Bob was invited to serve on the Minnesota Go (MnDOT family of statewide plans) Vision Advisory Committee. The group is tasked with looking to the future and determining how transportation should serve Minnesota. The project kicked off on July 29, with a second meeting in November 2025.	Continue advocating for greater Minnesota transportation needs and provide updates as the project progresses.
<b>Regional Bike Map</b>	Travis is coordinating with Jenna Dinkel from the City of La Crosse to update the old regional bicycle map. This map was last updated in 2011. This effort has also aided in LAPC's effort to update its spatial data inventory. The final draft bike map was presented by Travis at the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Committee on Transit and Active Transportation for feedback.	The project is in the final design stages and is currently accepting feedback. Printed brochures and online access will be available in September.



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<b>Travel Demand Model</b>	Travis and Erin have engaged with WisDOT travel demand modelers to ensure programmed projects are reflected in the current model. Additionally, discussion was held to determine what assumptions can be gleaned from the level of service results from the model.	Post-MTP adoption, a secondary analysis of socioeconomic and level of service projections will be amended into the MTP in 2026 to reflect more up-to-date population and household projections; key inputs for the travel demand model.
<b>La Crosse County Coordination</b>	LAPC continues to support multiple La Crosse County initiatives, including a Compensation Study, Housing Study, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Team, and a recently finalized Economic Development Plan. In addition, Bob continues to participate in monthly department head meetings.	Continue participating in relevant meetings and sharing information with LAPC members where applicable.
<b>ORA Trails Site Amenities</b>	In September, Outdoor Recreation Alliance invited LAPC to serve on a site amenities committee to assist on designs, amenities, and connectivity. The committee is meeting bi-weekly and collaborating with a number of local partners to make the project a success. Progress has been made on site planning, trail construction, and partner coordination. Bob attended the Trail Farm Groundbreaking event on the evening of April 11.	Trail work has begun and the project is in advisory model phase for the summer. .
<b>Mid America Freight Coalition</b>	Coalition is a pooled fund research program comprised of 10 upper Midwest states. Bi-monthly meeting on December 5 covered rail corridor hazards, annual meeting funding, and peer to peer discussions.	Continue participating in regular meetings and monitor research.
<b>La Crosse Air Services Workgroup</b>	In 2024, La Crosse Area Development Corporation (LADCO) organized a workgroup of various stakeholders to discuss strategies to expand and 'rightsized' LSE services. Bob attends monthly meetings on behalf of LAPC, and in January members of the group (including Bob), interviewed and selected the next airport consultant. Recent updates from LSE staff include promising discussions with airlines and options to implement the minimum revenue guarantee funds from the City and County.	Continue monthly meetings and work with the selected consultant to support air service improvement.
<b>University Connections</b>	<p>UW-La Crosse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob coordinated with the Communication &amp; Media Lab to organize student projects in spring 2025, and is working to identify new collaborations in Fall 2025/Spring 2026.</li> </ul> <p>UW-Madison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travis and Bob submitted a Capstone project request to the Engineering Department to assist in water management strategies at the ORA Trail Farm, as well as a separate capstone project to assess feasibility of a multi-use trail along Smith Valley Road in Medary. Both professors conducted site visits in August and the projects kicked off the week of 9/8.</li> </ul> <p>Viterbo University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bob has worked with Sam Scinta to support development of the Common Good Initiative and facilitated additional meetings with County Staff and Leadership. Sam extended</li> </ul>	<p><u>UW-La Crosse</u> Share and promote video footage with communities as it becomes available.</p> <p><u>UW-Madison</u> Provide additional information as necessary and await decision on chosen projects in the upcoming semester.</p> <p><u>Viterbo University</u></p>



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	discussions with the City of Onalaska to refine elements of the program and further develop the concept of student projects. The first project assistant is assisting the City of Onalaska Attorney.	Continue to support Mr. Scinta on the initiative.
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