



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, May 19, 2010

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4<sup>th</sup> St N, La Crosse, WI.

**Members Present:** John Boland, Paul Wydeven, David Jolicoeur, Scott Halbrucker, Jarrod Holter, Marc Schultz, Dick Granchalek, Dennis Osgood, Ryan Gaug, Carlos Pena, Bob Haines, Jason Gilman, Bob Fisher, Travis Parish, Matt Gallager. **Members Excused:** Mike Weibel **Others Present:** Michael Hoelker, Claudia Orvis, Steve Flottmeyer, Sharon Fuller, Ed West, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

Tom Faella called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**1) Approval of Minutes of the March 17, 2010 TAC Meeting:**

*Jarrod Holter motioned to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010 meeting. Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.*

**2) Amendment to 2010 – 2013 Transportation Improvement Program:**

Tom Faella summarized the projects to be amended into the TIP. Mr. Faella stated that he would be contacting the communities for projects to be included in the 2011-2014 TIP.

*Jason Gilman motioned to amend the 2010-2013 TIP for projects 243-10-018, 243-10-019, 243-09-011, and 243-03-043. Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.*

**3) 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 project, Mn/DOT has worked with a public advisory committee (PAC) and technical advisory committee (TAC) to determine a preferred design alternative for the I 90 / TH 14/61 interchange. 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 is currently considering a new alternative that would reduce the cost of the project by \$5 M to \$8 M. Mr. Faella described the new alternative and outlined its limitations. Marc Schultz noted that Hazmat needs full access to the rest area and lock and dam and that inadequate access should not be built into the project.

*Bob Fisher motioned that the LAPC write a letter to Mn/DOT supporting the preferred alternative (10B) supported by the PAC and TAC. Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.*

**4) 2035 Coulee Regional Bicycle Plan:**

Tom Faella stated that the bike plan is on the Web and that the public comment period ends today.

John Boland stated that this update is a significant improvement over what has been done in the past. The recommendations for facilities as well as the recommendations for the methodologies to implement the plan improve the planning process.

Mr. 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.

**5) WisDOT Local Programs:**

Tom Faella asked that STP-U applications be submitted to him by June 30 so the TAC can prioritize the projects in July. Paul Wydeven stated the applications for the Safe Routes to School and Transportation Enhancement programs would be available on the WisDOT Web site after June 1. The enhancement projects will be prioritized by the BPAC before they are due to the DOT.

**6) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):**

As part of the MTP update, Tom Faella asked that the "Action Plan" for addressing congestion be updated and re-affirmed. 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. Bob Fisher interpreted the phrase, "minimize the concentration of capacity improvements on a single roadway," to mean to avoid doing all that needed to be done on one roadway if possible and implementing minor improvements on many roads instead. He could not see doing minor improvements here and there and not accomplish the goal. Mr. Faella stated that the action related to the Coulee Connections Study and that he would clarify that in the text.

John Boland suggested that state projects be coordinated so that no more than one project in any one direction (north-south or east-west) is underway at the same time. Michael Hoelker suggested that local projects be coordinated also.

*Dennis Osgood motioned to re-affirm the Action Plan as discussed. Jason Gilman seconded. All were in favor.*

**7) STH 16 Expansion Project:**

Tom Faella stated that talks have begun regarding the separated trail recommended for the STH 16 corridor between Landfill Rd and Vet's Park. Dennis Osgood stated that Charlie Handy will be working with him to inform the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee about the project. The decision by that committee will determine whether or not La Crosse County will be the lead for the community sensitive design (CSD) dollars. The use of the money is being promoted for the trail. Jason Gilman stated that the trail would be a good use for the CSD dollars.

**8) Other Business, Adjourn, Next meeting to be announced:**

*Bob Haines motioned to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. John Boland seconded. All were in favor.*