



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, January 21, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at Nell's City Grill, 1111 3rd St S, La Crosse.

Members Present: Jarrod Holter, Bob Haines, Mike Weibel, Bob Crooks, Dick Granchalek, Paul Kitzmann, Franco Marcos, Matt Gallagher, John Boland. **Members Excused:** Arun Rao, Dennis Osgood. **Others Present:** Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

Tom Faella called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the September 17, 2008 TAC Meeting:

Bob Crooks motioned to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting. Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.

2) 2009 – 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment:

Tom Faella stated the amendment was needed to include enhancement, Scenic Byways, USH 53 low bridge, and Vernon County transit projects. He also stated that DOT will require that projects identified for stimulus funding be amended into the TIP to be eligible. Franco Marcos said that the Iowa DOT has told its MPOs that the stimulus money is new money for new projects—not projects currently in the TIP. Bob Haines questioned the requirements and process for submitting projects and receiving funding. Mr. Marcos responded that no bill has been signed into law yet and that the DOTs will be providing additional instructions soon.

John Boland voiced concern that funding for more critical projects (current TIP projects) would be replaced by funding for these “new” projects. Questions arose over how to distinguish between the existing TIP projects and those being requested for stimulus dollars. Jarrod Holter suggested having the stimulus projects in a separate list from the funded projects. He also suggested that the list get prioritized by the TAC before it gets turned in.

Jarrod Holter motioned to amend the TIP as presented to include the transportation enhancement, Scenic Byways, USH 53 low bridge, and Vernon County New Freedom projects, while Tom Faella compiles a list of potential stimulus projects to be considered for amendment into the TIP at the next meeting. Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.

3) 2010 Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP):

Tom Faella handed out maps illustrating the changes he had made to block groups and tracts so they would conform to the new criteria established by the Census. He gave an overview of the changes and explained that without the changes, data in areas that did not fall within the new household and population parameters could be suppressed. The municipalities will have the opportunity to review the changes if desired.

4) Update on Dresbach Bridge Replacement Projects:

Due to time running short, Tom Faella asked the TAC members to stay for the LAPC meeting to hear his update on the Dresbach Bridge alternatives.

5) Actions to Undertake in 2009:

Mr. Faella announced that in 2009, the TAC would be considering STP-Urban projects, assisting with the ongoing regional bicycle plan, and with a regional traffic forecasting model update.

6) Update of Federal Stimulus Program:

This item was discussed under agenda item 2.

7) Other Business, Adjourn, Next meeting to be announced:

Bob Crooks motioned to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Paul Kitzmann seconded. All were in favor.