



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, September 16, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: Lynnetta Kopp, Town of Shelby; Matt Harter, City of La Crosse; Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent; Steve Doyle, La Crosse County. **Members Absent:** Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell **Members Excused:** Linda Seidel, Town of Medary; Dave Paudler, Town of Onalaska. **Others Present:** John Boland, Jason Gilman, Jennifer Kuderer, Greg Flogstad, Keith Carlson, Bridget Karl, Ryan Gaug, Paul Wydeven, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: Lynnetta Kopp called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the July 15, 2009 LAPC Meeting:

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting. Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public comment relative to agenda items, with 5 minute time limit per comment:

None.

3) Resolution 6 – 2009 Adopting the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Action Requested):

Tom Faella highlighted the changes to the TIP which included the addition of five projects, the removal of five projects, and some minor changes to the information of three projects.

Discussion ensued on the two projects related to the North/South Corridor and the level of LAPC commitment to the projects. Tom Faella stated that the TIP can be amended at any time. Mike Poellinger recommended not removing projects at this time because it might make it difficult to return the funding in the future.

Lynnetta Kopp called for public comment on the TIP of which there was none.

Lynnetta Kopp asked to be recused from voting on project # 243-08-022 because of a conflict of interest, but asked to be able to vote on the rest of the TIP.

Mike Poellinger motioned to adopt Resolution 6-2009 approving the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, excluding project # 243-08-022. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve including project # 243-08-022 into the 2010-2013 TIP. Steve Doyle seconded. Lynnetta Kopp abstained. All other members in attendance were in favor.

4) Resolution 7 – 2009 Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements with La Crosse County and WROC for the purchase of aerial photography in 2010 (Action Requested):

Tom Faella stated that the City of La Crosse is interested in 3-inch resolution photography for some areas of the city. The original proposal is for 6-inch resolution photography. Mr. Faella recommended cooperating with the City of La Crosse to avoid duplication of efforts. Mike Poellinger suggested that we contribute no more than the original allocation for the 6-inch photography.

Mike Poellinger motioned to adopt Resolution 7-2009 Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements with La Crosse County, the City of La Crosse, and WROC for the purchase of aerial photography in 2010. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.

5) Discussion of Municipal Program Grant Applications:

Lynnetta Kopp began a discussion of communities limiting the number of applications submitted for project grants because it appeared that the community that submitted the most applications would have an advantage in funding received. Ms. Kopp made the suggestion that each community submit the same number of applications. Jackie Eastwood stated that both STP-Urban and STP-Enhancement projects go through a prioritization process based on criteria that meet the transportation goals of the region. All of the projects compete for funds, even projects within the same community. STP-Enhancement projects also compete with projects submitted statewide.

6) Article IV – “Officers” of the Bylaws of the LAPC:

The Board discussed the July 15, 2009 bylaws amendment to limit the term for the chairperson. Steve Doyle recommended the change prior to the vote for the existing chair because he did not think it was healthy for the Board to have the same chairperson for many years. Mr. Doyle considers the LAPC a cooperative board that should rotate its chairmanship among the member communities. Lynnetta Kopp voiced concern over being able to learn enough in one year to be effective. Tom Faella noted that the term length is two years. The Board agreed to retain the change in the bylaws to one term for the chairperson.

7) Article X “Weighted Voting” of the Bylaws of the LAPC:

Questions were posed as to the history and reasoning behind weighted voting. Mike Poellinger stated it started back when the North/South Corridor was being studied. The weighted vote, which was adopted from another MPO, was designed to allow for action during an impasse.

8) Update on Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Legislation:

Tom Faella handed out a document summarizing the current status of RTA legislation in the state, to provide more details relating to the RTA discussion at the July 15 meeting.

9) Format of LAPC Annual Meeting, January 2010:

The Board agreed to have the annual meeting at the Zielke Suite in the La Crosse Center.

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

Dennis Manthei motioned to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Steve Doyle seconded. All were in favor.