



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of the Committee on Transit and Active Transportation, January 11, 2024, Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of the CTAT** held in-person and as a virtual meeting on Teams on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 3:30 pm.

**Members Present:** Bridget Brown, Jim Longhurst, Jenna Dinkel, Ken Harwood, Krista Heinz, Jim Krueger, Jason Ludwigson, Jenny Morris, Francis Schelfhout, Paula Silha, Cathy Van Maren, Kurt Wayne, Staff and Others  
**Present:** Charlie Handy, Kathleen Stewart, Andrew Ericson, Chris Stindt, Bob Gollnik, and Erin Duffer.

Erin Duffer called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

### 1) Approval of minutes of the November 9, 2023 CTAT Meeting:

*Jim Krueger motioned to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023, meeting; Ken Harwood seconded. All were in favor.*

### 2) Ranking of WisDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Applications:

Informational presentations for each of the TAP applications were provided to the committee for consideration:

- Avon Street Greenway: Jenna Dinkel, City of La Crosse, provided an overview of the greenway project and fielded questions. Total project cost is \$1.2 million.
- King Street Greenway: Jenna Dinkel, City of La Crosse, provided an overview of the greenway project and fielded questions. Total project cost is \$750,000.
- Willow Trail Resiliency Project: Jenna Dinkel, City of La Crosse, provided an overview of proposed Willow Trail improvements. Total project cost is \$1.05 million.
- Safe Routes to School Program – La Crosse County: Nicolette Kvam, La Crosse County Health Educator, presented updates on the SRTS program activities in the County and goals for an upcoming grant request. Total project cost is \$503k.
- Town of Holland: Erin Duffer (LAPC) and Bob Stupi (Town of Holland) described the Town of Holland application for Phase 1 and Phase 2 (separate applications) of the County Road MH Multiuse Trail and fielded questions. Total project cost for Phase 1 is \$1.0 million, and Phase 2 is \$860k.
- Village of Holmen: On behalf of Holmen, Erin Duffer (LAPC) presented information regarding Phase 2 of the Holland Bluff Trail, a paving project to expand on Phase 1 activities for the trail. Total project cost is \$354k.

Erin Duffer distributed ranking materials and described the previously agreed-upon ranking criteria. Regional priorities decided by the group include Safety (20 points), Mobility (10 points), Accessibility (10 points), Connectivity (10 points), and Equity (10 points) and the WisDOT Ranking Criteria. Committee members discussed areas of clarification among project specifics and are to submit individual rankings to Erin.

Erin explained the next steps of submitting rankings to WisDOT, and projects will then be ranked independently through WisDOT's internal processes.

### 3) Other updates and information items:

Erin Duffer gave an update on MTP planning efforts, including planning around outreach for active transportation users.

Erin Duffer reminded attendees of Transit Equity Days (TED) the week of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The official day of recognition is February 4, Rosa Parks' birthday. Erin said that if anyone is interested in more information for local events to please reach out.

**4) Future agenda items:**

Future agenda items will include a Mississippi River Trail (MRT) update, LAPC MTP update, and local updates from municipalities.

**5) Adjourn; Next meeting TBA:**

*Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 5:04 pm; Krista Heinz seconded. All were in favor.*