



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, May 13, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. by conference call.

Members On Call: Becky Lakowske, Kurt Wayne, Jim Krueger for Adam Lorentz, Francis Schelfhout, Bob Gollnik, Ron Chamberlain. **Others:** Jim Kuehn. **Staff:** Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:32 p.m. Jackie Eastwood did a rollcall of attendees as noted from introductions as people called in.

1) Approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2020 TAC meeting:

Ron Chamberlain motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program:

Peter Fletcher summarized the changes to the TIP project list, stating that the TIP included eight new projects and several modifications to funding. Construction funding was added to STP-Urban (CTH SN) and STP-Rural (CTH M) projects that were previously unfunded. Mr. Fletcher also referenced the resolution that the Policy Board will approve on May 20, stating that it approves the TIP amendment with the project list changes and support of Wisconsin 2020 Transit Asset Management targets.

Ron Chamberlain motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2020-2023 TIP as discussed; Kurt Wayne seconded; Francis Schelfhout abstained. All were in favor.

3) Update on the City of La Crosse Safe Routes to School Plan – 2019 Local Studies Project:

Peter Fletcher stated that the SRTS Plan was funded in 2019, with an original completion date of December 31, 2019. An extension was granted to May 31, 2020. With the COVID-19 impact on the public process, the City of La Crosse is requesting another extension to December 31, 2020. This will require a 2019 work program amendment. Kurt Wayne and Francis Schelfhout asked if the City was asking for just an extension or was also asking for additional funds. Jackie Eastwood responded that the LAPC has always provided between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in reserve funds toward support of local studies and this contribution is less than in the past. The amount was part of the \$30,000 going into reserves in 2019 and the resolution highlights the amount for transparency.

Peter Fletcher added that the Policy Board will be acting on the extension and resolution at its May 20, 2020 meeting. He was providing the update as an information item and no action was required.

4) Conducting remote meetings:

Peter Fletcher stated that he hopes we can resume regular meetings in July but would like to utilize remote meetings when the agenda is light. The County is shifting to Microsoft Teams but until then we will use Skype for video/screen sharing and Free Conference Call for the audio. Those without video can still call in.

5) Other updates and information items:

Peter Fletcher stated that we're starting to work on our 2021 work program and anticipate local budgets for 2020 and 2021 to be impacted by COVID-19 events. We're planning for MPO activities to

include only the required elements and looking to suspend local dues and local studies for 2021. The reserves are in good shape to absorb any shortfalls.

6) July agenda items:

- 2020-2023 TIP amendment

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

Francis Schelfhout motioned to adjourn at 2:46 pm; Jim Krueger seconded. All were in favor.