



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes of July 21, 2021 Held via Microsoft Teams & in Person

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Poellinger, Patrick Barlow, Mitch Reynolds, Linda Seidel, Kim Smith, Stan Hauser, Monica Kruse, Bob Stupi, Joshua Johnson, Scott Schumacher
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Tim Candahl
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Steve O'Malley, Erin Klar (Recorder), Francis Shelfhout (DOT), Bob Gollink, Barb Jansen

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Seidel called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2021 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Smith to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

OVERVIEW OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Peter Fletcher gave a presentation on the overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

APPROVE THE MINNESOTA 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT LIST (RESOLUTION 5-2021)

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). Federal regulations require a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning and programming process for TIP/STIP coordination. The schedules for the adoption of the District 6 ATIP and Minnesota STIP require that the LAPC approve the Minnesota projects list by July 31. By approving the MN project list the projects will be incorporated into the final Minnesota STIP and the District 6 ATIP. LAPC 2022-2025 TIP will be approved in November, which will include the 2022-2025 Wisconsin TIP projects and the approved 2022-2025 Minnesota TIP projects list.

MOTION by Poellinger/Barlow to approve the Minnesota 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Project List (Resolution 5-2021). **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

APPROVE LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE REVISED BYLAWS

The LAPC bylaws have not been updated since 2009. A revised draft was presented at the last meeting. Since no changes have been made since the last meeting the bylaws can be approved at this meeting.

Motion by Reynolds/Kruse to approve La Crosse Area Planning Committee Revised Bylaws. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**



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REVIEW DRAFT INTRMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Since the Town of Holland joined the LAPC the current intermunicipal agreement needs to be updated to include the Town of Holland. The current agreement went through a comprehensive revision and was approved and signed by LAPC members in 2019. The revised agreement is being presented at this meeting for discussion. It will be included on the September LAPC meeting agenda for consideration of approval. I wanted to provide each of your communities the opportunity to review the agreement and consult your legal counsel if necessary.

2022 WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Items for the 2022 work program activities were reviewed. A draft of the plan will be presented at the September meeting.

TCMC UPDATE (AMTRAK – SECOND TRAIN)

Minnesota legislature approved 10 million in the June special session. This provides a match to federal grants for construction and operation assistance. The Wisconsin DOT requires 6.5 million in matching funds which have been secured. A second train is moving ahead with a final design in 2022, construction in 2021-2024 and operational in 2024. Having two trains run daily will increase tourism and business travel options in the area.

FUTURE MEETING(S) FORMAT

Meetings will be held in person with a virtual component as well. Members would be encouraged to attend in person as much as possible.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- STP-Urban Program is in its 2022-2027 funding cycle which provides a transportation funding and allocation to MPO communities for transportation projects.
- SW DOT region is requiring initial draft applications by August 13, late/revised application by Sept. 17.
- Final applications due to WISDOT Central office by October 1.5
- The LAPC TAC will rank applications at their November TAC meeting.
- TDP Regional Transit Development plan is moving ahead – First phase of public input has been completed and the next phase will be identifying alternatives and recommendations

OTHER BUSINESS - none noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fire/EMS Study updates
- Intermunicipal Agreements/Bylaws
- 2021-2024 TIP Amendment
- 2022 Draft Work Program and Budget



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NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

ADJOURN

MOTION by Poellinger/Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar