



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, January 21, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at Nell's City Grill, 1111 3rd St S, La Crosse, WI 54601.

Members Present: John Chapman, Village of Holmen; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Stanley Hauser, Town of Onalaska; Mark Johnsrud, City of La Crosse; Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent; Mike Weibel, alternate for the Town of Medary. **Members Excused:** Terry Houlihan, Town of Medary; Steve Doyle, County of La Crosse; Charles Spiker, County of La Crosse alternate. **Members Absent:** Lynnetta Kopp, Town of Shelby. **Others Present:** Paul Kitzmann, Bob Haines, Keith Carlson, Bob Crooks, Steve O'Malley, Franco Marcos, John Boland, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: John Chapman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the November 19, 2008 LAPC Meeting:

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting. Scott Johnson seconded. All were in favor.

2) Resolution 01 – 2009:

Mark Johnsrud motioned to approve Resolution 01 – 2009 Approving the Minnesota State Grant Agreement for Distribution of State Planning Funds for 2009 and the Minnesota Agreement for Distribution of 2009 Consolidated Planning Grant Funds. Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.

3) Resolution 02 – 2009:

Tom Faella briefly described a number of projects to be amended into the TIP. The projects included enhancement, Scenic Byways, low-cost bridge, and transit projects. Keith Carlson elaborated on the Vernon County transit project, which came about in response to the loss of inter-city service between La Crosse and Madison by Jefferson Lines and the need for transit service between Viroqua and La Crosse. He stated that he and the Vernon County Unit on Aging met to discuss coordination and transfers.

John Boland brought up the fact that the submitted STH 16 sidepath extension project was not funded although it ranked highest in the BPAC's prioritization process. Mark Johnsrud suggested this project be included in the TIP as a means of establishing its importance in the area. Because project funding has not been identified, Mr. Faella stated the project will be added to the illustrative list of the TIP.

Mike Poellinger motioned to amend the TIP to include the funded projects as discussed in the main tables of the TIP and the STH 16 sidepath project in the illustrative list of the TIP. Stanley Hauser seconded. All were in favor.

4) LAPC Technical Committees Bylaws and Membership:

Tom Faella explained the updates made in the memberships of the subcommittees and the minor changes in the TCC and BPAC bylaws. The memberships change with changes in personnel and duties. The changes to the bylaws involved a change in quorum to five (5) for the BPAC and a change to the meeting time for the TCC.

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the bylaws as presented. Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.

5) Update on Ongoing Projects:

Tom Faella updated the Board on the status of the Dresbach Bridge project. The technical advisory committee for the project reduced the alternatives for the bridge and interchange to preferred alternatives. The preferred alternative for the bridge design is a concrete box with four lanes and wide shoulders at an estimated cost of \$65 M; the preferred alternative for the interchange design is the full-access 10B alternative at an estimated cost of \$85 M. Mr. Faella went

on to discuss the study the LAPC contracted with Yaggy Colby to assess bicycle and pedestrian accommodations between the I-90 interchange and La Crescent. Because of the difficulty in getting off-road accommodations, which would be a long-term goal, LAPC staff recommended retaining bikeways on wide shoulders for the short-term.

6) Update on Federal Stimulus Program:

Tom Faella stated that the details of the stimulus program process are not yet known, but a certain amount of money for infrastructure projects would be dedicated to MPOs. He said that Governor Doyle has submitted a list for the state that included the Monegan Overpass project on STH 16. Mr. Faella has asked the municipalities to submit projects to him that he could submit to the states for inclusion on their stimulus lists. One of two projects submitted by La Crescent is included on the Minnesota DOT District 6 local projects list. The TAC did not want to include the stimulus projects in the TIP until more information is available on funding and they have the opportunity to prioritize them.

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

Dennis Manthei motioned to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Mike Poellinger seconded. All were in favor.