



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

*Metropolitan Planning Organization
Serving the La Crosse/La Crescent Urbanized Area*

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La Crosse County Administrative Center
212 6th Street North ☎ Room 1200 ☎ La Crosse, WI 54601-1200
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LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD:	LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING:	WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021
MEETING PLACE:	ROOM 1700 ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER 212 6TH STREET N, LA CROSSE, WI 54601 THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON WITH THE OPTION TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS – SEE MEETING ACCESS/ MONITORING INSTRUCTIONS DETAILED BELOW
TIME OF MEETING:	4:30 P.M.
PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Monthly Meeting
1.	Call to Order and Roll Call
2.	Public comment (5 minutes time limit per comment)
3.	Approval of minutes of the March 17, 2021 LAPC meeting
4.	Welcome to newly elected officials to the LAPC
5.	Recognition of Terry Schaller, Town of Campbell and Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem for years of service on the LAPC
6.	Nomination of LAPC Chair and Vice-Chair
7.	Approve amending the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 4-2021)
8.	Regional Transit Development Plan for La Crosse MTU, SMRT, Onalaska Shared Ride - Presentation by SRF Consulting Group
9.	Review draft Bylaws (possible action)
10.	Bluffland Coalition - Memorandum of Understanding (possible action)
11.	Fire/EMS Study - follow up discussion
12.	Directors Report
13.	Other Business
14.	Future Agenda Items -Intermunicipal Agreements/Bylaws -2021-2024 TIP Amendment -Minnesota TIP Project List
15.	Next Regular Meeting of LAPC: Wednesday, July 21, 2021
16.	Adjourn

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La Crosse Tribune
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OTHERS

LAPC Technical Committees
Public Participation Process List

DEPARTMENTS

County Administrator
Corporation Counsel
County Clerk
Facilities

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mike Poellinger, Chair
Patrick Barlow
Monica Kruse
Mitch Reynolds
Scott Schumacher
Linda Seidel
Tim Candahl
Stan Hauser/Jerry Monti
Joshua Johnson
Kim Smith
Bob Stupi/Steve Mieden

MEMBERS: If unable to attend, please contact Peter Fletcher, MPO Director at 608-785-5977.

***PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

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DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/POSTED: May 11, 2021

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**LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
 Minutes of March 17, 2021
 Held via Microsoft Teams**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Poellinger, Dennis Manthei, Monica Kruse, Tim Candahl, Patrick Barlow, Linda Seidel, Kim Smith
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Terry Schaller, Stan Hauser, Tim Kabat, Steve Michaels
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Steve O'Malley, Angel Much (Recorder), Olivia Herken, Francis Shelfout (WisDOT), Rob Henken, Tom Tornstrom, Jim Krueger Jr, Benjamin O'Connell

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Poellinger called the meeting to order via Microsoft Teams. Roll call was taken and a quorum was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Manthei/Candahl to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with 4 excused: Schaller, Hauser, Michaels, Kabat.**

WELCOME TOWN OF HOLLAND AS MEMBER OF THE LAPC

Fletcher advised the Town of Holland was approved as a member and is now paying LAPC dues. The bylaws and agreements will have to be updated to include another community.

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR KABAT FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LAPC

Poellinger advised they have a plaque and will present it to Mayor Kabat.

APPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN TARGETS FOR LA CROSSE MUNICIPAL TRANSIT UTILITY & ONALASKA SHARED RIDE (RESOLUTION 2-2021)

Fletcher referred to the resolution shared on the screen while briefly explaining the following:

- MTU and Onalaska ShareRide required by Federal Transit Administration to prepare Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans that include safety targets (completed in 2020)
- The MPO has 180 days to agree to the plan & program projects that contribute to meeting the targets. The resolution represents the LAPC agreeing to planning and programming projects that contribute to meeting the targets.
- Once approved, targets are incorporated into the TIP

MOTION by Barlow/Manthei to approve Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Targets for La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility & Onalaska Shared Ride (Resolution 2-2021). **Motion carried unanimously with 4 excused: Schaller, Hauser, Michaels, Kabat.**



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APPROVE

AMENDING THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 3-2021)

Fletcher advised this is for an MTU La Crescent bus replacement which was amended from a Class 400 to a Class 400 low floor. The funding was modified from \$91,000 to \$164,000 with the MN DOT providing the additional \$70,000 in funding. The public comment period of 15 days was completed and TAC recommended approval.

MOTION by Manthei/Candahl to approve amending the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 3-2021). **Motion carried unanimously with 4 excused: Schaller, Hauser, Michaels, Kabat.**

FIRE/EMS SERVICE SHARING STUDY – ROB HENKEN, PRESIDENT WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM

Rob Henken followed with a presentation which contained some of the following:

- Report was released in December; provided recap of study process
 - Studied broad range of service sharing options & whether acting collaboratively would eliminate challenges (funding by planning committee & county)
 - Participant Overview; mix of volunteer & career/PT fire & EMT depts in the area
 - Breakdown of EMS Level & Shift Staffing
 - Factors: population growth (specifically senior population growth), growing call volumes
 - Response times & Tri-State Response Times
 - Per Capita Responding expenditures
- Summary of Observations
 - Growth in Holmen area, recruitment & retention of PT staff is challenging,
 - Potential Barriers; wide variation in staffing models from dept to another,
- Tier 1: Enhanced Functional Service Sharing
 - Joint training & recruitment/improvement of PT staff
 - EMS Case Management
 - Build on the existing La Crosse-Holmen area vehicle maintenance
- Tier 2: Enhanced Coordination of Operations
 - Improved mutual aid, share apparatus, Work w/Tri-State to improve EMS Response
- Tier 3: Advanced Options
 - **Station sharing**, Consolidation through contracting, consolidated dept
- Existing & Possible new stations in La Crosse Region
- Approximate Travel Times
- Consolidated Model: Northern division w/5 stations & continue w/hybrid model with full and PT, New station staff (command & administrative staff)
- Cost Summary compared to "Future State" costs
- Conclusion: all depts will have start spending more,

Questions from the committee regarding funding/spending in other areas and clarification on response times were answered by Henken.



