



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, May 17, 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 4:30 pm in Room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 212 6th St S, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: Joe Chilsen, City of Onalaska; Jerry Monti for Rolly Bogert, Town of Onalaska; Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Mike Weibel for Linda Seidel, Town of Medary; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent; Tara Johnson, La Crosse County; David Marshall for Tim Kabat, City of La Crosse. **Members Excused:** Rolly Bogert, Town of Onalaska; Terry Schaller, Town of Campbell; Tim Candahl, Town of Shelby; Tim Kabat, City of La Crosse; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem. **Others Present:** Mike Giese, Jim Krueger, Stephanie Averbek, Carolyn Dvorak, Pat Wilson, Krista Heinz, Chris Hubbuch, Eric Rindfleisch, Matt Schreiber, Jim Longhurst, Tom Faella, Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: Nancy Proctor called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Introductions were done.

1) Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2017 LAPC Meeting:

Joe Chilsen motioned to approve the minutes of the March 15 meeting; Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public comment relative to agenda items, with 5 minute time limit per comment:

Jim Longhurst wanted to highlight a concern of UWL students in safely crossing West Ave. He stated that the students talk to their parents about it and that it factors into their decision in coming to La Crosse.

3) Election of 2017-2019 LAPC Chair and Vice Chair:

Tara Johnson motioned to nominate Joe Chilsen as the chair of the LAPC; Mike Poellinger seconded. All were in favor.

Tara Johnson motioned to nominate Nancy Proctor as vice chair of the LAPC; Joe Chilsen seconded. All were in favor.

4) Transportation Demand Measures Summary and Next Steps:

Joe Chilsen took over chairing the meeting.

Tom Faella referred to the summary document that had been passed out saying that the members can read the document at their leisure. It will be up to the Policy Board to decide whether they want additional discussion or let the municipalities work on their own. Mr. Faella stated that he would prepare a summary of next steps as suggested by each participating community.

Tara Johnson asked that Mr. Faella put this on the agenda for the July meeting to make sure that all of the members have had time to digest the summary's content. The Policy Board can decide at the next meeting how to check in with the municipalities.

5) Safety Performance Measures and Targets:

Tom Faella introduced Matt Schreiber by saying the last two transportation bills have required states and MPOs to adopt targets for prescribed safety measures. Matt Schreiber continued with his presentation by explaining the federal requirements, the MPO requirements, crash trends, statewide targets, a timeline for coordinating and adopting targets, and other performance measures. Mr. Schreiber explained that MPOs could adopt the state targets, adopt their own targets, or a combination of both. For MPOs who want to establish one or more of their own targets, the forecasting section of WisDOT would assist the MPOs in calculating their vehicle miles traveled (VMT). WisDOT will develop an agreement that will establish how the MPO is developing its targets. Jackie Eastwood added that because the LAPC is a bi-state MPO, we would have to adopt the targets for Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Tom Faella stated that the LAPC has been tracking performance measures for a couple of years now and that staff produce an annual report. As far as the new measures, talk is that most MPOs are adopting the state targets. MPOs have no control over the outcome of many of the measures. We will be discussing this with the TAC, but anticipate adopting the state targets by the time our performance report is done in September.

Discussion turned to the practicality and purpose of setting targets. Matt Schreiber responded that WisDOT wanted them to be meaningful, yet attainable. Tara Johnson wondered if the real purpose was to encourage all of us to find other ways to improve safety in ways that are not attached to funding.

6) LAPC Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Study:

Jackie Eastwood presented the results and safety countermeasures from the study.

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

Tom Faella stated that the July agenda will include discussion of the TDM summary, the LAPC budget, and STP-U projects.

Mike Poellinger motioned to adjourn at 5:42 pm; Nancy Proctor seconded. All were in favor.