

RESOLUTION X – 201X

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 and prioritization 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 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) The LAPC shall work with the Southeast Minnesota/District 6 Area Transportation Partnership to ensure that the needs and safety of all modes are considered in all roadway projects planned and programmed within the planning area in Minnesota.
- 3) Projects submitted for Surface Transportation Program – Urban funds shall be prioritized by the Technical Advisory Committee using a multimodal set of criteria that favors projects that provide for all modes of transportation.
- 4) The Technical Advisory Committee shall ensure that new roadway construction and reconstruction projects submitted for Surface Transportation Program – Urban funds include accommodations for all modes where feasible.

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

- 5) The narratives of projects submitted for Surface Transportation – Urban funds shall be provided in sufficient detail as to allow for a fully-informed prioritization of projects.
- 6) Projects submitted for Transportation Enhancement funds shall be prioritized by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee using a multimodal set of criteria that favors projects that accommodate all three of the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes.
- 7) The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall work to ensure that roadway projects scheduled for completion within the planning area are consistent with this Policy and the recommendations put forth in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modal plans before they can move forward in the Transportation Improvement Program.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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

May 18, 2011
Date approved:

Lynnetta Kopp, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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