



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, May 20, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: Scott Halbrucker, David Jolicoeur, Bob Haines, Paul Kitzmann, Dennis Osgood, Arun Rao, Andrea Finch, Jeff Brudos, Dick Granchalek, Bob Crooks, John Boland, Matt Gallager, Franco Marcos, Dale Hexom, Mike Weibel. **Members Excused:** Bob Fisher, Jason Gilman, Jarrod Holter. **Others Present:** George Italiano, Dave Clements, Jean Lunde, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

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

1) Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2009 TAC Meeting:

Paul Kitzmann motioned to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting. Matt Gallager seconded. All were in favor.

2) Status of Round 2 Wisconsin ARRA (“Stimulus”) applications:

Tom Faella stated that only three of the eight enhancement applications and one of the two STP-U applications were deemed eligible. Information has not been received on the CTH YY local bridge project. Transit was funded very well with awards going to Onalaska, La Crosse, and La Crescent.

The BPAC prioritized the three enhancement projects on Monday, with the USH 53/Rose St sidewalk installation project ranked first, the STH 35 sidepath reconstruction project ranked second, and the international business park sidewalk installation project ranked third. The BPAC’s recommended prioritization will be considered by the Policy Board.

3) Functional Classification System Update Request:

Tom Faella stated that additional roads had been submitted for re-classification from local to collector in West Salem, Onalaska and the Town of Campbell.

Bob Crooks motioned to approve submitting the presented list of roads to WisDOT for functional reclassification from local to collector. Paul Kitzmann seconded. All were in favor.

4) I-90 French Island Rest Area Update:

Dave Clements and Jean Lunde from the Convention and Visitors Bureau announced that the state has closed nine welcome centers throughout Wisconsin and plans to close more unless a plan can be developed to keep them open. The DOT wants 20% or \$34,000 from the Department of Tourism to cover operations. The cost would be around \$17,000 for the balance of this year.

The facility has not been staffed since April 11, but the bathrooms are open and maintenance will continue by Riverfront until the end of the contract on June 30. After this date, the contract will revert to month-to-month.

One option would be to create a welcome center at exit 3, but DOT will not put up signage on the interstate that directs motorists to businesses that are not open 24/7, 365 days per year.

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

Bob Crooks motioned to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Paul Kitzmann seconded. All were in favor.