

# RESOLUTION 03 - 2010

## SUPPORTING

### WISCONSIN LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA) IN LA CROSSE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee has been designated by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the purpose of carrying out cooperative, comprehensive and continuing urban transportation planning, and;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Representative Jennifer Shilling has introduced 2009 Assembly Bill 791 to authorize the creation of a La Crosse County Transit Authority, and;

**WHEREAS**, the RTA would be created if the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors adopts a resolution authorizing the county to become a member of the RTA and the resolution is ratified by the electors at a referendum in La Crosse County, and;

**WHEREAS**, the resolution would specify the number and composition of the RTA's board of directors and if a sales and use tax will be imposed by the RTA, the maximum rate of this tax, and;

**WHEREAS**, the powers of the RTA would include: the ability to impose a local sales tax of up to one-half of one percent, to issue revenue bonds and to operate a transportation system or provide for its operation by contracting with a public or private organizations, and;

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of an RTA for La Crosse County may include improved coordination of transit services, increased revenue to support the expansion of existing transit services, improved access to jobs for county residents, opportunities for economic development and reductions in traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee hereby supports Assembly Bill 791 to authorize a Regional Transit Authority in La Crosse County, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee hereby authorizes the Chairperson and Executive Director to execute such correspondence as is necessary to convey such request to the Wisconsin State Legislators.

LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Lynnetta Kopp, Chairperson

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Tom Faella, Executive Director

*Dated: March 17, 2010*