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APPROVE 2022 LAPC MEMBER DUES

Fletcher advised notices for 2021 dues will be sent out in the next couple of weeks but an estimate for 2022 dues was provided. This year due to the pandemic and revenue challenges local units of governments face, member dues were reduced by 25% to match what is needed for transportation planning grants and meeting “our” obligations (Town Planning Assistance Program). The recommendation is to maintain the same dues for 2022 to meet the MPO transportation planning grant match requirements and local obligations (Town Planning Assistance Program) with the expectation that local units of government will still be facing revenue challenges.

MOTION by Seidel/Smith to approve 2022 LAPC Member Dues. **Motion carried unanimously with 4 excused: Schaller, Hauser, Michaels, Kabat.**

DIRECTORS REPORT

- **Regional Transit Development Plan** - SRF Consulting just started collecting data and information and will be presenting at the next meeting with a status update
 - In April/May public outreach and public input will begin (from various communities)
- **TCMC and Empire Builder** –
 - Empire Builder – daily (7 days a week) service resumes May 24
 - TCMC – local officials meeting can be viewed by google search “WISDOT TCMC”
 - MN Governors bonding bill includes \$10 million for TCMC and if funded, TCMC could start service in 2024
 - \$32 million in track & infrastructure improvements in the MPO Planning area are part of the TCMC project
- **Finding out more on COVID stimulus recently passed (America Rescue Plan)**
\$2.4 million for transit infrastructure grants through 5307 and 5337 programs

OTHER BUSINESS - none noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Nomination of new Chair and Vice Chair
- Intermunicipal Agreements/Bylaws
- Transit Development Plan-Consultant Presentation
- 2021-2024 TIP Amendment
- Fire/EMS Report Update

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 19, 2021

ADJOURN

MOTION by Seidel/Manthei to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with 4 excused: Schaller, Hauser, Michaels, Kabat.**

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

Recorded by Angel Much



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May 11, 2021

To: LAPC Members

From: Peter Fletcher, Director

Subject: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The LAPC bylaws require the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair at the May meeting of the Committee in odd numbered calendar years. In addition, the bylaws stipulate that the LAPC Chair shall not serve successive terms in that office. As you are aware, the current Chair of the LAPC is Mike Poellinger (Mayor of La Crescent) and the Vice-Chair is Linda Seidel (Medary Town Chair).

La Crosse Area Planning Committee

RESOLUTION 4 – 2021

AMENDING THE

2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the La Crosse / La Crescent Planning Area

WHEREAS, 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); and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2021-2024 TIP on October 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, five projects have been added to the TIP project list:

- 243-21-010 Non-Infrastructure, La Crosse County, SRTS, Obligated in 2022 and 2023, Commencement 08/2024
- 243-21-002 USH 53, La Crosse – Galesville (B-32-131, 132, 135, 136, 139, 140), Bridge Rehabilitations, Design Obligated in 2021, Construction Obligated in 2024
- 243-21-003 One (1) Minivan, Rear-Load for Vehicle Expansion. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties (Aptiv, Inc.).
- 243-21-004 One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-Load, Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties (Monroe County).
- 243-21-005 One (1) Minivan, Rear-Load, Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse County and Other Southwest Wisconsin Counties (Tri-State Regional Ambulance).

And,

WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, the scope of project 243-13-015 has been expanded to include rehabilitation of the signal at South Ave and Green Bay St, funding for which will come from the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, the schedule and/or funding amounts for four other projects have been modified (243-14-026, 243-11-028, 243-09-010, and 243-20-018); and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, the LAPC approved the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) targets set forth by La Crosse MTU and Onalaska Shared Ride and now incorporates said targets into the TIP document (amended page attached); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee, hereby, approves an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP tables and document as reflected in the attachment and commits to planning and programming projects that support the PTASP targets developed for the La Crosse MTU and the Onalaska Shared Ride.

LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Michael Poellinger, Chair

Peter Fletcher, Executive Director
Dated: May 19, 2021

TABLE 10: STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FOR ROLLING STOCK FOR LA CROSSE MUNICIPAL TRANSIT UTILITY (MTU) AND ONALASKA SHARED RIDE (OSR)

Vehicle Type	ULB ¹ (years)	2021 TAM ² Target	Wisconsin		MTU		OSR	
			# vehicles	>ULB	# vehicles	>ULB	# vehicles	>ULB
Bus	12	44.00%	158	58.22%	20	20.00%	0	0.00%
Cutaway	7	47.00%	536	54.29%	1	100.00%	0	0.00%
Minivan	4	51.00%	488	47.95%	0	0.00%	13	38.46%

¹Useful life benchmark.

²Transit Asset Management.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Transportation Transit Asset Management Plan October 2019 to 2022, updated September 2020.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN TARGETS

La Crosse MTU and OSR each approved and certified their respective PTASP in December 2020. The baselines and targets developed through coordination between the transit agencies and LAPC staff are reported in Table 11.

The LAPC, having approved these targets for the Metropolitan Planning Area at its March 17, 2021 meeting, hereby, commits to planning and programming projects that will support our transit agencies in meeting their targets.

TABLE 11: PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY SAFETY PLAN MEASURES AND TARGETS

Measure	La Crosse MTU		Onalaska Shared Ride	
	2014-2018 Baseline ¹	2021 Target ²	2014-2018 Baseline ¹	2021 Target ²
Total number of reportable fatalities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rate of reportable fatalities per total VRM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total number of reportable injuries	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6
Rate of reportable injuries per total VRM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total number of reportable safety events	0.4	0.2	2.0	2.0
Rate of reportable safety events per total VRM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average distance between major mechanical failures	9,180.9	11,272.2	322,848.9	322,848.9

¹ 5-year average for the 5-yr period ending with the year of most recent data (2018).

² Best case from the 5-year averages for the three most recent 5-year periods (2012-2016, 2013-2017, 2014-2018) inclusive of the baseline period (2014-2018).

2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Project List																																														
May 19, 2021																																														
Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp. Type	2021 (x\$1000)					2022 (x\$1000)					2023 (x\$1000)					2024 (x\$1000)					Source of Funds																				
						Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total																					
243-06-013	1630-08-21, 23, 25, 27, 40, 44, 46, 48, 70, 71, 75, 77, 80, 81, 84, 86, 88.	State of Wisconsin	USH 53, USH 14/61 - IH 90, Reconstruction, (ROW, Utilities, Construction Anticipated after 2030)	Major(E)	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP MAJOR																									
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243-17-013	1630-03-01, 61	State of Wisconsin	USH 53, Black River Bridge B-32-0079, Bridge Rehabilitation, Design obligation in 2017, Construction obligation in 2021	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-20-016	5250-06-02, 72, 74	State of Wisconsin	USH 53, City of La Crosse, Third Street (Cass Street to 2nd Street), Pavement Replacement, Design Anticipated in 2020, Construction Anticipated in 2026-2027	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-20-028	5250-06-03, 73, 75	State of Wisconsin	USH 53, City of La Crosse, Fourth Street (Cass Street to 2nd Street), Pavement Replacement, Design Anticipated in 2020, Construction Anticipated in 2027/2028	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-20-031	1640-01-05, 75	State of Wisconsin	USH 14, La Crosse - Westby (Marion Road to Garner Place), Mill & Overlay, Design obligated 2020, Construction scheduled for 2028, Advanceable Construction to 2024.	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-18-015	1640-03-31, 61	State of Wisconsin	USH 14, Brickyard Lane - CTH M, Mill & Overlay, Design obligated 2017, Construction obligated in 2020, with construction in 2021.	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-13-015	1641-02-02, 22, 53, 72, 82, 3700-10-79	State of Wisconsin	USH 14, City of La Crosse, South Avenue; Green Bay St. to Ward Ave., Reconstruct the roadway and improve the intersections, including traffic signal rehab at Green Bay St. Design obligated 2013, Construction in 2022, ROW in 2019-2021	Re Const	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					HSIP NHPP ITS																									
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243-19-022	5200-03-33, 63	State of Wisconsin	USH 14, Cameron Ave & Cass St Structures B-32-202 & -300, Paint and Repair, Design Obligated in 2019, Construction Obligated in 2023 with construction in 2024	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-18-024	5160-06-00, 70	State of Wisconsin	STH 35, Genoa - La Crosse (Village of Stoddard North Limit to North Vernon County Line, Mill & Overlay, Design Obligated in 2018, Construction Obligated for 2021 with Construction in 2022	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-14-026	5163-07-02, 20, 24, 42, 52, 53, 72, 77	State of Wisconsin	STH 35, La Crosse County Line to Garner Place, Reconstruct STH 35 / USH 14/61 Intersection, Design obligated in 2014, North half (-77) -ROW 2020, Construction 2021-2022, South half (-72) -ROW 2020, Construction 2024-2025 (Advanceable to 2022)	Re Const	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-11-024	7575-07-03, 23, 73, 83	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, (La Crosse Street, City of La Crosse), Oakland St. to Losey Blvd., Patch and overlay, Design obligated 2011, Construction in 2022.	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					HSIP NHPP																									
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243-11-028	7575-01-01, 05, 80	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, Gillette St. to STH 157, Bridge and Approach Reconstruction, Preliminary Design Obligated in 2013, Final Design (Environmental Document to PS&E for bridges B-32-0111 and B-32-0115), Final Design to begin in 2020, (Construction obligated in 2025, Construction in 2026)	BR Repl	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-19-017	7575-01-35, 65	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, Medary Overpass Structures B-32-111 & 115, Concrete Overlay, Paint, Repair, Design Obligated in 2019, Construction Obligated in 2024 with Construction in 2025	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-18-019	7575-00-01, 71	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, Braund Street to CTH OS, Monotubes and Left Turn Lane Improvements, Design Obligated in 2018, Construction LET in 2020 with actual construction in 2021	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					HSIP																									
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243-18-025	7570-05-34, 64	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, La Crosse - Sparta (0.27 Miles East of La Crosse River to Big Creek), Mill & Overlay, Design Obligated in 2018, Construction Obligated for 2021 with Construction in 2022	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					STBG																									
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243-20-029	7570-05-00, 70	State of Wisconsin	STH 16 (La Crosse to Sparta), CTH M Intersection (Monotubes and Left-Turn Lanes), Design Obligated in 2020, Construction Anticipated in 2024	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					HSIP																									
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243-20-014	3700-10-83	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, La Crosse - Sparta (STH 16/IH 90 Interchange EB/WB Ramps), Monotube Installation, Construction in 2020.	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					ITS																									
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243-19-034	7575-01-06, 76	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, La Crosse - Sparta (Losey Blvd to South Kinney Coulee Rd), Repair, Mill and Overlay, Design Obligated in 2020 and Construction Obligated in 2024 with Construction in 2025	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-20-019	3700-10-87	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, City of La Crosse (STH 16 & Gillette St), Traffic Signals & Monotubes, Construction in 2020/2021	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					ITS																									
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243-20-020	3700-10-88	State of Wisconsin	STH 16, City of La Crosse (Various Highways/Intersections), Signals Cabinets & Equipment, Construction in 2020/2021	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					ITS																									
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243-19-035	7140-00-02, 82	State of Wisconsin	STH 35, La Crosse - Trempealeau (Black River Bridges B-32-016 and B-32-018), Replacement, Design Obligated in 2020 and Constructed in 2025	Br Repl	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					STBG																									
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243-11-012	5120-03-02,22,72	State of Wisconsin	STH 33, Jackson St. City of La Crosse, 3rd St. to 23th St. Surface (1.67 mi.)(Design obligated in 2011) Construction obligated in 2021	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					NHPP																									
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243-21-002	1630-03-00, 80	State of Wisconsin	USH 53, La Crosse - Galesville (B-32-131, 132, 135, 136, 139, 140), Bridge Rehabilitations, Design Obligated in 2021, Construction Obligated in 2024	Sys Pres	PE	80.0	20.0			100.0											NHPP																									
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					PE	80.0	20.0			100.0																																				
					ROW																																									
					Const											533.6						133.4					667.0																			

