



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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DATE: JULY 6, 2021
FROM: PETER FLETCHER, DIRECTOR
TO: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: JULY 14, 2021 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee TAC will be on **Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held remotely via TEAMS and/or teleconference call – meeting access/monitoring instructions detailed below.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Meeting.
2. Recommendation to approve Minnesota 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Project List.
3. LAPC 2022 Local Studies Program update.
4. Review 2022 Work Program items.
5. STP-U program update.
6. Other updates and information items.
7. September 2021 agenda items:
 - TBD
8. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced.

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Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members: Ron Chamberlain, Chris Dahl, Bob Fisher, Matt Gallagher, Bob Gollnik, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Becky Lakowske, Adam Lorentz, Christina Peterson, Anna Pierce, Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Ian Turner, Vonni Vegar, Bill Waller, Kurt Wayne

Non-voting Members: Mary Forlenza, Evan Gross, James Kuehn, Bobbi Retzlaff, Francis Schelfhout



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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.

2022 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Project List						2022 (x\$1000)															2023 (x\$1000)					2024 (x\$1000)					2025 (x\$1000)					Source of Funds
Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp. Type	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total											
MINNESOTA PROJECTS						2022					2023					2024					2025															
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2022 Work Program Activities

Element 100 Program Support and Administration

- Coordinate TAC, CTAT, and Policy Board meetings enabling virtual options to offer improved public access to meetings.
- Prepare the PWP, quarterly accounting, billing for local dues, and budget (coordinated with La Crosse County).
- Prepare resolutions supporting State performance targets, adopting MPO plans and programs, and supporting local and regional transportation plans and projects.
- Participate in meetings with FHWA, DOT, RPCs, and other agencies.

Element 200 Long-Range Transportation Planning

- Continue website improvements to aid in public outreach and promotion of the LAPC.
- Utilize ArcGIS Insights for analysis and visualizations for planning activities.
- Update the “Public Participation Plan for the LAPC”
- Verify employment data obtained from WisDOT Travel Forecasting Section.
- Work with WisDOT and consultant on travel model.
- Conduct meetings and/or outreach (brochures, email newsletters/updates, etc.) with LAPC community member boards, councils, planning committees to aid in incorporating MTP goals and policies in local planning documents.
- Continue updating land use inventory including field verification.
- Continue to work with DOTs and transit agencies to set targets for Federal performance measures.
- Develop web-based annual performance reporting.
- Utilize StreetLight data for planning activities/projects and technical assistance to communities.
- Continue development of an ArcGIS Online application for transportation projects and information.
- Continue analyzing MTU AVL data for performance and customer service measures.

Element 300 Short-Range and Multi-modal Transportation Planning

- Continue to work through our Committee on Transit and Active Transportation (CTAT) to plan for additional regional bicycle routes.
- Assist transit providers with implementing strategies/recommendations identified in the regional transit development plan.
- Assist local units of government prepare Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications.
- Assist communities in integrating Transportation Demand Management (TDM) best practices into local comprehensive plans and/or policies.
- Serve on various boards and committees (Minnesota Great River Rail Commission, Blufflands Coalition, etc.) and advisory/technical committees.
- Work with La Crosse County on the SMRT service, marketing plan implementation, and with the transition to electric buses.
- Assist with TCMC planning and serve on TCMC technical committees.
- Assist LAPC agency partners and member communities with grant applications when needed.
- Work with the La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility, La Crosse County, and the city of Onalaska to improve transit service in the area.
- Provide technical assistance as needed to member communities.

Element 400 Transportation Improvement Program

- Performance monitoring and investment linkage.
- Publish TIP notices as needed for TIP amendments and for the annual TIP document.
- Maintain TIP project information on website.
- Review existing and incorporate new projects.
- Complete a TIP environmental justice analysis.

- Prepare a 4-year TIP document including financial plan.
- Prepare the annual list of obligated projects.
- Serve on the MnDOT District 6 Area Transportation Partnership.

Element 500 Consultant Studies Funding

- Town of Holland Bike/Pedestrian Plan.