



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, May 12, 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: Ian Turner, Bill Waller, Kevin Schupert for Jarrod Holter, Charlie Handy, Anna Pierce, Joe Langeberg for Ron Chamberlain, Chris Dahl, Adam Lorentz. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT; Jim Kuehn, WisDOT; Mary Forlenza, FHWA; Evan Gross, FTA. **Excused:** Jarrod Holter, Ron Chamberlain. **Guests and Staff:** Michael Erickson, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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

Adam Lorentz motioned to approve the minutes; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.

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

Peter Fletcher summarized the additions and modifications to the projects list. He also highlighted a new section added to the TIP document that discusses the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan targets approved by the transit agencies and the Policy Board.

Adam Lorentz motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2021-2024 TIP project list as presented; Chris Dahl seconded. All were in favor.

3) LAPC 2022 Local Studies Program:

Peter Fletcher stated that no one has submitted a proposal for local studies funding. LAPC staff will be looking at potential projects for the funds while preparing the 2022 planning work program.

4) Update on the Wisconsin TAP and STP-U programs:

Michael Erickson stated that the applications and guidelines for the local programs will be available on the website on May 14, 2021. WisDOT will hold a Statewide Local Program Symposium on May 19, 2021. Applications for the STP-U must be received by WisDOT SW Region no later than September 17, 2021. Although the exact amount has not yet been calculated, the allocation is expected to be high—between \$3M and \$4M—because many of La Crosse area projects will be off the books.

The TAP application and guidelines for the 2022-2026 cycle will be available in August 2021. Applications must be submitted to WisDOT by January 2022.

5) Review draft Transportation Demand Management (TDM) best practices:

Peter Fletcher summarized the list of TDM practices thought to be the most feasible for communities to implement as appropriate, noting that one size does not fit all.

Charlie Handy commented that these practices could encourage communities to work together and emphasized the need for boundary agreements.

With no one suggesting changes to the list of TDM practices, Peter Fletcher stated that the LAPC will move forward and begin approaching the communities.

6) Other updates and information items:

Charlie Handy stated that two 2012 26-passenger buses are up for auction [wisconsinsurplus.com].

Kevin Schupert announced that Onalaska was awarded a HSIP grant for a mini-roundabout at East Ave and Riders Club Rd. Francis Schelfhout added that this project will be included in the list of projects to be amended into the TIP at the next meeting.

Peter Fletcher stated that SRF Consulting is working on a Regional Transit Development Plan and that everyone will be receiving updates during the process. SRF will be presenting to the Policy Board on May 19 and to the CTAT on May 20. A virtual open house is scheduled for May 27. Please pass along any information we send out.

Anna Pierce provided a brief update on the process for the Minnesota Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. They've developed stories for and are asking for input on six emphasis areas: Aging Infrastructure; Climate Change; Economy and Employment; Equity; Safety; and Transportation Options. [Go to: <https://minnesotago.org/give-us-your-input>]

7) May 2021 agenda items:

- 2021-2024 TIP amendment
- Follow-up on local studies and work program

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

Ian Turner motioned to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.; Kevin Schupert seconded. All were in favor.