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Minutes of Committee on Transit and Active Transportation Meeting, March 12, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the CTAT held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 212 6th St N, La Crosse, WI.

Members Present: Francis Schelfhout, Charlie Handy, Cathy Van Maren, Krista Heinz, Jim Longhurst, Adam Lorentz, Carolyn Dvorak, Kurt Wayne, Rick Diermeier, Ginny Loehr, Bob Gollnik, Leroy Brown. **Excused:** Sandy Sechrest, Jack Zabrowski. **Staff and Others Present:** Becky Lakowske, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Introductions were done.

1) Approval of minutes of the January 9, 2020 CTAT Meeting:

Adam Lorentz motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting; Francis Schelfhout seconded. All were in favor.

2) Amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project list:

Peter Fletcher stated that this item is an information item only. The public comment period ended on the 11th, with the TAC motioning to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the amendment, which includes three new projects and modifying the funding for two transit projects.

3) Presentations and ranking of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects submitted for the 2020-2024 cycle:

Jackie Eastwood explained the process for ranking the projects. Ten members would participate in the ranking, with Francis Schelfhout, Ginny Loehr, Becky Lakowske, and LAPC staff abstaining from the process. The committee ranked the projects as follows:

1. Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure, La Crosse County
2. Wagon Wheel Trail, City of La Crosse
3. Avon St Greenway, City of La Crosse
4. Onalaska Connector Trail, La Crosse County
5. La Crosse River Bridge, La Crosse County

Charlie Handy motioned to accept the ranking as presented and to recommend to the Policy Board to approve said ranking; Adam Lorentz seconded. All were in favor.

4) Other updates and information items:

Adam Lorentz stated that the City Council would be approving a resolution for five clean diesel buses. The full-electric buses on order have been put on hold for 12 months so they can be tested in our climate. MTU will be upgrading four shelters on and near the UWL campus with solar-powered lighting and MTU will be wrapping one bus with artwork from all 21 schools in the city.

Carolyn Dvorak announced that the bike share program would be launched at the end of April.

Jim Longhurst stated that the city of La Crosse will be hosting a series of public meetings to address bike/ped accommodations on 2nd/3rd/4th Streets (beginning of July), Market St (mid-August), and King St (beginning of October). He also announced that the 10th and final Bike Fest will occur over the Labor Day weekend. If anyone wants to volunteer, he will provide a contact.

Leroy Brown announced that Onalaska Shared Ride will be rotating out three of its older vehicles for three new vans. Shared Ride transit vans are currently temporarily stored at a location in the town of Onalaska but a permanent location is being sought.

Cathy Van Maren stated that the city is looking to support an effort by Solutionary Rail to electrify America's railroads. She would like to bring this matter to a future CTAT meeting.

5) Future agenda items:

- Solutionary Rail

6) Adjourn; Next meeting TBA:

Adam Lorentz motioned to adjourn at 4:15 pm; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.