



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes of October 21, 2020 Held via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Poellinger, Patrick Barlow, Monica Kruse, Martin Gaul, Dennis Manthei (arr. 4:35 p.m.), Linda Seidel, Terry Schaller, Kim Smith
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Tim Candahl, Stan Hauser
OTHERS PRESENT:	Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood, Bob Gollnik, Adam Lorenz, Francis Schelfhout, Steve O'Malley, Angel Much, Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Poellinger called the meeting to order via Microsoft Teams. Roll call was taken and a quorum was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Seidel/Gaul to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused: Manthei, Candahl, Hauser.**

RECOGNITION OF ROLLY BOGERT FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LAPC

Rolly Bogert was recognized for his years of service with the LAPC. A plaque will be sent to Mr. Bogert and he was thanked for his years of dedication and service on this committee.

APPROVE AMENDING THE 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – RESOLUTION 11-2020

This resolution is an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Three transit capital projects have been added:

- MTU Replacement Service Vehicles, two Priuses
- MTU three replacement service vans
- MTU in-ground and movable wheel engaging vehicle hoists.

This amendment went through the required public comment period and the TAC recommended approval at their meeting last week. **MOTION** by Gaul/Barlow to approve. **Motion carried with 2 excused: Candahl and Hauser; Schaller abstained.**

APPROVE THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – RESOLUTION 12-2020

This resolution is approving the 2021-2024 La Crosse and La Crescent Metropolitan Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP planning process includes the 2021-2024 programmed project list which includes 6 project categories:

- 2 Major projects
- 6 Reconstruction projects
- 8 Bridge Replacement projects
- Over 25 System Preservation projects
- 2 Transit projects
- 8 Safety and Other (includes safety, transportation alternatives, and emergency repair projects)



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Performance measures and targets are discussed in the document, as well as environmental justice impacts. A listing of illustrative projects are also included; removed projects table is included; and a financial plan is included with \$163 million in programmed projects identified in the TIP. This TIP went through the required public comment period, received a couple of comments, which were incorporated. The TAC recommended approval at their meeting last week. **MOTION** by Kruse/Seidel to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused: Candahl and Hauser.**

2021 BUDGET REVIEW

Peter Fletcher discussed the LAPC Work Program Budget. This will be discussed today, but will be on next month's agenda for approval. The LAPC total revenues for 2021 is \$303,502.50. In this budget there is a 24% decrease in local dues for municipalities. They were able to reduce expenses from last year; there was an increase in licensing for GIS software; LAPC salary and fringe expenses are \$195,771; Expenses and salaries total is \$222,246 so there is a balance of \$81,256 to be used for local studies. One project we are looking at doing is a Transit Development Plan – regional plan for MTU, SMRT bus and Onalaska Holmen Shared Ride. This was scheduled for 2022 but will up to 2021 and look at utilizing a consultant. Also, staff are looking at a streetlight data purchase user license at a cost of \$5,000. This will allow staff to work on an in-house study that will look at Origin/Destination and traffic flows at the US14/61/16 intersection in La Crescent. Information will benefit La Crescent and the Coulee Region Transportation Study. Peter also noted that we are scheduled to host the MPO RPC Bistate conference in 2021. Venue and meals are not eligible expenses through the planning grant program, but hope to recoup these through participant fees. To accommodate this, the Finance Department created a non-MPO account for these revenues/expenses.

FIRE/EMS STUDY UPDATE

Steve O'Malley updated the committee on the Fire/EMS Study. The Policy Forum sent a 50 page draft report on exploring fire/EMS service sharing opportunities in the La Crosse region. This very detailed and comprehensive study has been sent to the fire chiefs involved in the study, who will make their comments and suggestions. In November, we will host a meeting of all the stakeholders to discuss next steps.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Peter Fletcher gave his Director's Report:

- AMTRAK Empire Builder, which was running daily, has been reduced to 3 times per week on starting on October 16
- TCMC, the second train, has received grant funding to move ahead; State of WI provided matching funds and it is needed for the State of MN to do the same; MN House and Senate passed a bonding bill but did not include funding for TCMC. This will possibly delay the TCMC project.
- Jackie is assisting the City of Onalaska with preparing its Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan that is required for Onalaska/Holmen/WS shared ride as a recipient of 5307 funding.

OTHER BUSINESS - none noted.



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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2021 UPWP (Work Program)
- Performance Measure Targets
- Title VI/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Plan

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

ADJOURN

MOTION by Seidel/Schaller to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused: Candahl and Hauser.**

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Recorded by Terri Pavlic