



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, March 10, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. by Microsoft Teams.

Members on Call: Voting: Bob Gollnik, Ian Turner, Bill Waller, Kurt Wayne, Jarrod Holter, Charlie Handy, Bob Fisher. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT. **Excused:** Ron Chamberlain, Adam Lorentz, Anna Pierce.
Guests and Staff: Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

1) Approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2021 TAC meeting:

Charlie Handy motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program:

Peter Fletcher stated that the office received no comments during the public comment period.

Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2021-2024 TIP project list as presented; Bob Gollnik seconded. All were in favor.

3) LAPC 2022 Local Studies Program:

Peter Fletcher stated that funds are made available annually for local planning studies. Last year, the schedule was adjusted so projects could get underway sooner and completed within the award year. The 2021 funds are being used for a regional transit development plan. We're now looking for projects for 2022. We ask interested members to submit a proposal with description and estimated cost by the May meeting. Engineering, design, or implementation projects are not eligible. Proposals must be for planning-level projects. We anticipate \$60,000 to \$70,000 to be available, funding no more than 80% of the total project cost. A 20% local share is required. WisDOT and FHWA will make the final eligibility determination.

4) Other updates and information items:

Peter Fletcher stated that we have SRF under contract for a regional transit development plan for MTU, SMRT, and OSR. Public outreach will begin in April/May. The plan will be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Fletcher went on to say that he's working on a list of feasible TDM measures derived from previous work. This round will focus on community-appropriate measures (urban, urbanizing, rural). A draft list of measures will be discussed at the next meeting.

Charlie Handy stated that the County will be updating its comprehensive plan and has formed a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. The goal is to have the plan completed by April of 2022. Many of the towns are currently or will be updating their comprehensive plans. The County has approved a resolution to hire PublicInput.com to manage the public involvement process. Mr. Handy stated that he'd like to include development scenarios for public input. The County is also looking to work with LADCO, 7 Rivers, etc. on a separate economic development plan.

Francis Schelfhout stated that he'd have several projects—SRTS, TAP, FLAP, and WisDOT—to be amended in the 2021-2024 TIP.

Kurt Wayne announced that MnDOT District 6 is starting a district-level freight plan that will primarily address truck freight. They are looking to have representation from the District's MPOs on the advisory committee.

5) May 2021 agenda items:

- 2021-2024 TIP amendment
- TDM measures

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

Jarrold Holter motioned to adjourn at 2:57 pm; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.