



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, May 17, 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administration Center, 212 6th St N, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: Bobbi Retzlaff, Matt Schreiber, Andrew Andrusko, Katie Aspenson, Dean Olson, Carrol Vizecky, Matt Gallagher, Kevin Schubert for Jarrod Holter, Jerry Monti for Rolly Bogert. **Members Excused:** Scott Halbrucker, Don Smith, Ginny Loehr, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Krueger, Jarrod Holter, Rolly Bogert. **Others Present:** Tom Faella, Jackie Eastwood.

1) Approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 2017 TAC Meeting:

Katie Aspenson motioned to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting; Dean Olson seconded. All were in favor.

2) 2017 Surface Transportation-Urban Program:

Tom Faella asked for updates on projects anticipated to be submitted for the STP-U program. Matt Gallagher stated that the City of La Crosse will be submitting a project and MTU will submit for a bus. Kevin Schubert stated that Onalaska submitted for three vans. Dean Olson stated that Holmen will not be submitting an application. Tom Faella stated that there is \$524,000 available for this round and that projects will be prioritized at the July meeting.

3) Local Studies Program:

Tom Faella updated on the Empire Builder study stating that the study is on hold until a decision is made whether or not to fund the Minnesota rail office. If the office is defunded, then WisDOT would be expected to take it over, which is not likely. Phase 1 of the current study for the second Amtrak train is expected to wrap up later this year.

4) Transportation Demand Management Next Steps:

Tom Faella referred to the summary document that had been passed out saying that the next step in the process is to keep track of what the municipalities said they will/could do over the next year to support TDM and to report the progress at this time next year. He does not anticipate much more discussion at the policy board level. It will be left up to the municipalities to implement their measures.

5) Safety Performance Measures and Targets:

Tom Faella introduced Matt Schreiber by saying the latest federal transportation bill requires 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.

Tom Faella stated that the LAPC will work with the DOTs to adopt state targets that will be reflected in LAPC plan documents. Andrew Andrusko commented on bi-state MPOs stating that the targets for WisDOT and MnDOT are probably fairly similar, which will make the bi-state coordination easier.

Matt Schreiber continued by saying that states need to meet four of five of their targets or they could lose flexibility with their Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds by being forced to use those funds on certain projects. MPOs who have adopted their own targets, but do not meet them, are not penalized. He clarified the application of the measures stating that the safety measures apply to all roads, including local roads, but the other measures apply only to federal, state, and NHS roads.

Matt Gallager enquired as to the practical application of meeting targets and how it affects anyone. Tom Faella responded that the MPOs need to show in the TIP that we're doing projects that support the state targets. We wouldn't be penalized if they're not met, but the States would be. Dean Olson commented that it's a means of holding states accountable. Tom Faella added that right now the state can move 50% of the HSIP funds to other projects. If the state doesn't meet or progress toward four of five of its targets, the state would not be able to transfer those funds to other projects. Matt Schreiber said that the states need to show a rationale for why they're selecting the projects they are.

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:

Dean Olson motioned to adjourn at 3:52 pm; Matt Gallager seconded. All were in favor.