



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, May 18, 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4th St N, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: John Boland, Dick Granchalek, Bob Haines, Dave Jolicoeur, Greg Pates, Paul Wydeven, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Gitz, Arun Rao, Mike Weibel, Bob Crooks. **Members Excused:** Scott Halbrucker. **Others Present:** Jack Zabrowski, Deena Murphy, Claudia Orvis, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

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

1) Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2011 TAC Meeting:

Bob Haines motioned to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting; Mike Weibel seconded. All were in favor.

2) Complete Streets policy for LAPC:

Tom Faella stated that the TAC had been working on the policy for the last few meetings. The version presented at this meeting includes the changes discussed at the last meeting. The policy does not prescribe any action by the local municipalities; it shows LAPC support for Complete Streets concepts. Bob Haines voiced his belief that the policy gives preference to bicycle and pedestrian projects within the enhancement process when many other projects are eligible for enhancement funds. He objected to "...and prioritization..." within the phrase, "...into all of its planning and prioritization processes." Discussion continued over point 5 of the policy. It was modified to read "The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall work to ensure that roadway projects *that are planned and programmed* are consistent with this policy..."

Jim Gitz motioned to recommend to the LAPC to adopt the resolution to establish a Complete Streets policy for the LAPC with changes as discussed; Greg Pates seconded.

Additional discussion ensued. John Boland stated that the transportation plan recommends implementation of a multimodal policy and the resolution is reflective of that recommendation. The function of the policy is to ensure all projects considered by the LAPC are multimodal. The resolution reflects the federal, state, and LAPC multimodal policies.

Jim Gitz added that "consideration" is not the same as disqualifying a project that does not include bicycle and/or pedestrian accommodations. The state accepts the rankings from the MPOs, but goes through its own evaluation process to ensure that projects such as streetscaping are also considered.

Jackie Eastwood stated that we created the prioritization processes for our committees so that we could have an objective ranking of projects. We wanted a process in place that would back up our decisions if someone were to dispute them.

With a motion on the floor, Bob Haines abstained. All others were in favor.

3) STP-Urban policies and prioritization criteria:

Jackie Eastwood gave a brief overview of the substantive changes in the criteria. Most objections involved the use of negative points to penalize projects that would, for example, encourage single-occupancy vehicle trips. The consensus was to keep the point allocation for negative aspects of projects at "0." The other main objection stemmed from the wording and arrangement of sentences under the 6-point categories for "congestion relief" and "preserves existing system." Jackie modified the wording to everyone's satisfaction.

Bob Crooks motioned to adopt the updated STP-U criteria with the changes as discussed; Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.

Tom Faella stated that the criteria will be modified to reflect the changes and the updated version will be used during the next prioritization or STP-U projects.

Tom suggested finishing the discussion regarding setting a policy for design and design oversight.

4) Status of existing land use inventory:

Jackie Eastwood presented her work to date with the land use inventory. She stated that she's trying to be consistent with the work that the UWL team did, but there are some major changes in methodology and interpretation. She is also trying to meet the needs of other users by retaining parcel identifiers and including zoning, SIC, and NAICS codes, and mixed-use attributes. Bob Crooks and John Boland both stated that this inventory will be a big improvement over the last inventory.

5) Status of 2010 aerial photography program:

Tom Faella stated that the 6" aerial flight was conducted in April and is now being processed. The photography should be available to everyone in June. The 12" was flown last year and is available.

6) Review of committee membership and bylaws:

With many of the TAC members having left for other obligations, this item was deferred to the July meeting.

7) I-90 Dresbach Bridge Update:

Tom Faella stated that Mn/DOT and SRF would be presenting an update on the Dresbach Bridge project at the LAPC meeting and everyone was invited to attend.

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

Bob Haines motioned to adjourn at 4:10 p.m.; Dick Granchalek seconded. All were in favor.