2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Project List																										
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Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp. Type	2021 (x\$1000)					2022 (x\$1000)					2023 (x\$1000)					2024 (x\$1000)					Source of Funds
						Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	
243-20-030	5120-05-04, 74	State of Wisconsin	STH 33 (La Crosse to Cashton), Forest Ridge Dr - CTH M, Resurface, Design Anticipated in 2020, Construction Anticipated in 2026/2027	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const																					
					Total																					
243-18-011	7930-08-00, 20, 70	State of Wisconsin	STH 108 - West Salem - Melrose, Stan Olson Rd to L Pfaff Rd, Safety Improvements, Design obligated in 2016, Construction in 2020	Sys Pres	PE																HSIP					
					ROW																					
					Const	Construction Continued																				
					Total																					
243-19-023	7930-08-01, 71	State of Wisconsin	STH 108 - West Salem - Melrose, Old 16 Road to North County Line, Pavement Replacement, (except Stan Olson Rd to L Pfaff Rd) includes Bridge Rehab B-32-0181, Design Obligated in 2019, Construction Obligated in 2026, Construction in 2027, Advanceable to 2023.	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const																					
					Total																					
243-19-012	7048-00-00,80	State of Wisconsin	CTH C, IH 90 – STH 16 (CTH B & CP RR Bridge B-32-0069(84.10)), Bridge Rehab, Design Obligated in 2019, Construction Obligated for 2021; Construction in 2022.	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued															STBG					
					ROW						Construction Continued															
					Const	1,944.9	486.2			2,431.1																
					Total	1,944.9	486.2			2,431.1																
243-14-020	7067-00-00, 70, 71	La Crosse County	CTH SN, CTH OT (East Ave) to Alpine Lane. Two phase project. CTH OT (East Ave N) to Hanson Rd, Reconstruction, includes Bridge Replacement P-32-127, Construction obligated in 2018, construction in 2019.	Re Cond / Br Repl	PE																STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const	1,871.1			468.9	2,340.0																
					Total	1,871.1			468.9	2,340.0																
243-13-019	5346-00-00	La Crosse County	Drogseth Rd, Bostwick Creek Bridge P-32-0903. Bridge Replacement. Design obligated 2013.	Br Repl	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					LF					
					ROW																					
					Const																					
					Total																					
243-15-014	5436-00-01,71	La Crosse County	CTH M, STH 33 - I90 (CTH O to CTH B), Recondition. Design obligated in 2014. Two-Phase Project CTH O to Wolter Rd, Construction Obligated in 2021, Construction in 2022. Wolter Rd to CTH B not Currently	Re Cond	PE	Design Continued															STBG					
					ROW						Construction Continued															
					Const	2,125.9			532.0	2,657.9																
					Total	2,125.9			532.0	2,657.9																
243-16-012	5085-00-00, 70	La Crosse County	CTH GI, Goose Island Campground, Recondition CTH GI, Design obligated 2016, Construction obligated in 2019 with construction in 2020.	Pav Rep	PE																FLAP					
					ROW																					
					Const	Construction Continued																				
					Total																					
243-20-017	5347-00-00	La Crosse County	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.	Reconst	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					LF					
					ROW																					
					Const																					
					Total																					
243-20-021	7323-00-00, 70	La Crosse County	CTH M, Towns of Onalaska & Farmington (Halfway Creek Bridge P-32-0100), Bridge Replacement, Design Obligated in 2020, with Construction in 2021.	Br Repl	PE																STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const	348.7			128.1	476.8																
					Total	348.7			128.1	476.8																
243-20-022	7049-00-00, 70	La Crosse County	CTH D, Towns of Onalaska & Farmington (Halfway Creek Bridge P-32-0055), Bridge Replacement, Design Obligated in 2020, with Construction in 2022.	Br Repl	PE																STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const						599.8					234.0 833.8										
					Total						599.8					234.0 833.8										
243-20-023	7323-00-01, 71	La Crosse County	CTH M, STH 16 - CTH S (La Crosse River Bridge B-32-0004), Bridge Replacement, Design Obligated in 2021, with Construction Obligated in 2023 (Actual Construction in 2024).	Br Repl	PE	267.2			66.8	334.0											STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const						2,090.7					986.9 3,077.6										
					Total	267.2			66.8	334.0	2,090.7					986.9 3,077.6										
243-19-024	5991-07-42, 43, 44	City of La Crosse	Gillette St, Caledonia St to STH 35/George St, Reconstruct, Design Obligated in 2019, Construction Obligated in 2021, with Construction in 2021	Reconst	PE	Design Continued															STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const	917.0			668.8	1,585.8																
					Total	917.0			668.8	1,585.8																
243-19-025	5991-07-36, 37, 38	City of La Crosse	Green Bay St, East Ave to S 22nd St, Reconstruct, Design Obligated in 2019, Construction Obligated in 2021, with Construction in 2022.	Reconst	PE	Design Continued					Construction Continued										STBG					
					ROW																					
					Const	342.4			706.0	1,048.4																
					Total	342.4			706.0	1,048.4																
243-19-026	1641-03-04, 25	City of La Crosse	Various Intersection Improvements USH 14, STH 16, STH 33, Left Turn Lanes/Monotubes, Design Obligated in 2019 (see 1641-03-75, 5120-02-70, 7575-07-70 for Construction).	Sys Pres	PE	Design Continued					Design Continued					Design Continued					HSIP					
					ROW	ROW Continued					ROW Continued					ROW Continued										
					Const																					
					Total																					
243-19-027	1641-03-75	City of La Crosse	USH 14/61, Mormon Coulee Rd/Broadview Pl Intersection, Left Turn Lanes/Monotubes, Design Obligated in 2019 (see 1641-03-04), Construction Obligated in 2021.	Sys Pres	PE																HSIP					
					ROW																					
					Const	306.0			172.4	478.4																
					Total	306.0			172.4	478.4																
243-19-028	5120-02-70	City of La Crosse	STH 33/35, West Ave/Jackson St Intersection, Left Turn Lanes/Monotubes, Design Obligated in 2019 (see 1641-03-04), Construction Obligated in 2021.	Sys Pres	PE																HSIP					
					ROW																					
					Const	332.5			189.6	522.1																
					Total	332.5			189.6	522.1																
243-19-029	7575-07-70	City of La Crosse	STH 16/35, West Ave/La Crosse St Intersection, Left Turn Lanes/Monotubes, Design Obligated in 2019 (see 1641-03-04), Construction Obligated in 2022.	Sys Pres	PE																HSIP					
					ROW						432.9					139.8 572.7										
					Const											139.8 572.7										
					Total						432.9					139.8 572.7										
243-19-030	5220-04-04, 24, 74	City of La Crosse	STH 35, West Ave/King St & West Ave/Badger St Intersections, Close Medians & Add Crosswalks, Design Obligated in 2020, Construction in 2021.	Sys Pres	PE																HSIP					
					ROW																					
					Const	321.6			36.9	358.5																
					Total	321.6			36.9	358.5																

