



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, March 8, 2017

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administration Center, 212 6<sup>th</sup> St N, La Crosse, WI.

**Members Present:** Bobbi Retzlaff, Matt Schreiber, Francis Schelfhout, Jarrod Holter, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Krueger, Andrew Andrusko, Don Smith, Bob Fisher, Scott Halbrucker, Jeff Brudos. **Members Excused:** Becky Lakowske, Ginny Loehr, Charlie Handy, Katie Aspenson, Ginny Loehr, Ronda Allis. **Others Present:** Carroll Vizecky, Michael Erickson, Steve Flottmeyer, Tom Faella, Jackie Eastwood.

Introductions were done as there were some new attendees. Tom Faella thanked Jeff Brudos for his hard work and his participation on the TAC and wished him well in his retirement. Carroll Vizecky introduced himself as Mr. Brudos' replacement as the administrator for the Town of Shelby.

### 1) **Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2017 TAC Meeting:**

*Ron Chamberlain motioned to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting; Andrew Andrusko seconded. All were in favor.*

### 2) **2017 Surface Transportation-Urban Program:**

Michael Erickson stated that all of the projects in the MPO are on schedule and that solicitation for the next cycle started on January 6. The applications should be turned in to the MPO to be reviewed and ranked. The projects in the current allocation are all moving forward, but because they're moving out after August 1, they will count against the upcoming 2018 allocation, leaving us with just over \$524,000 for new projects. The 2019 allocation should put us back up to our original allocation level before the program policy changes of around \$3.5M.

Mr. Erickson also discussed the potential risk of having a 100% locally designed project. He stated that if design is associated with a federal aid project there is no problem, but if it is not, the State will not sign off on the environmental. The community assumes a lot of risk by doing design without being associated with a federal aid project.

Mr. Erickson went on to say that WisDOT should know exactly how much money is available for the allocation by July or August and that transit is eligible. The MPO's deadline for applications is September 29. Tom Faella stated that the TAC will prioritize the projects at the July meeting.

### 3) **2017-2020 TIP Amendment:**

*Jarrod Holter motioned to approve the TIP amendment to include the IH 90-STH 157 interchange resurfacing project; Ron Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.*

### 4) **Local Studies Program:**

Tom Faella stated that the proposals submitted for local studies funding are on the LAPC website. An overview of each of the proposals (LiDAR, La Crosse County; Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan update, La Crescent; boundary agreement facilitation, La Crosse; and Intercity Passenger Rail Service Study, WisDOT and MnDOT) were given.

Tom Faella presented a methodology for cost share, which would fund all of the projects at 80% with local studies funds and 20% with municipal local funds. Ron Chamberlain corrected the amount

requested by the County for LiDAR saying that the 80% should be \$15,000, not \$12,000. Mr. Faella added that some of the proposals came in as complete projects, while others came in as parts of a larger project. The LiDAR project is part of a larger County-wide project, with the County matching nearly \$48,000.

Bob Fisher asked about what the new LiDAR project will reveal that the previous one didn't. Jarrod Holter responded that he will be able to see the changes from development. Ron Chamberlain responded that the County will get improved 2-foot contours and waterway data that can't be pulled out of the 2007 data.

Bob Fisher, as a representative of two statewide rail groups, then commented on the rail study saying that the LAPC is the only contributor in Wisconsin which helps keep us in the game.

Don Smith asked if the LAPC has the \$3,000 to increase the local studies contribution for the LiDAR project. Tom Faella stated that he thinks he could find the money, but if not, he would ask the Policy Board if the money could come out of reserve funds.

*Don Smith motioned to fund with local studies funds the amounts as discussed with an additional \$3,000 to reach the total \$15,000 requested for the LiDAR project; Ron Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.*

**5) Transportation Demand Management Planning:**

Tom Faella stated that because only five of the member jurisdictions participated in the discussion of land use development and policies at the February Policy Board meeting, the March meeting will provide for an additional opportunity for the other members to report on their activities. The March 15 meeting, however, will focus on the next TDM topic of parking. He asked that the TAC look at the parking worksheet and the transit worksheet that is now available.

Don Smith asked for clarification of what Mr. Faella is looking for. Mr. Faella responded that we want to 1) identify techniques that reduce traffic and 2) determine if we're willing to do it. He went on to say that LAPC staff invited some of the big players to the March Policy Board meeting to discuss their parking policies.

**6) Other Business, Adjourn, Next meeting to be announced:**

*Jarrod Holter motioned to adjourn at 4:40 pm; Ron Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.*