



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, August 22, 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 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, Kurt Wayne, Jarrod Holter, Chris Dahl, Don Smith, Keith Back for Ron Chamberlain, Jim Krueger, Rolly Bogert, Bob Fisher, Matt Gallagher. **Members Excused:** Ginny Loehr, Becky Lakowske (alternate for Ginny Loehr), Ron Chamberlain. **Others Present:** Jim Kuehn (phone), Adam Lorentz, Tom Faella, Jackie Eastwood.

Tom Faella called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. With the new MTU transit manager, Adam Lorentz, in attendance, introductions were done.

1) **Approval of the Minutes of the July 18, 2018 TAC Meeting:**

Jarrod Holter motioned to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting; Matt Gallagher seconded. All others were in favor.

2) **WisDOT 2019-2022 STP-Urban Program:**

Tom Faella explained that funds from the STP-U program are funneled through the LAPC in cycles that occur every two years. These funds are eligible to municipalities for roads classified as collectors or higher and to transit projects. Because the WisDOT was deliberating program changes, this solicitation was done in two phases. The first round resulted in the LAPC recommending two projects for funding. This round has another four projects to consider: four buses for MTU; reconditioning of CTH SN between Hauser Rd and Alpine Ln; pavement replacement for the City Loop in West Salem; and reconstruction of Gillette St between Caledonia St and George St. Mr. Faella stated that Jackie Eastwood had gone through the process of ranking the projects and would present her results as a springboard for discussion

Jackie Eastwood stated that she had also received a ranking by Ginny Loehr that paralleled her own. Ms. Eastwood presented a brief overview of her ranking as based on the criteria. She stated that none of the projects ranked particularly high because they were all basically preservation projects. The projects were ranked as follows: 1) Gillette St; 2) CTH SN; 3) MTU and City Loop tied. She went on to say that the total available for the four projects is reduced by \$505,600 from \$2.4M to \$1.9M to accommodate the two projects previously approved. She presented five different funding scenarios, only one of which met the goal of funding projects at 80%. She went on to say that the CTH SN project was so expensive that even if all of the funds went to that project, it would only be funded at 69%. She suggested that with the construction year being 2022 that the CTH SN project be applied to a future cycle and fund the Gillette, City Loop, and 2 MTU buses at 80%. Scott Halbrucker stated that West Salem was withdrawing its application because they don't have the money for the local share. Discussion commenced on when communities were funded last and trying to meet the 80% goal.

Matt Gallagher motioned to fund three MTU buses at 80% (\$806,400) and the Gillette St project at 77% (\$1,110,232), noting that the City of La Crosse has not applied in the last couple of years; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

3) 2019-2022 TIP Project List:

Tom Faella stated that the Policy Board will be approving the TIP project list at its September meeting so as to meet the approval schedule for Minnesota. The TIP document will be approved in November. The list reflected only one new project. Kurt Wayne noted a couple of corrections for the Minnesota projects. Tom Faella stated that he would make those corrections. Jim Kuehn asked if there was public notice to which Mr. Faella responded that the notice and TIP list have been on the website.

Matt Gallager motioned to recommend to the Policy Board approval of the TIP list with the new project and the changes to the Minnesota projects as discussed; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

4) Local Studies Program for 2019:

Tom Faella stated that we need a list of potential local studies projects to include in the work program that will be approved in September. In March 2019, we'll present a final list and decide which studies to fund. There's traditionally around \$70,000 available. We currently have three studies submitted: the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Intercity Passenger Rail Service Study (MnDOT); three-lane conversions of West Ave between Jackson St and South Ave and Losey Blvd between Ward Ave and Mormon Coulee Rd (La Crosse); and a trails master plan and a crossing of 14/61 (La Crescent).

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

Don Smith motioned to adjourn at 3:15 pm; Scott Halbrucker seconded. All others were in favor.