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Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp. Type	2021 (x\$1000)					2022 (x\$1000)					2023 (x\$1000)					2024 (x\$1000)					Source of Funds		
						Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total			
Total						36,434.6	5,719.7	0.0	3,185.6	45,339.9	10,886.7	1,580.6	0.0	5,349.4	17,816.7	10,696.5	1,220.9	0.0	1,021.4	12,938.8	11,893.9	3,737.8	0.0	9.2	15,640.9	91,736		
MINNESOTA PROJECTS																												
243-18-013	028-606-024, 028-606-024AC	Houston County	**AC**: CSAH 6, From Winona County Line to Town Hall Road, Bituminous Reclamation / Bituminous Pavement (Need AC Payback)	Sys Pres	PE																					STBG		
					Other Const	1,680.0				1,680.0																		
					TOTAL	1,680.0				1,680.0																		
243-18-014	236-090-003	City of La Crescent	La Crescent Wagon Wheel Trail Phase 3	Other	PE																						TAP	
					Other CAPT	1,000.0			1,250.0	2,250.0																		
					TOTAL	1,000.0			1,250.0	2,250.0																		
243-20-032	TRS-3780-21	City of La Crescent	City of La Crescent: Purchase One (1) Class 400 Low Floor Bus (Replaces Unit 103)	Transit	PE																						STBG	
					OA			70.0	16.4	164.0																		
					CAPT	77.6		70.0	16.4	164.0																		
					TOTAL	77.6		70.0	16.4	164.0																		
243-09-015	TRF-3780-21, 22, 23	City of La Crescent	SECT 5307: La Crescent Transit Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																						5307	
					OA	112.0			263.0	375.0	112.0																	
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL	112.0			263.0	375.0	112.0																	
Total:						2,889.6	0.0	70.0	1,529.4	4,469.0	112.0	0.0	0.0	263.0	375.0	112.0	0.0	0.0	263.0	375.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5,219	
WISCONSIN TRANSIT PROJECTS																												
243-03-037		La Crosse County	MiniBus, Volunteer Driver	Transit	PE																							SF
					OA		269.6		53.9	323.5		269.6		53.9	323.5		269.6		53.9	323.5		269.6		53.9	323.5			
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL		269.6		53.9	323.5		269.6		53.9	323.5		269.6		53.9	323.5		269.6		53.9	323.5			
243-03-039		City of LaCrosse	MTU Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																						5307	
					OA	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4			
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4	2,028.0	1,493.2		5,475.2	8,996.4			
243-20-033		City of LaCrosse	MTU Replacement Service Vehicles, Two (2) Priuses	Transit	PE																						5307	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-20-034		City of LaCrosse	MTU Three (3) Replacement Service Vans	Transit	PE																						5307	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-20-035		City of LaCrosse	MTU In-Ground and Movable Wheel Engaging Vehicle Hoists	Transit	PE																						5307	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-19-033		City of La Crosse	MTU purchase of one 35-ft Diesel Bus. Obligated in 2019. Capital acquired in 2021.	Transit	PE																						5339	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-19-034	VW-BUS-LACR-01	City of La Crosse	MTU purchase of one 35-ft Clean Diesel Bus. Obligated in 2019. Capital will be acquired in 2021 due to delays created by COVID-19. (The Local Share will be paid over 10 years through shared revenue reduction.)	Transit	PE																						VW	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-21-001		City of La Crosse	Two (2) Replacement Fixed-Route Low-Floor Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses. (The Local Share will be paid over 10 years through shared revenue reduction.)	Transit	PE																						VW	
					OA								Continued															
					CAPT		1,098.4		274.6	1,373.0																		
					TOTAL		1,098.4		274.6	1,373.0																		
243-19-031	5991-07-40	City of La Crosse	MTU Buses, MTU Public Transit, 3 MTU Buses, Obligated in 2020	Transit	PE																						STBG	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-19-019		City of La Crosse	MTU Low- or No-Emission - 2 Electric Buses, 2 Charging Stations, Infrastructure on Electric Grid; funds obligated in 2019; capital will be acquired in 2021 due to delays created by COVID-19	Transit	PE																						5339(c)	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-19-032	5991-02-60	City of Onalaska	Transit Vans, OHWS Public Transit, 5 Transit Vans, Obligated in 2019	Transit	PE																						5339(c)	
					OA			Continued																				
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL																							
243-18-027		Couleecep	Vehicle Loans, Operating, Mobility Management (WETAP). Crawford, La Crosse, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE																						5307	
					OA	10.0	17.8		27.8	55.7																	85.24	
					CAPT	10.0	16.9		6.7	33.7																		
					TOTAL	20.0	34.8		34.6	89.3																		
243-09-010		Vernon County	Mobility Management, Volunteer Driver Program and Vernon County Mini Bus. Serves locations in La Crosse Area	Transit	PE																						5310	
					OA	10.6			10.6	21.2																		
					CAPT																							
					TOTAL	10.6			10.6																			



