



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, April 15, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room B190, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: Bob Fisher, David Jolicoeur, Jarrod Holter, Bob Haines, Paul Kitzmann, Bob Crooks, Travis Parish, John Boland, Randy Turtenwald, Charlie Handy, Franco Marcos. **Members Excused:** Dick Granchalek, Jeff Brudos, Mike Weibel, Arun Rao, Dennis Osgood, Bill Waller, Matt Gallager. **Others Present:** Mark Westerveld, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

Tom Faella called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the March 4, 2009 TAC Meeting:

Paul Kitzmann motioned to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting. Bob Crooks seconded. All were in favor.

2) Status of Round 1 and Round 2 Wisconsin American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Stimulus) applications:

Tom Faella summarized the activities of rounds 1 and 2 of the ARRA application process. Only one STP-Urban project was eligible for funding in round 1, so WisDOT funded it at its full amount of \$1.3M. There were five enhancement projects submitted, but none of them were funded. Locals have submitted one local bridge, eight enhancement, two STP-U, and one STP-Rural projects. The LAPC need only be concerned with the STP-U and enhancement projects because the County Highway Commissioner takes responsibility for the bridge project and the STP-R project is outside of the planning area. The BPAC will be prioritizing the enhancement projects once they have all been received by the LAPC staff office. WisDOT asked that the two STP-U projects be prioritized as soon as possible.

Tom gave a brief overview of the CTH B project submitted by the County and handed out a letter from Dennis Osgood itemizing the reasons why the CTH B project should be ranked number 1. Randy Turtenwald gave a brief overview of the Losey Blvd project. Discussion began over the incorrect PASER rating of the CTH B pavement and the importance of that route to bicyclists. John Boland asked that the TAC recommend the travel lanes be striped to accommodate bicyclists.

Randy Turtenwald motioned to rank the CTH B project number 1 and the Losey Blvd project number 2, with the recommendation for the CTH B project to include striped travel lanes to accommodate bicyclists, and the extension and/or replacement of sidewalk to accommodate the school children at North Woods Elementary. Paul Kitzmann seconded. All were in favor.

3) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for ARRA Funding:

Tom Faella stated that the changes in the TIP reflect additional funding for transit and the removal of projects that weren't funded in round 1 of the ARRA process.

Jarrod Holter motioned to recommend approval of the TIP amendment. Bob Crooks seconded. All were in favor.

4) Functional Classification System Update Request:

David Jolicoeur of FHWA stated that they had not reviewed the request for changes in functional classification submitted to DOT because DOT has not forwarded it to them yet. Tom Faella asked if there were any additional requests that should be sent to DOT before it's reviewed. Travis Parish identified Hinkley Rd between Lakeshore Dr and Bainbridge St.

5) 2010 Aerial Photography Program:

Tom Faella stated that we were looking to obtain new aerial photography for 2010. The LAPC would fund 6-inch resolution for the urbanized area (in general, the cities and villages) and 12-inch resolution for the rural areas within the planning area. The photography would be available to the member communities at no charge. If an entity wanted higher resolution, a different product, or additional areas, they could talk with Tom Faella or Charlie Handy about contracting directly with the consortium of Ayres and Aerometric.

6) Traffic Model Update for 2010 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

Tom Faella stated that DOT has contracted with HNTB to update the traffic model for 2010. We would use the existing household and employment projections developed during the County Roadway Plan update in 2007.

Bob Crooks motioned to accept the use of the existing household and employment numbers to update the traffic model. Paul Kitzmann seconded. All were in favor.

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

Bob Crooks voiced concern over the fate of the I-90 visitors' center and wayside. Charlie Handy said that it is no longer staffed, but it is still being maintained. Franco Marcos stated that the trend for DOT is to get out of the wayside business. He suggested a better avenue for improving/maintaining the facility would be the tourism sector. Charlie Handy suggested we invite Dave Clements from the La Crosse Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau to discuss some of the ideas they have for using volunteers and others to staff the welcome center.

Jarrod Holter motioned to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Bob Fisher seconded. All were in favor.