



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Committee on Transit and Active Transportation Meeting, March 9, 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the CTAT held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 212 6th St N, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: Stephanie Averbeck, Lewis Kuhlman, Susan Lundsten, Rick Diermeier, Carolyn Dvorak, Ginny Loehr, Sandy Sechrest, Krista Heinz, Cathy Van Maren, Francis Schelfhout, Jackie Eastwood. **Others Present:** Erin Sprester.

1) Approval of minutes of the January 12, 2017 CTAT Meeting:

Sandy Sechrest motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting; Rick Diermeier seconded. All were in favor.

2) Regional bicycle route connecting La Crosse and Onalaska:

Jackie Eastwood provided some history on the planning for the route and notified everyone that both the City of Onalaska and the City of La Crosse approved establishing and signing the route. After much discussion over which sign to use, consistency and conformity along the route as it goes through communities, and the information to present, the attendees agreed to use MUTCD sign M1-8a for the route sign; MUTCD sign D1-3a for the destination/distance sign; naming the route, "1"; and letting Erin Sprester design the graphic for the M1-8a. Francis Schelfhout will provide Ms. Sprester with a template of the M1-8a sign to aid her in designing the graphic.

3) Potential trail to serve Eagle Bluff Elementary School:

Rick Diermeier described the alignment of a potential trail that could connect the Eagle Bluff Elementary School to the subdivision north of the school. He stated the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools were in favor of the trail, but discussions among the major players are only just beginning. He'll update us more in the future.

Ginny Loehr added that Eagle Bluff has three walking school buses to get 40 to 70 students to school. The trail would eliminate the most uncomfortable portion of the walking school bus route.

Francis Schelfhout stated that the project would likely be eligible for funding from the Transportation Alternatives Program, which will be open to solicitation later this year.

4) Updates and information items:

Cathy Van Maren stated that the interfaith group, WISDOM, is having a Day of Action on March 30 in Madison to address education, transportation, etc.

5) Future agenda items:

--Regional route 1 graphic
--Update on Eagle Bluff trail

6) Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

Susan Lundsten motioned to adjourn at 4:00 pm; Carolyn Dvorak seconded. All were in favor.