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May 11, 2021

To: LAPC Members
From: Peter Fletcher, Director
Subject: Bylaws

The LAPC bylaws have not been updated since 2009. Prior to the pandemic the LAPC began updating the bylaws. The update process was delayed due to the pandemic and impacts on meeting format/attendance. In hindsight, the delay was beneficial as the Town of Holland became a dues paying member of the LAPC in 2021, which necessitates modifications to the bylaws. Attached is an updated draft of the bylaws (including the Town of Holland) and other modifications for the Committee to consider.

Approval Process

Per the existing bylaws “These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Voting Members or Designated Alternates, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.” If no changes are recommended to the attached draft the bylaws could be considered for approval at the next (July) LAPC meeting.

-DRAFT MAY 2021-
BYLAWS OF THE
LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Deletions

Additions

Amended _____, 2021

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this Committee shall be the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) and shall act as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the La Crosse, WI-La Crescent, MN Urbanized Area and hereafter, shall be referred to as the LAPC.

ARTICLE II - Objective

The objective of this Committee shall be to develop and maintain a long-range transportation plan for the La Crosse/La Crescent Planning Area and to conduct other area-wide planning as it deems necessary. The La Crosse/La Crescent Planning Area shall be considered to be that area which is composed of the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska in Wisconsin and La Crescent in Minnesota; the villages of Holmen and West Salem in Wisconsin; the towns of Campbell, Medary, Shelby, Onalaska, Barre, Greenfield, Holland, and a portion of the Town of Hamilton, and a portion of Bergen (Vernon County) in Wisconsin; and the townships of La Crescent and Dresbach in Minnesota.

ARTICLE III - Members

There shall be eleven (11) Voting Members including the Mayors of the Cities of La Crosse, Onalaska and La Crescent; the Presidents of the Village Boards of Holmen and West Salem; the Chairmen of the Town Boards of Campbell, Holland, Medary, Onalaska, and Shelby; and the Chairman of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors. All members shall have equal rights and privileges to vote and hold office. A Voting Member may designate an alternate or alternates as the official representative to the LAPC, appoint one elected official to act as a Designated Alternate, who may represent the respective community at LAPC meetings and vote in the absence of the Voting Member. The Designated Alternate or Designated Alternates must be an elected official of the respective community.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

The officers of the Committee shall be a Chair~~man~~ and a Vice-Chair~~man~~. These officers shall be Voting Members and perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Committee. The officers shall be elected ~~by ballot~~ to serve for two (2) years. Election of officers shall take place at the regular May meeting of the Committee in each odd calendar year. The Chair~~man~~ shall not serve successive terms in that office.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

The regular meeting of the Committee shall be held on the third Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, as needed. Special meetings can be called by the Chair~~man~~ and/or shall be called upon the written request of three (3) Voting Members of the Committee. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, and, except in cases of emergency, at least **one (1) week** ~~three (3) days~~ notice shall be given. Any Voting Member may have items placed on a future agenda of any regular or special meeting of the Committee. Agenda items may be added by the LAPC Executive Director relating to applicable LAPC business. Five (5) Voting Members or Designated Alternates of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI – Sub-Committees

There shall be a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) **and a Committee on Transit and Active Transportation (CTAT)** of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee. ~~The membership of which shall be established by Resolution.~~ Each committee ~~may~~ **shall** enact Bylaws **identifying** membership ~~which~~ and must ~~first~~ be approved by the LAPC. Other ~~special~~ **sub-**committees may be created as needed by resolution.

