



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 17, 2021

Held via Microsoft Teams & in Person

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patrick Barlow, Linda Seidel, Stan Hauser, Monica Kruse, Josh Johnson, Scott Schumacher, Kim Smith, Tim Candahl
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Bob Stupi, Mitch Reynolds, Mike Poellinger
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Erin Klar (Recorder), Francis Shelfhout (DOT), Bob Gollink, Joe Klapper and Menno Schukking, Adam Lorentz, Kathleen Stewart, Joe Langeberg, James Longhurst and Jim Kuehn.

### 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 September 15, 2021 LAPC MEETING

**MOTION** by Smith/Hauser to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**

### APPROVE AMENDING THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 8-2021)

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 2021-2024 TIP on October 21, 2020. With this amendment nine (9) projects have been added to the TIP project list. Since adoption of the TIP, three (3) projects are anticipated to receive or are obligated to receive federal and/or state funding over \$1M WHEREAS, since adoption of the TIP, modifications have been made to the project schedule, project description, funding obligation, and/or funding amounts for many other projects. The TIP amendment went through the required public comment period and the TAC recommended approval at their meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** by Kruse/Barlow to approve Amending the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**

### APPROVE THE 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RESOLUTION 9-2021)

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 U. S. Department of Transportation regulations provide for self-certification that the urban transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable requirements of federal law. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) was created through an Inter-municipal Agreement



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approved by all local units of government located within the La Crosse urbanized area as the urban planning body responsible for performing urban transportation planning. The LAPC is recognized by the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin as the MPO for the La Crosse/La Crescent area. The LAPC adopted the Beyond Coulee Vision 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan on September 16, 2020. Federal regulations dictate that projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program are also consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; The LAPC approves the 2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program as being consistent with metropolitan plans and policies. The TIP went through the required public comment period and the TAC recommended approval at their meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** by Johnson/Hauser to approve the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**

## **APPROVE THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2022 SAFETY TARGETS (RESOLUTION 10-2021)**

The U.S. Department of Transportation established five performance measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) within the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program; Final (23 CFR 490, Subpart B). The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) established statewide calendar year 2022 targets for each of the five HSIP performance measures in accordance with 23 CFR 490.209. Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must annually establish calendar year targets for each of the five HSIP performance measures by either agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of State HSIP targets or commit to quantifiable HSIP targets for the metropolitan planning area. In 2017 the LAPC made the decision to use state performance targets.

**MOTION** by Smith/Johnson to approve The Minnesota Department of Transportation 2022 Safety Targets. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**

## **APPROVE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) TARGETS (RESOLUTION 11-2021)**

The U.S. Department of Transportation under 49 CFR Part 625 established performance measures for Transit Asset Management (TAM) to include four (4) State of Good Repair (SGR) performance measures for equipment, rolling stock, infrastructure, and facilities. Each Tier II transit provider must develop its own TAM plan or participate in a group TAM plan. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has developed a group TAM Plan for its Tier II subrecipients. The La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility and Onalaska Shared Ride (OSR) have agreed to participate in the WisDOT group TAM Plan. TAM targets must be established annually through a coordinated process among the Sponsor (WisDOT), the Tier II participants (MTU, OSR), and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (La Crosse Area Planning Committee).

**MOTION** by Kruse/Barlow to approve the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**



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## **APPROVE 2022 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE (RESOLUTION 12-2021)**

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) was created as the MPO for the La Crosse and La Crescent Metropolitan Planning Area through an Intermunicipal Agreement approved by all local units of government located within the La Crosse Planning Area as the metropolitan planning body responsible for performing transportation planning. The LAPC is recognized by the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin as the transportation planning policy body for the La Crosse and La Crescent Planning Area. The LAPC certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is addressing major issues facing the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of § 450.336 of Title 23. The LAPC commits to providing the local match required for planned projects and programs. MnDOT, WisDOT and Federal Highways have all reviewed the work program and have no objections.

**MOTION** by Hauser/Smith to approve the 2022 Planning Work Program for the LAPC. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**

## **APPROVE RANKED LIST OF STP-URBAN PROJECTS**

Applications were due to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation central office by October 15, 2021. There were 10 applications in the MPO planning area and there is \$4,028,000 available in funding. The applications were ranked and the approved rankings will be sent on to WisDOT. Projects funded include City of La Crosse (6<sup>th</sup> St.) at 80% (\$2,216,000), City of Onalaska (Midwest Dr.) at 80% (\$751,608), Village of West Salem (City Loop Dr.) at 80% (\$451,356), Village of West Salem (Mark St.) at 80% (\$131,930), and City of Onalaska (Theater Road Roundabout) at 72% (\$478,002).

**MOTION** by Candahl/Barlow to approve ranked listed of STP-Urban projects. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**

## **DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LA CROSSE MTU, SMRT, ONALASKA SHARED RIDE – PRESENTATION BY SRF CONSULTING**

Joe Klapper and Menno Schukking from SPF Consulting gave a presentation on the regional transit development plan. The plan must be completed by years end.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

- TAP applications are out and the communities have been notified. Applications are due January 28, 2022.
- Jackie Eastwood showed the committee the new web map for the TIP and a new route mapping application for SMRT, MTU and OSR was discussed. This new web map is a live map and will show the projects being worked on.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - none noted.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 19, 2022**



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## ADJOURN

**MOTION** by Kruse/Candahl to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with three excused: Stupi, Reynolds and Poellinger.**

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

Recorded by Erin Klar