



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Committee on Transit and Active Transportation Meeting, July 12, 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the CTAT held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 3:00 pm in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 212 6th St N, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: Kurt Wayne, Sandy Sechrest, Cathy Van Maren, Peter Fletcher, Bob Fisher, Jim Longhurst (late excused), Susan Lundsten (late excused), Carolyn Dvorak (late), Jack Zabrowski (late), Jackie Eastwood. **Excused:** Steve Johnson, Ginny Loehr, Francis Schelfhout. **Others Present:** Casey Mrozek for Ginny Loehr, Jim Krueger.

1) Approval of minutes of the May 10, 2018 CTAT Meeting:

With a quorum in attendance at 3:10 pm, Jackie Eastwood called the meeting to order. She then asked for approval of the minutes.

Cathy Van Maren motioned to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting; Sandy Sechrest seconded. Kurt Wayne, Peter Fletcher, and Bob Fisher were in favor. All others were not yet in attendance.

2) Update of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan:

Peter Fletcher informed the committee that in order to be eligible for funding from the 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities and 85.21 County Elderly and Disabled Transportation programs, all counties are required to be part of a 5-year Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The Departments of Transportation (DOTs) designated the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) to help with the process. The first plan was completed in 2006, which at that time the plans were to be completed every two years. The 2018 plan will be the fourth plan for the nine counties. At the end of the process there will be one regional plan and nine individual county plans. The final plans will be sent to WisDOT in this fall.

A public meeting is required to identify the goals, objectives, and recommendations. It is also required that information to update various planning documents is approved at this meeting, which is scheduled from 9:00 am to noon at the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library, 201 Neshonoc Rd, West Salem, WI 54669. The CTAT members are invited to attend.

3) Update on TAP applications:

Jackie Eastwood stated that she had received an update from Francis Schelfhout stating that the WisDOT eligibility reviews were completed in May. The two City of La Crosse projects were deemed ineligible because WisDOT had not received the resolutions of support by the deadline. The other three projects—STH 16 Connector Trail, La Crosse River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge, and County Safe Routes to School—were deemed eligible. WisDOT completed the prioritization of all projects statewide in June and the full TAP board will create a final list with recommendations for funding in July. The TAP awards should be announced in August or September.

4) Update on CTAT membership:

Jackie Eastwood announced that Don Smith from La Crescent was retiring and that Linda Larson would be taking his place.

5) Other updates and information items:

Jackie Eastwood announced a Save-the-Date for a Passenger Rail Forum scheduled to occur at the Administrative Center on Monday, October 8, 2018. Two forums will be taking place: the first begins at 3:00 pm and will involve business leaders; the second begins at 6:00 pm and is open to the public. Bob Fisher elaborated on Amtrak and its lack of investment and cutting of services.

Carolyn Dvorak announced the Open Streets event scheduled for Sunday, September 2. She is currently looking for volunteers.

Jim Longhurst added that the Open Streets is part of the larger Labor Day Bike Fest that will be taking place over the Labor Day weekend. They are planning on more community connection rides, neighborhood tours, and historical tours. He is also looking for volunteers for the event as well as someone to replace him in coming years as the event coordinator.

Cathy Van Maren stated that she had sent out an e-mail to a number of people asking to get MTU back on Badger St through campus. Jim Longhurst suggested it was a lost cause because Badger has been made a pedestrian way. The pavement was reconstructed such that it will not withstand regular bus use.

Jack Zabrowski and Susan Lundsten arrived and asked for an update on the TAP projects. Jackie Eastwood again summarized the status of the TAP process.

6) Future agenda items:

None suggested.

7) Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

Kurt Wayne motioned to adjourn at 4:52 pm; Sandy Sechrest seconded. All others were in favor.