



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, September 20, 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, September 20, 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: Scott Halbrucker, Kevin Schubert for Jarrod Holter, Katie Aspenson, Bobbi Retzlaff, Becky Lakowske for Ginny Loehr, Francis Schelfhout. **Members Excused:** Dean Olson, Ron Chamberlain, Ginny Loehr, Jason Gilman, Jarrod Holter. **Others Present:** Tom Faella, Jackie Eastwood.

Tom Faella called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

1) Approval of the Minutes of the July 12, 2017 TAC Meeting:

Katie Aspenson motioned to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting; Scott Halbrucker seconded. All other voting members were in favor.

2) 2017 Surface Transportation-Urban Program Update:

Tom Faella stated that WisDOT has not yet released the final amount to be allocated to the La Crosse area.

3) 2017 – 2020 TIP Amendment:

Tom Faella stated that the three projects to be added to the TIP are all related to flood damage. Francis Schelfhout stated that two of the projects are already done, but the State is waiting on reimbursement.

Katie Aspenson motioned to approve the 2017-2020 TIP amendment to include the three flood damage projects; Scott Halbrucker seconded. All other voting members were in favor.

4) 2018 – 2021 TIP Project List:

Tom Faella stated that most of the changes were to existing projects, but a few new projects were added and some were removed. Francis Schelfhout stated that the State is reprioritizing its transportation investments and expansion projects are not where the State wants to spend its money right now. Expansion of the STH 16 bridges is likely because the fracture-critical bridges need to have room for maintenance vehicles while maintaining two lanes of traffic in each direction. Mr. Schelfhout went on to say that the emergency FEMA project will be done this year and not continued in 2018, but he's OK with leaving it in the TIP. Mr. Faella responded that we could make the change and remove the project with the next TIP amendment.

Scott Halbrucker motioned to approve the 2018 – 2021 TIP project list as discussed; Kevin Schubert seconded. All other voting members were in favor.

5) LAPC 2017 Transportation Performance Report:

Jackie Eastwood gave a brief overview of the report stating that she removed several measures because she could no longer get the data and modified the rate measures to represent La Crosse County instead of the MSA because VMT was not available for Houston County. Ms. Eastwood went on to present information regarding alternatives to level of service (LOS) used by other governments to assess the performance of their roads. In response to the DOT work on the Coulee Region

Transportation Study, Dale Hexom in May of last year asked that we look at metrics other than LOS. Alternatives included various performance measures, many of which we already track, and different types of modeling. The discussion will be continued next year with WisDOT as part of our work program activity on TSMO.

6) 2018 Planning Work Program, Public Participation Plan, and Title VI Plan:

Tom Faella stated that the documents have been out for review and all substantive comments incorporated.

Katie Aspenson motioned to approve the 2018 Planning Work Program, the Public Participation Plan, and the Title VI Plan; Scott Halbrucker seconded. All other voting members were in favor.

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

Kevin Schubert motioned to adjourn at 3:10 pm; Scott Halbrucker seconded. All other voting members were in favor.