



LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF May 21, 2025 Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE March 19, 2025, LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Kim Smith/Mike Poellinger to approve the minutes of the March 19, La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried with one abstention from Barb Janssen.**

Marlene Heal served as the voting member until Tim Candahl joined after the approval of the minutes. From that point forward Tim Candahl resumed voting responsibilities.

WELCOME THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE LAPC

LAPC staff and Committee Members welcomed Paula Przywojski and Shaundel Washington-Spivey to the LAPC.

RECOGNITION OF STAN HAUSER, TOWN OF ONALASKA, AND MITCH REYNOLDS, CITY OF LA CROSSE FOR YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE LAPC

LAPC staff and Committee Members thanked Stan Hauser and Mitch Reynolds for their time on this Policy Board.

Barb Janssen served as the voting member until Shaundel Washington-Spivey joined after the recognition of Stan Hauser and Mitch Reynolds. From that point forward Shaundel Washington-Spivey resumed voting responsibilities.

NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Bob Gollnik shared the position of Chair and Vice Chair are up for election. As stated in the current Bylaws, the officers shall be elected to serve for two (2) years and the Chair shall not serve successive terms in that office. It was discussed that the current timeframe does not always line up best with local municipal elections and could result in ending an officer's service early. It was further discussed to review amending these Bylaws.



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MOTION by Kim Smith/Bob Stupi to **TABLE NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO JULY 16, 2025, MEETING** and **HOLD A SPECIAL JUNE MEETING TO REVIEW BYLAW AMENDMENT OPTIONS. Motion carried unanimously.**

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AMENDING 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) LIST AND DOCUMENT - Resolution 3-2025

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) approved the 2025-2028 TIP on November 20, 2024. Since adoption of the TIP, four (4) projects have been added and changes to funding, state project IDs, and/or construction schedules to one (1) existing project.

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Steve Elsen to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MPO ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

Erin Duffer and Travis Key shared a presentation summarizing the information in the [MPO Advocacy and Engagement Toolkit](#) created by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). This toolkit was designed to educate decision-makers and stakeholders to advocate for transportation priorities.

LAPC RFP UPDATES/FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATE

Bob Gollnik shared the Safe Streets and Roads for All – Comprehensive Safety Action Planning Grant proposals were reviewed, and a consultant was selected. The grant agreement for this program has not been finalized yet as the federal funding situation continues to unfold. Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study was approved from the Wisconsin DOT for a multi-year contract. The RFP was out for bids in April and May.

MEMBER DUES LETTER

Bob Gollnik shared that the annual member dues letter will be sent out soon to each of the communities and shared a sample of what the letter will look like.

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.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MTP Update, TIP Amendment, RFP Updates, Bylaw Amendment, Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair, and Mississippi River Trail (MRT) Support Resolution Amendment.

MEMBER UPDATES OR REQUESTS

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 2025 (Special Meeting), at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Poellinger/Paula Przywojski to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Erin Duffer