



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 15, 2020

Administrative Center – Room 1107

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mike Poellinger (Chair), Patrick Barlow, Tara Johnson, Martin Gaul, Linda Seidel, Tim Candahl, Kim Smith
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Dennis Manthei, Rolly Bogert, Terry Schaller
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Steve O'Malley, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Jason Gilman, Jim Kuehn, Wieser Law Office, Anna Dix, Francis Schelfhout, Bill Waller, Terri Pavlic

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Poellinger called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and roll call was taken via Skype.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2020 LAPC MEETING

**MOTION** by Gaul/Seidel to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused: Manthei, Bogert, Schaller.**

### RECOGNITION OF TARA JOHNSON FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LAPC

Tara Johnson was recognized for her leadership and years of service 2011-2020 with the LAPC. With her leadership and support of our organization, we are on a great track moving forward. We all wish her well in her retirement. Congratulations Tara!

### APPROVE AMENDING THE 2019 WORK PROGRAM

This agenda item results from a 2013 LAPC Policy Board meeting where Clinton Torp, then manager of the La Crosse Regional Airport, requested a pledge from the LAPC for \$10,000 from the budgeted reserve toward support for the Small Community Air Service Development Grant. The Policy Board approved the request, but because the pledge in 2013 was to help qualify for the grant, time elapsed before the grant was received and the amount was finally invoiced to the LAPC in 2019. Jackie Eastwood paid the invoice in 2019. The \$10,000 should have been carried over annually in the budget. This amendment will help account for this by amending the 2019 budget to reflect the payment of \$10,000 from non-PL reserve funds to the La Crosse Regional Airport. **MOTION** by Barlow/Gaul to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused: Manthei, Bogert, Schaller.**

### APPROVE AMENDING THE 2020 WORK PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 3-2020)

In 2019, the LAPC Policy Board approved expenditures from the non-planning (PL) reserves account to cost share with La Crosse County on an EMS Study (\$11,750 each) and to provide \$6,000 annually toward a program to help fund local Town Comprehensive Plan updates. These were done after our work program was approved. The total for these non-planning reserves expenditures is \$17,750. The modification will amend the 2020 budget to reflect non-PL reserve fund contributions of \$11,750 for the EMS study and \$6,000 toward consultant fees for a town of Campbell comprehensive plan update, totaling \$17,750.

**MOTION** by Seidel/Barlow to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused: Manthei, Bogert, Schaller.**



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## **APPROVE AMENDING THE 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 4-2020)**

Since the adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Program in September 2019, several amendments have been approved to add new projects and to modify listed projects. This TIP amendment includes the addition of one preservation project, one reconstruction project and one transit project:

- USH 53, City of LA Crosse, Third & Fourth Streets (Cass St to 2<sup>nd</sup> St), pavement replacement, design anticipated in 2020, construction anticipated in 2026-2027 with actual construction in 2027-2028.
- CTH B, Town of Campbell – City of La Crosse (Clinton St to Lakeshore Dr), reconstruct, 100% locally funded design, obligated in 2020, potential BUILD-TIGER grant or STBG project for construction
- Three medium bus replacement vehicles

**MOTION** by Gaul/Seidel to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused: Manthei, Bogert, Schaller.**

## **APPROVE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM RANKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Wisconsin Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grants which fund walking and biking trails, sidewalks, SRTS projects, etc. are available on a two-year cycle. Five grant applications for projects within the MPO planning area were received. WISDOT requires a project application ranking from the MPO. The following five applications were received and reviewed by CTAT (Committee on Transit and Active Transportation) in early March. The rankings are as follows:

1. Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure, La Crosse County - \$345,000
2. Wagon Wheel Trail, City of La Crosse - \$874,000
3. Avon St. Greenway, City of La Crosse - \$660,000
4. Onalaska Connector Trail, La Crosse County - \$680,000
5. La Crosse River Bridge, La Crosse County - \$830,000

**MOTION** by Barlow/Candahl to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused: Manthei, Bogert, Schaller.**

## **LA CROSSE SEWER SERVICE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT – LA CRESCENT (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

The City of La Crescent is requesting an amendment to the La Crosse Sewer Service Area Management Plan. Specifically, the City of La Crescent is requesting that the Apple Blossom Point Development, 77.4 acres, and the Stoney Point Development, 85.0 acres be removed and that the Horse Track Meadows Development, 68.9 acres be added to the La Crosse Sewer Service Area Water Quality Management Plan. Both the City of La Crosse and the City of La Crescent are in agreement of the amendment. No action is required by the LAPC. The La Crosse Sewer Service Area Water Quality Management Plan requires the LAPC to review the request and provide the opportunity for comments from member communities.

The La Crosse Area Sewer Committee (LACS) has the local approval authority and is made up of the City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, City of La Crescent, Town of Campbell and Town of Shelby. The LASC will meet in the near future via conference call to consider the amendment request. Possible dates for this meeting will be sent out to LASC members.



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## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

- Peter Fletcher, Director of the MPO gave a brief overview of his department's activities. Due to the pandemic, he and Jackie Eastwood have both been working remotely from home.
- His public outreach to the municipalities has come to a halt due to the COVID 19 pandemic. He was able to attend the Towns Association Meeting at the end of February.
- The Town of Campbell is utilizing the Regional Planning Commission and has started their Town Plan Update.
- In May of 2021 the MPO Bi-State (Wisconsin and Minnesota) Conference will be held in La Crosse; this will require some financial commitment for the conference; more information will be forthcoming

**OTHER BUSINESS** – none noted.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- TIP Amendment in May
- Possible extension request by City of La Crosse for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Seidel/Smith to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused: Manthei, Bogert, Schaller.**

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic