



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2023 Held in person and via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Mike Poellinger, Stan Hauser, Mitch Reynolds, Monica Kruse, Tim Candahl, Kim Smith, Dan Kapanke, Bob Stupi
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Erin Klar (Recorder), Jane Klekamp, Kathleen Stewart, Erin Duffer, Paula Silha, Erika Shepard, Barb Janssen

CALL TO ORDER

Vice 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 15, 2023 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Poellinger/Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

INTRODUCTION OF MPO TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

Peter Fletcher announced Erin Duffer as Jackie's replacement.

ELECTION OF LAPC CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Patrick Barlow was elected as the Chair. Motion by Poellinger/Hauser to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.** Hauser/Smith to nominate Tim Candahl as Vice Chair. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RECOGNITION OF LINDA SEIDEL, TOWN OF MEDARY AND JOSHUA JOHNSON, TOWN OF CAMPBELL FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE LAPC

Patrick Barlow thanked both for the years of service on the LAPC.

RECOGNITION OF BOB FISHER FOR YEARS OF SUPPORT TO THE LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PLANNING IN THE REGION

Peter recognized Bob for his dedication to the LAPC. Bob retired in 2004 and he continued to remain on the CTAT and TAC committees. The plaque will be presented to Bob's wife.

APPROVE AMENDING THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 4-2023)

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 2023-2026 TIP on November 16, 2022. This amendment of the TIP, 8 projects are being added to the TIP projects list: STH 16, La Crosse - Sparta (USH 53 to STH 35), Preliminary Engineering/NEPA, Reconstruct, Design anticipated in 2023; STH 16, La Crosse - Sparta (STH 35 to IH 90), includes Wis 157 from Wis 16 to IH 90, Preliminary Engineering/NEPA, Reconstruct, Design anticipated in 2023; STH 35, La Crosse - Trempealeau (USH 14/61 to USH 53), Preliminary Engineering/NEPA, Reconstruct, Design anticipated in 2023; USH 53, La Crosse -



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Galesville (STH 35 to IH 90), Preliminary Engineering/NEPA, Reconstruct, Design anticipated in 2023; Green Bay Street, 22nd Street South to Losey Blvd, Reconstruct, Design Anticipated in 2023, Construction Anticipated in 2024-2025; Monitor Street, Rose Street to Lang Drive, Reconstruct, Design Anticipated in 2023, Construction Anticipated in 2026; ****CRP**** City of La Crescent: Lease 1 Electric Vehicle to Replace Police Cruiser; Lease - Replacement

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE AMENDING THE 2023 LAPC UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 5-2023)

Since approval of the 2023 Planning Work Program, the City of La Crosse has requested \$5,000 in "Consultant Studies Funding" (500 Element) to hire a consultant to prepare a planning study for the southern portion of Losey Boulevard. A Unified Planning Work Program amendment is required to add the planning study to the 2023 LAPC Planning Work Program. The LAPC approves amending the 2023 Planning Work Program for the La Crosse Area Planning Committee to include the City of La Crosse planning study for the southern portion of Losey Boulevard in the 500 Element of the 2023 Planning Work Program.

MOTION by Reynolds/Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE THE LAPC TITLE VI PLAN (RESOLUTION 6-2023)

United States Department of Transportation regulations require the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) to establish and maintain a Title VI Program to carry out U.S. Department of Transportation Title VI regulations (49 CFR part 21) and to integrate into its programs and activities considerations expressed in the Department's Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients' Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient Persons (70 FR 74087, December 14, 2005). The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) intends that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any LAPC program or activity, regardless of funding source.

MOTION by Kruse/Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE MINNESOTA DOT 2024 CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION – LA CRESCENT

The City of La Crescent will use FY 2024 Carbon Reduction funds (\$12,000) for continued lease payments on the fully electric powered police cruiser (same EV vehicle leased with 2023 CRP funds). The city intends to purchase the EV vehicle at the end of the lease term. The city will match the FY 2024 Carbon Reduction Program funds with city funds (20%) for 2024. The city intends on using future CRP funds (2025-2026) for similar purposes. Usage of this proposed electric vehicle will provide the city data to demonstrate how future electric vehicle purchases would benefit the city.

MOTION by Hauser/Poellinger to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MPO STAFFING DISCUSSION

Peter announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year. Looking at having a June meeting to discuss the MPO staffing model and structure moving forward. The County will assist in the hiring process of the Executive Director. There is funding available in 2024 to add a third staff member to the MPO if the LAPC desires.



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OTHER BUSINESS – None noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2023-2026 TIP amendment
- 2024-2027 MN TIP Project List
- MPO staffing discussion

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tentatively Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION by Poellinger/Hauser to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar