



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes of January 19, 2022 Held via Microsoft Teams & in Person

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Linda Seidel, Stan Hauser, Monica Kruse, Scott Schumacher, Kim Smith, Tim Candahl, Bob Stupi, Mitch Reynolds, Josh Johnson
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Tim Candahl
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Erin Klar (Recorder), Francis Shelfhout (DOT), Kathleen Stewart, Bob Gollink, Karl Buck, Stephen Flottmeyer, Bridget Brown

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused; Candahl.**

APPROVE THE 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 1-2022)

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). The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2022-2025 TIP on November 17, 2021. Since adoption of the TIP, four (4) projects have been added to the TIP project list: 243-22-017 Call Center, Mobility Management, Volunteer Drivers. Serves La Crosse County and 41 Other Wisconsin Counties; 243-22-018 USH 53, La Crosse - Galesville (Old Hwy 93 to Black River), Resurface, Design Anticipated in 2022, Construction Anticipated in 2028; 243-22-019 USH 53, La Crosse - Galesville (STH 157 to Holmen Dr), Pavement Replacement, Design Anticipated in 2022, Construction Anticipated in 2028; 243-22-020 City of La Crosse, Sims Place (BNSF RR Xing 917431D), Signal Replacement, Construction in 2023. **MOTION** by Poellinger/Barlow to approve Amending the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused; Candahl.**

REGIONAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN – NEXT STEPS

The plan will be posted to the website in the next couple of weeks. To assist in plan implementation the LAPC will facilitate a meeting between MTU Board, Onalaska Public Transit Committee and SMRT. The meeting will be an opportunity to meet and discuss various services as well as challenges and opportunities. Will likely be scheduled in the spring.



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BI PARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL (BIL) – INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) SUMMARY

The BIL creates two kinds of new resources that FHWA's, state, regional, tribal and local stakeholders can utilize. Changes were made to the eligibility and policy requirements in FHWA's "legacy" apportioned programs. There are ten new/modified programs that MPO's are now eligible to apply for. More detail will be coming out regarding each program.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION PROJECT COMMISSION (TPC) DECISION REGARDING THE LA CROSSE MAJOR HIGHWAYS PROJECT

TPC met on December 15, 2021 and provided a detailed update on the US 53 La Crosse Corridor Major Highways Project. A new approach was presented to address the needs in the corridor. The proposed changes present a prudent option for maintaining this corridor in a state of good repair, improving safety, improving bicycle and pedestrian options and reducing intersection delay. In summary the new approach will no longer consider new roads or lane expansions for the project but will focus on fixing existing roadways, add or enhance bike/ped facilities and make operational improvements.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- TAP applications are due January 28th. The applications are then submitted to WisDot and the MPO for project ranking. At the March LAPC meeting TAP application rankings will be considered.
- LAPC is working on ARGIS mapping for MSRT, MTU and OSR. All routes will be available on a single map.
- Town of Holland will be putting out an RFP for a Bike and Ped plan through the local studies program.
- The State is looking at additional solicitation for STP-U funding. Approximately \$200 million each year for the next 5 years will be available for local programs statewide. Local communities will be getting more information as it becomes available.

OTHER BUSINESS - none noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program
- TAP Project ranking approval
- Setting dues for 2023

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused: Candahl**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar