



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, September 1, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: Dave Paudler, Town of Onalaska; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska (excused at 5:15); Steve Doyle, La Crosse County; Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell; Matt Harter, City of La Crosse. **Members Absent:** Lynnetta Kopp, Town of Shelby; Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen. **Members Excused:** Linda Seidel, Town of Medary. **Others Present:** John Boland, Clint Torp, Dan Wruck, Jason Gilman, Ryan Gaug, Paul Wydeven, Steve O'Malley, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: Mike Poellinger called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the July 21, 2010 LAPC Meeting:

Dennis Manthei motioned to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting. Mike Giese seconded. All were in favor.

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

None.

3) Prioritization of Transportation Enhancement Projects:

Tom Faella stated that six projects were submitted to WisDOT for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program and/or Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding. The projects were ranked by the BPAC in August as follows:

1. City of Onalaska:	Great River Rd./STH 35 Streetscape	\$839,298
2. City of La Crosse:	Oak Street Bridge Connector	800,000
3. City of La Crosse:	Goose Green Connector Trail	295,400
4. City of La Crosse:	VIP Trail Expansion	502,180
5. City of La Crosse:	Black River Path	256,009
6. Village of Holmen:	Downtown Revitalization Project	323,360

Steve Doyle motioned to approve the prioritized list of projects as recommend by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Dave Paudler seconded. All were in favor.

4) Resolution 6-2010 Adopting the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update:

Mike Giese voiced a couple of concerns he had with the plan. He was concerned with the lack of current data and the use of 1% for transit trips used in the traffic model. He also suggested a change in the transportation/land use diagram in Chapter 6 to more clearly represent cause and effect of land development and transportation projects. Mr. Giese objected to assumptions of future demographics and ride share predicated on the status quo. Tom Faella responded that the plan does include recommendations to address the status quo; however, changes in land use policy need to be made at the local level to best be incorporated into future projections. LAPC staff will incorporate new Census data when they are available, and work with the policy board and technical committees to update the traffic model projections based on area assumptions and policies.

Dave Paulder motioned to approve Resolution 6-2010 adopting the 2035 La Crosse and La Crescent Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan with anticipation of an interim update to include new census data and traffic projections when they become available. Mike Giese seconded. All were in favor.

5) Resolution 7 - 2010 Amending the 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Tom Faella described the one project added and the three projects modified in the 2010-2013 TIP.

Dave Paudler motioned to approve Resolution 7-2010 adopting the amended 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.

6) Resolution 8 – 2010 Adopting the 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List:

Tom Faella highlighted the new projects added to the 2011-2014 TIP project list. Mr. Faella explained that the project list is adopted before the TIP document to comply with the earlier time line for adopting the TIP in Minnesota.

Dennis Manthei motioned to approve Resolution 8-2010 adopting the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program project list. Mike Giese seconded. All were in favor.

7) Major Work Activities and Budget for the 2011 Planning Work Program (PWP):

Tom Faella outlined the work program activities for LAPC staff for 2011. He stated that the TAC indicated they would like to pursue federal funds for local studies. A required 20% local match could come out of the LAPC reserve fund.

Discussion commenced about creating a county-wide storm water plan and state regulations. Steve O'Malley suggested inviting Karl Green, Greg Stangl, and municipal representatives to a future meeting to discuss the topic.

Dave Paudler motioned to approve the 2011 Planning Work Program activities and to allow Tom Faella to pursue planning funds for local studies. Steve Doyle seconded; All were in favor.

8) Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-Urban) Policies:

Steve Doyle motioned to approve the STP-Urban policies recommended by the TAC to be included in the TIP. Dennis Manthei seconded; All were in favor.

9) Letter of Support for Workforce Connection WETAP Grant:

Steve Doyle motioned to approve the letter of support for the Workforce Connections WETAP grant. Dave Paudler seconded; All were in favor.

10) La Crosse Municipal Airport Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance:

Dan Wruck provided an overview of the planning purposes and process for the airport land use plan. The land use plan and overlay zoning ordinance, which are looking at compatible and incompatible land uses, are needed to insure safety and the future operations at the airport. The planning area extends 3 miles from the boundary of the airport.

11) Report by Director Evaluation Sub-Committee:

Mike Poellinger reported the recommendation of the evaluation sub-committee to set goals and objectives for the director and determine the role of the MPO. Steve O'Malley suggested using staff from U.W. Extension to facilitate a goal-setting meeting that could in turn make the policy board more effective. Dave Paudler stated the need for a policy of evaluation that is consistent and defensible, and that will define how the County will be involved.

Dave Paudler motioned to adopt the evaluation sub-committee's recommendation to develop a strategic plan for evaluation of the LAPC director. Dennis Manthei seconded; All were in favor.

12) Other business; Director's report; Adjourn; Next meeting November 17, 2010:

Paul Wydeven informed the Board of a Complete Streets workshop to be held by WisDOT and La Crosse County Health and Human Services on October 5.

Steve Doyle motioned to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Dennis Manthei seconded; All were in favor.