



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, November 11, 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administration Center, 400 Fourth Street North, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: Dean Olson, Francis Schelfhout, Scott Halbrucker, Ron Chamberlain, Matt Schreiber, Matthew Gallagher, Keith Lee, Katie Meyer, Bobbi Retzlaff, Karen Kalvelage, Jeff Brudos, Jarrod Holter.

Members Excused: Jason Gilman. **Others Present:** Andy Winga, Steve Flottmeyer, Maureen Freedland, Bridget Brown, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

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

1) Approval of Minutes of the September 9, 2015 TAC Meeting:

Ron Chamberlain motioned to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting; Dean Olson seconded. All were in favor.

2) LAPC 2016 Planning Work Program:

Dean Olson motioned to approve the LAPC 2016 Planning Work Program; Scott Halbrucker seconded. All were in favor.

3) 2016 – 2019 Transportation Improvement Program:

Jarrod Holter motioned to approve the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program; Ron Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.

4) Minnesota Statewide Multimodal and State Highway Investment Plans:

Bobbi Retzlaff presented on the two Minnesota plans. Ms. Retzlaff stated that they were both based on the Minnesota GO 50-year vision. The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP) is a policy guidance plan that is updated every four years. The Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) directs capital investments toward the state highway network. Ms. Retzlaff handed out a survey to help inform the SMTP. The TAC members can complete them when they can and then turn them in to Tom Faella.

5) Mississippi River Dredge Sand:

Karen Kalvelage stated that the US Army Corps is looking for places to store dredge sand. The Corps is currently using Isle La Plume, but needs additional locations to lease or purchase in La Crosse County. Ron Chamberlain commented that the site on Isle La Plume is hard to get to and whatever sites are chosen need to be consistently available.

6) Updated STP-Urban Policies:

Matt Gallagher motioned to adopt the STP-Urban policies as presented; Ron Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.

7) Update on Boundary Agreement Discussions:

Tom Faella updated the committee on the status of boundary agreement discussions between the City of Onalaska and Medary and between La Crosse and Shelby. They hope to have two agreements adopted next year.

8) Update on Coulee Region Transportation Study:

Andy Winga updated the committee on the Study. He stated that the 18 strategy packages have been reduced to 8. Mr. Winga provided a brief description of each of the 10 eliminated strategies and then went on to do the same for the 8 strategies retained for further consideration. WisDOT will be looking for support from the Policy Board and local municipalities to continue study of the remaining alternatives. Maureen Freedland asked if WisDOT has been in contact with anyone from the Town of Campbell to discuss the E1 option. Mr. Winga responded that they have reached out, but are still trying to set up a meeting with representatives from the town.

Ms. Freedland then asked how the E2-F5 option would be built. Steve Flottmeyer responded that because it would be such a big project, it would be phased over what could be a 10-year process. Francis Schelfhout added that the project wouldn't get underway until 2025, so it could be 2035 before the project would be completed. Andy Winga went on to say that the next phase in the planning process is the NEPA process, which will eliminate strategies and end with a preferred alternative.

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

Tom Faella announced that the next meeting in January will be a short one just prior to the Policy Board's annual meeting. The location for the annual meeting has not yet been decided.

Matt Gallager motioned to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.; Dean Olson seconded. All were in favor.