ARTICLE VII – Staff

The Staff shall serve as a resource to any LAPC member provided that the assistance requested does not **substantially** ~~materially~~ affect the staff's ability to ~~perform his or her regular duties~~ **complete approved work program activities**. ~~Staff may apply for grants without prior Committee approval, but no grant funds shall be expended until the Committee has approved accepting the grant.~~

ARTICLE VIII - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Committee may adopt.

ARTICLE IX - Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Voting Members or Designated Alternates, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE X - Weighted Voting

Any Voting Member or Designated Alternate may call for a weighted vote on any item up for vote before the Committee. **The weighted vote scale is based on population ranges developed from 2010 Decennial Census population data. The LAPC methodology requires a majority to equal the total of the weighted votes of at least three municipalities. Table 1 illustrates the population ranges and the number of weighted votes designated for each member municipality based on this methodology.** ~~The weighted vote shall be based upon the U.S. Bureau of Census last decennial population count of each member municipality.~~ The weighted vote shall be reviewed and amended **(if deemed necessary by the LAPC)** following the release of population data for municipalities after each Decennial Census. ~~Following is the weighted vote for each municipality based upon the 2000 Decennial Census.~~ The County Board Chairman shall cast one vote in the event of a tie vote following a call for a weighted vote.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
City of La Crosse	26
City of Onalaska	16
City of La Crescent	10
Village of Holmen	10
Village of West Salem	10
Town of Onalaska	8
Town of Campbell	8
Town of Shelby	8
Town of Medary	4
Total	100

LAPC Weighted Vote by Population Range - 2010 Census

LAPC Municipality	Census 2010 Population	Percent of Population by LAPC Municipalities 2010	Weighted Vote Determined by Municipality Population Range	Weighted Votes
Town of Medary	1,461	1.4%	0 to 3,500	3
Town of Holland	3,701	3.4%	3,501 to 8,000	7
Town of Campbell	4,314	4.0%		7
Town of Shelby	4,715	4.4%		7
Village of West Salem	4,799	4.5%		7
City of La Crescent	4,830	4.5%		7
Town of Onalaska	5,623	5.2%		7
Village of Holmen	9,005	8.4%		8,001-12,000
City of Onalaska	17,736	16.5%	12,001 to 30,000	15
City of La Crosse	51,320	47.7%	30,001 to 60,000	30
Totals	107,504	100.0%		100

Approved by the La Crosse Area Planning Committee on _____, 2021.

LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair

(Revisions: February, 1972; June, 1973; March, 1975; September 1975; May, 1983; January, 1991; May, 1994; August 20, 1997, January 17, 2002, January 21, 2004, August 17, 2005, March 19, 2008, July 15, 2009, _____ 2021)



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May 11, 2021

To: LAPC Members
 From: Peter Fletcher, Director
 Subject: Bluffland Coalition MOU

The Bluffland Coalition has recently modified its organizational structure/membership and has revised its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for communities/organizations to consider (see attached). The LAPC assisted in funding the Bluffland Coalition plan in 2016-2017 and has been a member of the Bluffland Coalition since it was first organized. The revised MOU eliminates membership dues in an effort get more involvement from local units of government and organizations. As the MOU states, the document is not legally binding and funding for coalition activities (if requested) will be handled by separate funding agreements.



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE BLUFFLAND COALITION
REGARDING BLUFFLAND INITIATIVES**

I. PARTIES.

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered into by and between the following members and constitute the Bluffland Coalition:

II. RECITALS.

- A. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee adopted the Blufflands Plan on July 15th, 2016 (Exhibit A - <https://www.lacrossecounty.org/zoning/planning/documents/La-Crosse-Area-Bluffland-Plan-FINAL-DRAFT.pdf>).
- B. The Blufflands Plan adopted Mission: This plan will be used by public and private stakeholders throughout the region to guide the acquisition of conservation land and easements, coordinate restoration activities and recreation access improvements such as trailheads and trails, and establish an organizational structure for continued regional coordination and action (Exhibit A p. 4).
- C. The Blufflands are defined geologically and geographically within the Blufflands Plan (Exhibit A). (Geographically – Exhibit A p. 31)
- D. This document is not a legally binding document.

III. VISION. The Bluffland Coalition will establish an exceptional network of contiguous protected lands and recreational trails throughout the La Crosse – La Crescent Region. Our cooperative efforts will enhance the health of residents, visitors, natural ecosystems, and our local economy. The vision will be accomplished by embracing the “Six Big Ideas” outlined in the Bluffland Plan (Exhibit A p. 5).

- 1. **Commitment to Cooperation.** Bluffland acquisition, restoration, recreation, and promotion efforts will be cooperatively coordinated by inclusive representation of public property owners, land trusts, and recreation groups.

