

RESOLUTION 7 – 2011

Establishing a Complete Streets Policy for the La Crosse Area Planning Committee

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization entrusted to do long-range transportation planning for the La Crosse, WI – La Crescent, MN urbanized area; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee through adoption of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and supporting modal plans endorses policy-based actions to address congestion; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee is committed to support safe and accessible roads for all users regardless of age or ability; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee is to establish a Complete Streets Policy to ensure that all roadway projects within the metropolitan planning area consider the needs of all users moving along and across roads, intersections, and crossings in a manner that is sensitive to the local context and recognizes that the needs vary in urban, suburban, and rural settings; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee recognizes the benefits of Complete Streets to include transportation, economic, environmental, health, and quality of life benefits; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Area Planning Committee supports and encourages the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy and/or Ordinance at the municipal level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee will incorporate Complete Streets concepts and ideals into all of its planning processes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Planning Committee hereby adopts a Complete Streets Policy as provided below:

- 1) The LAPC shall work with the Federal Highway Administration, the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation; the Counties of La Crosse, Houston, and Winona; the communities within the metropolitan planning area; and the LAPC's other planning partners in Minnesota and Wisconsin to ensure that the needs and safety of all modes are considered in all roadway projects planned and programmed within the planning area.
- 2) Projects submitted for Surface Transportation Program – Urban funds in Wisconsin shall be prioritized by the Technical Advisory Committee using a multimodal set of criteria.
- 3) The Technical Advisory Committee shall ensure that new roadway construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and resurfacing projects submitted for Surface Transportation Program – Urban funds in Wisconsin include accommodations for all modes where feasible.

Detailed conditions for exemptions in Wisconsin shall be found in the Complete Streets law contained in TRANS 75 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

- 4) The narratives of projects submitted for Surface Transportation – Urban funds in Wisconsin shall be provided in sufficient detail as to allow for a fully-informed prioritization of projects.
- 5) The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall work to ensure that roadway projects that are planned and programmed are consistent with this Policy and the recommendations put forth in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modal plans.
- 6) Projects submitted to the La Crosse Area Planning Committee for Local Studies funds shall include, when applicable, consideration and planning for all users of the transportation system regardless of age or ability.
- 7) The LAPC shall use performance measures as provided in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and modal plans to track the success of this Policy.

LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

July 20, 2011
Date approved:

Nancy Proctor, Chair

ATTEST:

Tom Faella, Executive Director