



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

*Metropolitan Planning Organization
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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes of September 15, 2021 Held via Microsoft Teams & in Person

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Seidel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2021 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

APPROVE AMENDING THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 6-2021)

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). The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2021-2024 TIP on October 21, 2020. Since adoption of the TIP, three projects have been added to the TIP project list: 243-21-012 STH 33, City of La Crosse, State Road & Losey Boulevard Intersection, Design Obligated in 2021, Construction Obligated in 2025, Construction in 2026; 243-21-013 East Avenue, City of Onalaska, Riders Club Road Intersection, Design Obligated in 2021, Construction Obligated in 2023; 243-21-014 Various Highways, Vernon County Bridges - Approach Slab Repair, Construction Obligated in 2021, Construction in 2022. Since adoption of the TIP, right-of-way has been obligated to project 243-19-034; and a terminus has been modified in project 243-20-030.

MOTION by Poellinger/Reynolds to approve Amending the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

APPROVE THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2022 SAFETY TARGETS (RESOLUTION 7-2021)

The U.S. Department of Transportation established five performance measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) within the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program; Final (23 CFR 490, Subpart B). The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) established statewide calendar year 2022 targets for each of the five HSIP performance measures in accordance with 23 CFR 490.209. Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must annually establish calendar year targets for



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each of the five HSIP performance measures by either agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of State HSIP targets or commit to quantifiable HSIP targets for the metropolitan planning area. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee agrees to plan and program projects that supports WisDOT 2022 HSIP targets.

Motion by Kruse/Poellinger to approve The Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2022 Safety Targets. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

APPROVE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The revised "Intermunicipal Agreement for the Metropolitan Planning Organization" is to be considered for approval at this meeting. 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. Staff provided the revised agreement at the July meeting to provide each of community the opportunity to review the agreement and consult your legal counsel if necessary.

Motion by Barlow/Poellinger to approve Intermunicipal agreement for metropolitan planning organization. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

REVIEW 2022 DRAFT WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

The *2022 Planning Work Program for the La Crosse Area Planning Committee* (PWP, work program) presents work activities that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) will undertake as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the La Crosse, Wisconsin and La Crescent, Minnesota Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The PWP is developed with the input and cooperation of the local municipalities, agencies, transit providers, and the public through the LAPC Policy Board, technical committees, and public participation process. Input is also sought from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation (MnDOT and WisDOT). The PWP is developed to be consistent with the guidance provided in the *Wisconsin Department of Transportation Unified Planning Work Program Handbook*. The work program implements *Beyond Coulee Vision 2040*, the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) for the La Crosse and La Crescent area, adopted by the LAPC in September 2020 in accordance with Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which was signed on December 4, 2015.

The draft work program includes the work program budget for the MPO. The MPO will be receiving approximately \$9,000 less in federal funding in 2022 compared to 2021. The work program and budget will be considered for approval at LAPC November meeting. The draft work program has been reviewed by WisDOT, MnDOT and Federal Highways.

FIRE/EMS UPDATE

Chief Ken Gilliam presented an update on the City of La Crosse/Holmen Area Fire Department "Share Fire Administration MOU." The MOU went into effect on July 9, 2021 and things are going very well. The Holmen Fire Department is now a 24/7, 365 staffing model.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) DISCUSSION

The amount of funding that local governments will be receiving was reviewed (approximately \$52,000,000 for MPO Planning Area communities). All funding should be received by 2022 and will need to be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Steve O'Malley encouraged



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everyone to lean on your Towns Association or an auditor to help figure out how the funds can be used.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- STP-U Urban Update. STP-Urban Program is in its 2022-2027 funding cycle which provides funding for MPO communities transportation projects on a competitive basis. Six applications have been received to date. There is \$4,000,000 available in funding. The LAPC TAC will rank applications at their November TAC meeting with rankings approved by the LAPC in November.
- TDP Regional Transit Development plan. The first phase of public input has been completed as well as a needs assessment document. The next phase will be identifying alternatives and recommendations.
- TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) application process recently opened. Staff will be providing information to communities.

OTHER BUSINESS - none noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program
- 2021-2024 TIP Amendment
- 2022 Work Program
- STP-Urban Program project rankings

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

ADJOURN

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 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