



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, March 9, 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 3:01 by Microsoft Teams.

Members Present/On Call: Voting: Charlie Handy, Joe Langeberg, Bob Gollnik, Anna Pierce, Jarrod Holter, Chris Dahl, Jim Krueger, Stephanie Sward (alternate for Matt Gallager), Loren Schwier, Bill Waller, Bob Fisher. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT; Jim Kuehn, WisDOT; Karl Buck, Wis FHWA. **Guests and Staff:** Jack Zabrowski, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

1) Approval of the minutes of the January 12, 2022 TAC meeting:

Jim Krueger motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting; Bob Gollnik seconded. All were in favor.

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

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

3) 2022 WisDOT STP-U/TAP solicitations update:

Peter Fletcher stated that as a result of the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), WisDOT added two STP-U solicitations. The first was released on January 31 for FY 2022. Applications are due April 1 and projects can be for construction only. The second was released on February 28 for 2023-2026. Applications are due on June 3 and projects can be for design and construction. Because only one project has been submitted for the April 1 due date, with no other applications expected, the TAC will not have to meet for a ranking process. It is anticipated that several projects will be submitted for the second solicitation which will require a June TAC meeting. Funded projects will be announced in July.

Peter continued with an update on the TAP. He stated that projects submitted for the current 2022-2026 cycle will be ranked by the CTAT on March 10. The ranked projects will then go to the Policy Board on March 16 for final approval. The approved list is then submitted to WisDOT. As a result of the BIL, an additional TAP solicitation will come out in August. WisDOT is considering an annual solicitation and possible allocation to each MPO like what occurs with the STP-U. Another program that came out with the BIL is the STP-Local. There has been some confusion over eligibility because the map of eligible roads and the FAQs contradict each other. The map is accurate; the FAQs are not.

4) Other updates and information items:

Peter Fletcher reported on the Amtrak PR event that took place at the Amtrak Station. He stated that there were many government officials in attendance. The event announced an agreement between states for improvements. The added service is scheduled for 2024, but an agreement between CP, Amtrak, and other railroads has put the project ahead of schedule. It could begin as soon as the middle of next year or even by the end of this year.

5) May 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, May 11, 2022.

Charlie Handy motioned to adjourn at 3:17 PM.; Bob Gollnik seconded. All were in favor.