



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, July 21, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4th St N, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: John Boland, Scott Halbrucker, Jarrod Holter, Marc Schultz, Dick Granchalek, Dennis Osgood, Bob Haines, Mike Weibel, Dale Hexom, Bob Crooks. **Members Excused:** None. **Others Present:** Michael Hoelker, Jack Zabrowski, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

Tom Faella called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2010 TAC Meeting:

Mike Weibel motioned to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting. Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.

2) Update on I-90 Dresbach Bridge Preliminary Design:

Tom Faella stated that Mn/DOT will be going ahead with the original 10-B bridge design, which provides full access to the rest area. A public meeting will be held in La Crescent in September. Dick Granchalek added that the rest area will not be redesigned as originally planned. The parking lot will be improved but the building will remain unchanged.

3) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update:

Tom Faella informed the committee that the MTP is posted on the LAPC website (www.lapc.org). The 30-day public comment period will begin on July 22 and end on August 23. The TAC and Policy Board will vote to adopt the plan on September 1—two weeks earlier than the normal meeting schedule—to meet the September 3 deadline for the prioritized list of enhancement. The enhancement projects will be prioritized by the BPAC on August 9.

4) STP-Urban Projects Policies and Prioritization:

Tom Faella stated that WisDOT has not released the exact amount we can expect in STP-U funding, but anticipates an amount similar to previous years (\$1.2M). Dennis Osgood, Scott Halbrucker, Dale Hexom, and Jarrod Holter provided an overview of each of their projects, including whether or not bicycle and pedestrian accommodations were included or considered. Jackie Eastwood mentioned that most of the projects were on roads recommended in the regional bike plan to have bicycle accommodations.

Tom Faella stated that staff reviewed the applications and ranked them as submitted and with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations included. Scott Halbrucker stated that West Salem would consider bicycle accommodations to Garland St in the form of bike lanes or shared road markings. Dennis Osgood stated that La Crosse County will stripe the travel lanes on CTH B to accommodate bikes on the shoulder between the travel lane and the curb. They will also reconstruct the sidewalk. Dale Hexom stated that bike lanes and a sidewalk were part of the application for Oak St. Jarrod Holter stated that the travel lanes are already striped along Rider's Club Rd and Onalaska would do the same along Oak Forest Dr. Main St is too constrained for bike lanes. Jackie stated that the bike plan recommended shared lane markings.

After much discussion, Dick Granchalek motioned to fund in full the Garland St, Oak St, and CTH B projects, with any balance in funding to go to the City of Onalaska towards the design of the Crossing Meadows project. If funding is less than anticipated, the TAC will meet again. Marc Schultz seconded. All were in favor.

Tom Faella stated that WisDOT requested the LAPC adopt policies on allocating STP-Urban funds. He suggested a number of policy statements for discussion. The policy statements as determined by the end of the meeting include:

- The goal is to fund STP-Urban (STP-U) projects at 80% federal and 20% local.
- Funds cannot be moved to projects that have not been approved for STP-U funding.
- A municipality may move up to \$50,000 from one approved STP-U project to another upon notification of the LAPC and the DOT.
- Any re-allocation of funds from one approved STP-U project to another over \$50,000 will require action by the TAC and LAPC.
- Project sponsors are limited to one substitution per project.
- STP-U funds cannot be used for funding real estate or utilities.

Dick Granchalek motioned to table a final decision on the policy statements until the next meeting. John Boland seconded. All were in favor.

On a related matter, Jarrod Holter explained the need for Onalaska to shift funds from the Greens Coulee Rd project to the Sand Lake Rd project.

Dennis Osgood motioned to approve the STP-U appropriation from the Greens Colulee Rd project to the Sand Lake Rd project. Bob Crooks seconded. All were in favor.

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

Jarrod Holter motioned to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Mike Weibel seconded. All were in favor.