



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, September 9, 2020

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. by Microsoft Teams.

**Members on Call:** Adam Lorentz, Francis Schelfhout, Jim Kuehn, Anna Pierce, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Bobbi Retzlaff, Loren Schwier. **Excused:** Ron Chamberlain. **Guests and Staff:** Cathy Van Maren, Jack Zabrowski, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

**1) Approval of the minutes of the July 15, 2020 TAC meeting:**

*Jarrod Holter motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Adam Lorentz 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 two new projects, significant changes to the descriptions of two projects, and modifications to scheduling and funding of another 40 projects.

*Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2020-2023 TIP as discussed; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.*

**3) Recommendation to approve the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Minnesota Project List:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the STIP process in Minnesota has a slightly earlier schedule than in Wisconsin, requiring the LAPC to approve the Minnesota TIP projects list out ahead of approving the full 2021-2024 TIP. The full TIP with the Wisconsin project list will be approved in October.

*Adam Lorentz motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the Minnesota 2021-2024 TIP Project List; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.*

**4) The La Crosse Area Planning Committee Title VI/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Plan:**

Peter Fletcher stated that staff submitted an update of the Title VI plan using the templates provided by WisDOT. WisDOT approved the update, but MnDOT has some concerns that are currently being worked through. An updated version will be presented to the Policy Board for consideration at its October meeting.

**5) Public Meeting for Update of La Crosse Area Planning Committee Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *Beyond Coulee Vision 2040*:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the TAC meeting is serving as a public meeting for the updated transportation plan. The public notice for the 30-day public comment period was sent out on August 17. Chapters have been available on the LAPC website since May, however, with postings accompanied by e-mail notices. Mr. Fletcher proceeded to describe each chapter.

Charlie Handy commented that the LAPC should take a look at the impact on roads of town decisions to rezone farmland to single-family residential.

Anna Pierce, MnDOT, stated that they will be sending comments by the end of the week.

Peter Fletcher stated that the Plan will go before the Policy Board for approval next week [September 16, 2020].

**6) Other updates and information items:**

Peter Fletcher stated that three of the five projects submitted from the area to the Transportation Alternative Program were awarded funding: Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure; La Crosse River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge; and STH 16 Connector Trail. The three La Crosse County projects total \$1.5M—more than 10% of the TAP funds available statewide.

Adam Lorentz stated that MTU received notification that their application for two hybrid buses was approved.

**7) October 2020 agenda items:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the following items will be on the October agenda:

- 2021-2024 TIP
- 2020-2023 TIP amendment
- Title VI/ADA Plan

**8) Other Business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:**

*Adam Lorentz motioned to adjourn at 3:07 pm; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.*