



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes of March 16, 2022 Held via Microsoft Teams & in Person

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Linda Seidel, Stan Hauser, Monica Kruse, Scott Schumacher, Kim Smith, Mike Poellinger, 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 Gollnik, Karl Buck, Stephen Flottmeyer, Arun Rao, James Kuehn, Jason Gilman

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 JANUARY 19, 2022 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Stupi to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused; Candahl.**

APPROVE THE 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 2-2022)

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, project 243-21-021 has been modified in project scope, funding obligation, and anticipated construction year and project 243-21-022 has added two State project numbers and advanced nearly half of the construction funds obligated in 2023 to 2022.

MOTION by Poellinger/Reynolds to approve amending the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused; Candahl.**

APPROVE RANKED LIST OF WIS DOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECTS

A total of four TAP applications for projects in the MPO planning area were submitted for the WisDOT 2022- 2026 TAP program cycle. As part of the WisDOT TAP selection process, WisDOT requests MPOs to rank the applications within their planning areas. As in the past, the LAPC Committee on Transit and Active Transportation (CTAT) reviews the applications and ranks the projects. The CTAT met on March 10, 2022 and ranked the TAP projects.



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Project Ranking	Municipality	Project	Total Project Cost	Federal Share (80%)	Local Share (20%)
1	City of La Crosse	Grand Crossing Trail	\$781,687	\$625,350	\$156,337
2	Village of West Salem Sponsor West Salem School District	Safe Routes to School Plan and Traffic Study	\$55,000	\$44,000	\$11,000
3	Town of Shelby	Goose Island Connector Trail	\$358,000	\$286,400	\$71,600
4	City of La Crosse	Wagon Wheel Trail Link	\$5,013,000	\$4,010,720	\$1,002,680

MOTION by Kruse/Poellinger to approve the ranking of the TAP projects. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused; Candahl.**

UPDATE ON THE TWIN CITIES-MILWAUKEE-CHICAGO (TCMC) INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT – (WISDOT PRESENTATION)

Arun Rao, gave a presentation on the project. Railroad infrastructure improvements are needed to complete the project. \$53.3 million is the total cost of the project. Received a federal grant (CRISI) that will cover 60% of the project. Final design in 2022, construction in 2023-2024 with service starting by 2024 or sooner.

2023 LAPC MEMBER DUES

Dues letters for 2022 dues provide an estimate of the next year dues. Prior to Covid our local dues totaled \$60,000. In 2021 and 2022 the LAPC reduced total dues to \$45,000 to reduce the financial burden on member communities in response to the pandemic. In 2023 the DOT estimates 25% more in federal planning dollars. To receive all state/federal funds, dues will increase approximately \$59,000. **Motion** by Poellinger/Stupi to approve 2023 LAPC dues as presented. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused; Candahl.**

WISDOT LOCAL PROGRAMS UPDATE

Additional funding is available for local programs. On January 28th a new STP-U solicitation was announced with an application deadline of April 1, 2022. ON February 28th another STP-U solicitation was announced and applications are due on June 3, 2022. Additional meetings may be needed to rank and approve applications. We do not know what the federal allocation will be for these projects.

TAP program is looking at an August solicitation. There is new money from the federal BIL legislation. DOT is considering at looking at whether MPO's our size will receive an allocation.

STP Local program is new and pertains to the Town roads that are not within the urbanized area. The DOT has solicitation information on their website for each of these programs.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Town of Holland is working on a bike/ped plan. Working on contract details and the project will be completed by the end of the year.



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- Will be meeting with the Onalaska Public Transit Committee in April and the MTU board in May.

OTHER BUSINESS - none noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2022-2025 TIP Amendment
- STP-U Ranking Approval

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Poellinger/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 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