



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, September 21, 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Timothy Candahl, Town of Shelby; Roland Bogert, Town of Onalaska; Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell; Matt Harter, City of La Crosse; Tara Johnson, La Crosse County; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent. **Members Absent:** Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Linda Seidel, Town of Medary. **Others Present:** Sue Howe, Paul Wydeven, John Boland, Greg Pates, Jeff Gust, Michael Hoelker, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: Nancy Proctor called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the August 10, 2011 LAPC Meeting:

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting; Scott Johnson seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public Comment:

Sue Howe read a statement on behalf of the I-90 bicycle/pedestrian workgroup that discusses the status of activities related to the consideration of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the Dresbach Bridge and within the I-90 corridor to exit 3.

3) Recognition of Steve Doyle:

Steve Doyle was recognized for his service to the LAPC as La Crosse County Board Chairman from 2002 to 2011.

4) Resolution 8 – 2011 Amendment to the 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Program:

After some discussion over the local share stated in the resolution, Mike Poellinger motioned to approve Resolution 8 – 2011 Amending the 2011-2014 TIP. Timothy Candahl seconded. All were in favor.

5) Resolution 9 – 2011 Adopting the Draft 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program:

Tom Faella stated that most of the changes to projects reflected changes in dollar amounts or project timeframe. Significant changes to the TIP include the addition of three new projects: bridge repairs on I-90 between Onalaska and West Salem; a study of STH 16 between Gillette St and CTH OS (as discussed in agenda item 2); and, the purchase of 14 new hybrid buses for the MTU system. The final TIP will be presented in November.

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve Resolution 9 – 2011 Adopting the Draft 2012 – 2015 TIP as discussed; Dennis Manthei seconded. All were in favor.

6) Main Work Activities and Budget for 2012 – 2013 Planning Work Program:

Tom Faella provided an overview of the main work activities for LAPC staff in 2012: Continue the land use inventory; begin a transportation / land use visioning process for the 2015 MTP update; update the traffic model; investigate social media as a component of the public participation plan; and, continue with ongoing plans and projects. He stated that the budget would include \$80,000 in planning funds from DOT for the visioning component of the transportation plan update and \$12,000 in indirect cost to La Crosse County.

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the work activities for 2012; Roland Bogert seconded. All were in favor.

7) 2011 Annual MPO / DOT / RPC Transportation Conference:

Tom Faella stated that the MPO hosted a Minnesota-Wisconsin joint transportation conference at the Radisson. The presentations given at the conference can be found on the LAPC Web site at www.lapc.org.

8) WisDOT SW Region Director Joe Olson:

Joe Olson was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting. Jeff Gust, WisDOT SW Region Planning Chief, discussed WisDOT I-90 bridge structure repair projects, how they tie into the Dresbach Bridge replacement project, and the consideration of bicyclists and pedestrians. Mr. Gust stated that WisDOT is not considering bicycle and pedestrian accommodations at this time because the projects are only resurfacing and deck overlays and replacement. This is being done to extend the useful life of the roadway.

In 20-30 years when the structures are reconstructed, WisDOT will consider including accommodations if the local Metropolitan Transportation Plan recommends doing so. Jeff Gust stated that Mn/DOT is conducting a feasibility study and is close to having diagrams drawn for the entire segment from the Dresbach Bridge to Exit 3 (USH 53/STH 35). WisDOT is looking at anticipated use and cost. The estimated cost ranges between \$15M and \$28M on the Wisconsin side, but does not include engineering, mitigation, right-of-way, and construction oversight.

A barrier would be needed between a trail and the freeway. WisDOT has concerns with a fence for safety (in case of injuries) and maintenance issues. Mr. Gust stated that there would be a local cost share for a trail between the Dresbach Bridge and Exit 3. The local cost shares will be laid out in general terms under the different scenarios discussed in the Mn/DOT feasibility report. WisDOT would need a maintenance agreement in place for a proposed trail before conducting final design.

9) Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

Mike Poellinger motioned to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.; Scott Johnson seconded. All were in favor.