



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Serving the La Crosse/La Crescent Urbanized Area

Peter Fletcher, Director Jackie Eastwood, Transportation Planner
La Crosse County Administrative Center
212 6th Street North ☎ Room 2300 ☎ La Crosse, WI 54601-1200
PH: 608.785.5977 Website: <https://lacrossecounty.org/mpo>

Minutes of Committee on Transit and Active Transportation, March 10, 2022 Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the CTAT held in-person and as a virtual meeting on Teams on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

Members Present: Sandy Sechrest, Bob Gollnik, Kurt Wayne, Charlie Handy, Cathy Van Maren, Jim Krueger, Rick Diermeier, Jim Longhurst, Krista Heinz, Rachel King, Carolyn Dvorak, Francis Schelfhout (non-voting). **Staff and Others Present:** Leah Miller, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

1) Approval of minutes of the May 20, 2021 CTAT Meeting:

Bob Gollnik motioned to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting; Rick Diermeier seconded. All were in favor.

2) Ranking of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications:

Peter Fletcher provided background on the process and explained why the La Crosse Wagon Wheel Trail Connector would not be ranked. He stated that a very high-cost estimate for the project came in just before the application was to be submitted to WisDOT, prompting the City of La Crosse to accept a last place rank in favor of other projects with a better chance of being funded. Presentations were given as follows:

1. City of La Crosse Grand Crossing Trail, Leah Miller via Teams
2. West Salem Safe Routes to School, Bob Gollnik in person
3. Town of Shelby Goose Island Connector Trail, Peter Fletcher in person

After presentations, Q & A, discussion, and ranking, the projects were coincidentally ranked in the order presentations were given.

Charlie Handy motioned to accept the ranking, with the Grand Crossing Trail as first, the SRTS project as second, and the Goose Island Connector as third, recommending the WisDOT pave the Goose Island Connector Trail as part of its STH 35 reconstruction project. Carolyn Dvorak seconded. All were in favor.

3) Other updates and information items:

Charlie Handy stated that SMRT just completed a purchase order for Xcel Energy to install charging stations for the electric buses that will arrive at the end of the year. They are also working to do more marketing and to obtain more stable local funding. Jim Krueger stated that MTU has been working with Protera to address some issues with their newly acquired electric buses.

Jim Longhurst, Rick Diermeier, and Cathy Van Maren announced several future events.

4) Future agenda items:

None suggested.

5) Adjourn; Next meeting TBA:

Peter Fletcher stated that we were going to get back on our regular schedule. The next meeting will be on May 12, 2022 at 3:00 pm and will be run as a hybrid meeting for in-person and virtual participation.

Charlie Handy motioned to adjourn at 3:51 pm; Jim Krueger seconded. All were in favor.