



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of LAPC Meeting, May 19, 2010

**Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee** held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4<sup>th</sup> St N, La Crosse.

**Members Present:** Lynnetta Kopp, Town of Shelby; Dave Paudler, Town of Onalaska; Charles Spiker, La Crosse County alternate; Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Marvin Iverson, Village of West Salem, alternate; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Matt Harter, City of La Crosse; Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell. **Members Absent:** Linda Seidel, Town of Medary. **Members Excused:** Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Steve Doyle, La Crosse County. **Others Present:** John Boland, Paul Wydeven, Michael Hoelker, Dave Jolicoeur, Carlos Pena, Claudia Orvis, Sean Dwyer, Ed West, Bev Mach, Ryan Gaug, Dave Conklin, Tim Keneipp, Mark Seitz, Jennifer Kuderer, Sue Howe, Larry Kirch, Samantha Marcus, 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 March 17, 2010 LAPC Meeting:**

*Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.*

Marvin Iverson was introduced as the alternate for Dennis Manthei, President, Village of West Salem.

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

Tom Faella read an email received from Chuck Lee stating the La Crosse Marsh Coalition's opposition to the USH 53 / 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue project included in the LAPC 2010 - 2013 TIP (243-09-011). Tim Keneipp voiced support of the bike plan and thanked the BPAC for all of the hard work on the plan.

**3) Resolution 4-2010 Amending the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program:**

Tom Faella summarized the projects to be amended or added to the Transportation Plan.

*Mike Poellinger motioned to adopt Resolution 4-2010 Amending the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Mike Giese seconded. All were in favor.*

**4) Resolution 5-2010 Adopting the 2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan:**

Ed West stated that the bike plan was worthy of the communities and supported its adoption.

Tom Faella stated that staff had received input from Marc Schultz, Town of Onalaska, and Jim Nissen, Fish and Wildlife Service, asking for bicycle accommodations on Brice Prairie consistent with the Brice Prairie Master Plan and planned development of a Fish and Wildlife Service Center. Recommendations for Brice Prairie were updated accordingly. He also stated that the language for the recommendation for the Dresbach Bridge and I-90 had been modified with stronger language advocating for accommodations on the bridge and within the corridor.

*Mike Poellinger motioned to adopt Resolution 5-2010 Adopting the 2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan with the changes as discussed. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.*

**5) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) "Action Plan":**

As part of the MTP update, Tom Faella asked that the 2005 "Action Plan" for addressing congestion be updated and reaffirmed. With the inclusion of some new development and external count inputs, the projected capacity deficiencies on our roadways for 2035 changed from what was projected in 2005. Mr. Faella discussed each of the major roads projected to be deficient and recommended a course of action. He stated that the TAC had voted to reaffirm the Action Plan with a few modifications. The *Coulee Connections Transportation Study* will be underway by this summer

and completed by the end of 2013. Mike Poellinger asked that the study area include the area of USH 14/61 between I-90 and the West Channel Bridge. Michael Hoelker stated that the modeling already included that area.

*Mike Poellinger motioned to reaffirm the Action Plan as discussed and with the changes recommended by the TAC and LAPC. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.*

**6) Update on I-90 Dresbach Bridge Preliminary Design:**

Tom Faella stated that over the last three years that Mn/DOT has been the project manager of the Dresbach Bridge preliminary design. Mn/DOT has worked with a public advisory committee (PAC) and technical advisory committee (TAC) to determine a preferred design alternative for the interchange (10B). The preferred alternative provides full access to the rest stop, boat landings, and lock and dam from all directions, and provides safe accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians. Mn/DOT central office has requested study of a new alternative (B-1) that would reduce the cost of the project by \$5 M to \$8 M. Mr. Faella described the new alternative and outlined its limitations. He continued to say that the LAPC TAC recommends that the Policy Board write a letter to Mn/DOT in support of the original preferred alternative (10B).

*Mike Poellinger motioned for Tom Faella to write a letter to Mn/DOT in the name of the LAPC advocating for the original preferred alternative 10B. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.*

**7) Set Local Share Dues for 2011 Budget:**

Tom Faella stated that the local dues have been constant since 2003.

*Nancy Proctor motioned to retain the current shares of local dues for the 2011 budget. Mike Poellinger seconded. All were in favor.*

**8) Executive Director Merit Raise:**

*As pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin statutes, Mike Giese motioned to go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the eligibility of a merit raise for the Executive Director. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.*

*Mike Poellinger motioned to go into open session at 5:54 p.m. Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.*

*Mike Poellinger motioned that the committee recognizes Tom Faella's efforts and is appreciative of what he has done and that Lynnetta Kopp will meet with Steve O'Malley with a positive response from the Policy Board, and to complete the necessary paperwork. Dave Paudler seconded. Lynnetta Kopp, Nancy Proctor, Marvin Iverson, Mike Giese, Matt Harter, and Scott Johnson were in favor. Charles Spiker abstained.*

**9) Other business; Director's report; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:**

Tom Faella updated the board on staff activities.

*Mike Poellinger motioned to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.*