2. **Land- Protected and Connected.** A network of connected blufflands around the region’s cities and villages, protected from urban development and cooperatively managed.
3. **Trails, Trails, Trails.** A network of interconnected trails through the region catering to a wide variety of uses and abilities. The centerpiece will be “The Blufflands Trail”, a shared use route extending across the region of focus.
4. **Restoration.** Native habitats present in the blufflands prior to European development have largely been lost. Restoration initiatives to prioritize, protect and restore native ecosystems and control invasive species are important to the health and value of these lands.
5. **Many Sites, One Brand.** Seamless, coordinated promotional efforts and signage to increase awareness and use throughout the region.
6. **Dedicated Funding.** Project sustainability is reliant on reliable sources of funding to support coordination efforts, land acquisition, trail, and amenity improvements, maintenance, habitat restoration, and promotion.

IV. GUIDING PRINCIPLES. Success of the Bluffland Plan and cooperation of the Bluffland Coalition will be most productive and able to advance when acting under the following guiding principles (Adapted from the SHIFT Principles For Advancing Outdoor Recreation and Conservation, Exhibit B – <https://shiftjh.org/the-principles-for-advancing-outdoor-recreation-and-conservation/>).

- A. **Outdoor recreation and conservation require that a diversity of lands and waters be publicly owned, available for public access, and well-stewarded.** The uniquely American public land heritage is a privilege and a birthright. Stewardship of our public lands – including waters and wildlife – is our responsibility.
- B. **Recreation and conservation need each other.** Both are beneficial to local economic well-being, quality of life and personal health. Outdoor recreation helps people understand the importance of healthy, intact ecosystems, which builds support for their protection and stewardship. Conservation protects the natural resources and wild places upon which outdoor recreation depends. Responsible recreation – which fosters and is informed by a conservation ethic while promoting diverse, inclusive, and next-generation engagement – is essential for future protection and use of our public lands.
- C. **The future of our public lands depends on support from all Americans.** Outdoor recreation and conservation must reflect, respect and value the demographic and cultural diversity of our country in order to engage a coalition of stakeholders broad enough to insure the health and wellbeing of our public lands. This requires that public lands be inclusive, relevant, and accessible to all, regardless of ability, race, socioeconomic status, gender identity, or sexual orientation, and include the 85% of Americans who live in urban areas as well as the private landowners whose lands provide connectivity and full-landscape solutions.
- D. **Outdoor users are responsible for avoiding and minimizing the impacts of their use across the places they recreate and the larger landscape.** All recreation has impact. Ethical outdoor behavior that demonstrates respect for lands, water, and wildlife and that respects the value of connecting all people to the outdoors is critical and must be developed in all users and in future generations.
- E. **Proactive, professional planning and management, combined with public education, is necessary to care for the land and provide a diversity of quality recreation**

opportunities. Active public engagement in crafting solutions is necessary to ensure solutions are fair and can be effectively implemented. To make better decisions about which activities are best suited for which locations and provide a spectrum of opportunities to serve diverse interests, a broad landscape approach is necessary in order to meet both conservation and recreation needs.

- F. **Physical, biological, and social science must inform the management of recreation.** Management decisions should be grounded in the best available scientific information to ensure the protection of wild areas and the sustainability of resources while maintaining and enhancing the quality of outdoor recreation experiences.
- G. **Stable long-term funding and creative management solutions are essential to protect the environment and support outdoor recreation.** Reliable and consistent funding is essential to protect natural resources and manage outdoor recreational experiences. Funding levels must be proportionate to the economic and public health benefits of outdoor recreation and a healthy environment. Land management agencies need adequate funding from federal, state, and local sources. This must be supplemented by (but not replaced by) new and non-traditional funding from private and non-profit sources.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES.

- A. Members will participate in the Bluffland Coalition with a true spirit of cooperation, working toward the established goals of the Bluffland Plan (Exhibit A).
- B. The Bluffland Coalition will rely on the strengths of its member organizations to achieve its objectives, and it will facilitate the consolidation of common tasks in the interest of efficiency, consistency, and quality.
- C. Members will actively participate in regularly scheduled meetings, coordinated events, planning sessions, and educational opportunities.
- D. Members will develop and adopt a Bluffland Project Implementation plan as outlined in the Bluffland Plan (Exhibit A). The Bluffland Project Implementation Plan will include a regularly updated 5 Year Action Plan and the development of a detailed multi-use trail plan for the Bluffland Trail as described in Exhibit A.
- E. Funding of the Bluffland Coalition staffing or general expenses and specific project or phase funding will be handled by separate funding agreements.
- F. Members of the Bluffland Coalition may hold additional agreements between themselves and others.
- G. Members will provide timely communications with regard to progress on their bluffland planning process.

VI. TERM OF THE MOU. The term of this MOU shall be effective upon signature of the parties and remain in effect until September 15, 2026, unless terminated by a majority of the signing members. Any party may withdraw from the MOU, without cause, upon ninety (90) days written notice, which notice shall be delivered to the Coalition Board President. This MOU may be amended or extended at any time by mutual agreement by all the parties.

VII. SEVERABILITY. Any provision of this MOU determined to be invalid as a matter of law is severable from other provisions of this agreement.

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Potential Charter Members of the Bluffland Coalition:

1. The City of La Crosse
2. The City of Onalaska
3. The Village of Holmen
4. The Village of West Salem
5. The Town of Campbell
6. The Town of Medary
7. The Town of Shelby
8. The Town of Onalaska
9. The Town of Barre
10. The Town of Greenfield
11. The Town of Holland
12. The Town of Hamilton **in Wisconsin**
13. The City of La Crescent
14. The Town of La Crescent
15. The Town of Dresbach **in Minnesota**
16. The Mississippi Valley Conservancy
17. The Outdoor Recreation Alliance
18. The La Crosse County Convention and Visitors Bureau
19. The Friends of the Blufflands
20. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee
21. La Crosse County