



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, July 14, 2021

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. by Microsoft Teams.

**Members on Call:** Voting: Jarrod Holter, Anna Pierce, Ron Chamberlain, Chris Dahl, Adam Lorentz, Bob Gollnik, Kurt Wayne, Andrea Trane. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT. **Excused:** Jarrod Holter, Ron Chamberlain.  
**Guests and Staff:** Joe Langeberg, Keith Back, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

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

- 1) **Approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2021 TAC meeting:**  
*Bob Gollnik motioned to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.*
- 2) **Recommendation to approve Minnesota 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Project List:**  
*Ron Chamberlain motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the Minnesota 2022-2025 TIP project list as presented; Bob Gollnik seconded. All were in favor.*
- 3) **LAPC 2022 Local Studies Program update:**  
Peter Fletcher stated that the LAPC will have around \$60,000 available for local studies in 2022. Having just completed their comprehensive plan, Holland has expressed an interest in completing a bicycle-pedestrian plan. They have formed an ad hoc trail committee to discuss bicycle and pedestrian connections in the town. Peter shared a scope of work for the planning process. Incorporating the local studies project in the 2022 PWP will allow the recipient to start work in January 2022. No other local government has expressed interest.
- 4) **Review 2022 Work Program items:**  
Peter Fletcher stated that the work program for 2022 will be approved in November. We will have a draft and budget available by September. Peter proceeded to summarize the tasks for 2022.
- 5) **STP-U program update:**  
Peter Fletcher stated that the STP-U program is open to projects on roads classified as collectors or higher. WisDOT is requiring an initial draft application by August 13 to identify elements that may be missing, need for clarifications, etc. Revised applications must be in to WisDOT no later than September 17. Final applications are due October 15. Final applications must also be submitted to the LAPC. The TAC will rank the projects in November. The ranked list will be approved by the Policy Board and forwarded to WisDOT no later than January 22, 2022. We will know the final allocation for our area in August, but the estimate is between \$3M and \$4M.
- 6) **Other updates and information items:**  
Peter Fletcher stated that Minnesota has approved its contribution to the TCMC and Wisconsin has its contribution in reserves. The funding obligations mean that the project for the second Amtrak train can move forward. The project is expected to be completed and operational in 2024. Design will occur in 2022 and construction in 2023-2024. Over \$20M in track improvements will occur between La Crescent and La Crosse which will not only help passenger rail but also freight rail.

Peter Fletcher announced that Ron Chamberlain has taken a position with SEH and will no longer serve on the TAC. He thanked Ron for his years of service.

Peter Fletcher concluded his updates by stating that SRF Consulting continues to work on the Regional Transit Development Plan and is roughly mid-process. They have completed the initial rounds of public input and are now working on a needs assessment. We'll have more at the September and November meetings. The plan will be completed by the end of the year.

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) September 2021 agenda items:**

- TBD

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

Peter Fletcher stated that we've been conducting our meetings virtually through Teams, but that we've been transitioning to hybrid meetings to offer in-person and remote participation. He asked what the preference of the TAC was for future meetings.

Jarrold Holter stated that he would like to see the virtual option remain for those who can't make it in-person. He thinks the November meeting should be in person for the STP-U ranking process. The committee agreed.

*Jarrold Holter motioned to adjourn at 2:56 p.m.; Adam Lorentz seconded. All were in favor.*