



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, January 12, 2022

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 2:32 p.m. in room 1700 and by Microsoft Teams.

**Members Present/On Call:** Voting: Charlie Handy, Joe Langeberg, Kurt Wayne, Ian Turner, Bob Gollnik, Andrea Trane, Anna Pierce, Kevin Schubert (alternate), Chris Dahl. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT; Jim Kuehn, WisDOT; Karl Buck, Wis FHWA. **Guests and Staff:** Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

**1) Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2021 TAC meeting:**

*Charlie Handy motioned to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting; Bob Gollnik seconded. All were in favor.*

**2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program:**

Peter Fletcher highlighted the four projects to be added to the TIP project list and showed their locations on our new web map of TIP projects.

*Bob Gollnik motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program as presented; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.*

**3) 2022 Work Program item:**

Peter Fletcher referenced a work program item for evaluating the infrastructure needs for electric vehicles in the area. He stated that the new infrastructure bill is offering discretionary funds to eligible entities, which includes MPOs and municipalities, for fueling and charging infrastructure. One question that still needs to be answered is if planning is an eligible activity. We need to have a plan for locations. Peter will reach out to the municipalities for local information to work on an inventory and for possible participation in an ad hoc committee. Kevin Schubert stated that Onalaska has a Tesla charging station near the Interstate. Bob Gollnik suggested talking to the large auto dealers. Charlie Handy suggested talking with WisDOT about its rule that disallows charging stations in rest areas.

**4) Other updates and information items:**

Peter Fletcher provided an update from the December 15 TPC meeting that discussed the status of the La Crosse Corridor project. The Commission approved a new approach to the project that would no longer consider new roads or road expansion. No official changes have yet been initiated. The project is still in the TIP and changes moving forward are expected to cost between \$200M and \$250M.

Peter informed that TAP applications are due to WisDOT on January 28, 2022 and asked that they be submitted to the MPO also. The LAPC CTAT will be ranking those projects in March. He added that a public meeting was being held that evening on the two TAP projects awarded to our area in the last cycle.

Charlie Handy stated that SMRT has been having trouble with breakdowns of their 2015 buses. They have been approved for new electric buses and will be contracting with Xcel for charging stations.

Karl Buck, new FHWA liaison to our MPO, introduced himself.

**5) March 2022 agenda items:**

- 2022-2025 TIP amendment

**6) Other Business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:**

The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

*Ian Turner motioned to adjourn at 2:57 PM.; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.*