



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

## Metropolitan Planning Organization

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#### LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of May 15, 2019

#### Administrative Center – Room 1107

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patrick Barlow, Tara Johnson, Tim Kabat, Dennis Manthei, Linda Seidel (exc. 4:57 p.m.), Tim Candahl, Rolly Bogert, Mitch Brohmer
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Joe Chilsen, Mike Poellinger
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Steve O'Malley, Mike Giese, Jackie Eastwood, Adam Lorentz, Jim Kuehn (via phone), Terri Pavlic

#### CALL TO ORDER

Patrick Barlow called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

#### APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION** by Candahl/Kabat to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee. **Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused – Chilsen and Poellinger.**

#### 2019-2022 TIP AMENDMENT (RESOLUTION 6)

**MOTION** by Kabat/Candahl to approve. The U.S. Department of Transportation regulations require the development and approval of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The La Crosse Area Planning Committee approved the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program in November 2018. Since the adoption of the TIP, funding has become available for 5 new projects; there were no modifications to existing projects. **Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused – Chilsen and Poellinger.**

#### METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE SCHEDULE

Included in the packets was an updated Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which needs to be done every 5 years. This needs to be adopted by September of 2020. Jackie Eastwood described the tasks being worked on in detail.

#### 2020 WORK PROGRAM

Also included in the packets was a document entitled "Main Work Activities and Budget for the 2020 LAPC Planning Work Program". In the past, there was a budget attached to this document, but will wait until after the new MPO Director is hired to add this piece. Jackie Eastwood highlighted the following new items and items specific to 2020:

- Program Support
  - Provide training support to new Director
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan Implementation
  - Complete update of MTP
  - System Performance Report for MTP
  - Update environmental resource inventory

- Consultation with resource agencies
- Public Participation and Outreach
  - Continue to improve digital access to information through the LAPC website
  - Begin development of an ArcGIS Online application for transportation projects and information
  - Engage in active outreach to member and non-member planning area communities
- Transportation Planning Database
  - Begin update of land use inventory
  - Obtain employment data
- Modal Planning and Technical Assistance
  - Analyze MTU AVL data for performance and customer service measures

Our GIS coordinator has asked the communities for a cost share to do aerial photography. The County is committing to \$55,000 of \$115,500 for total cost of the photography, which will be 3 inch resolution (in the past it's been 6 inch). The MPO is being asked to contribute \$15,000; City of La Crosse \$5,000; City of Onalaska \$2200; West Salem \$700; Village of Holmen \$1100. \$36,500 balance needed. Jackie is asking that the LAPC cost-share with the County for the balance of the cost of the aerial photography and freely distribute the data to our member communities like we have in the past. The LAPC can use the local studies program, which would contribute \$51,264 in federal/state funds and \$9,236 in LAPC local share funds. The County would contribute \$55,000; the LAPC would contribute \$60,500. No action was taken. The committee felt it would be appropriate to give the new MPO Director a chance to review and give input to this Work Program.

**NOMINATION OF NEW CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR**

**MOTION** by Manthei/Candahl to nominate Mike Poellinger as the new Chair of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused – Chilsen, Poellinger and Seidel.**

**MOTION** by Candahl/Manthei to nominate Linda Seidel as Vice Chair of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused – Chilsen, Poellinger and Seidel.**

**UPDATE ON HIRING PROCESS – NEW MPO DIRECTOR**

There were 13 applicants, which was then narrowed down to 6. Volunteers from the LAPC, along with staff interviewed these 6 candidates and narrowed the list down to 3. These 3 finalists will be interviewed on **June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 12:00 p.m.** In addition to being interviewed by the LAPC members and Steve O'Malley, the three finalists will be interviewed by a separate peer panel consisting of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members Ron Chamberlain, Caroline Gregerson/Jason Gilman, Brian Fukuda, Jackie Eastwood and Mary Marco.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none noted.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Work Program Amendment

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Interviews for the MPO Director are scheduled for **June 18<sup>th</sup>** from 8-noon. No meeting on **June 19<sup>th</sup>**; Next meeting **July 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Kabat/Bogert to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with 3 excused – Chilsen, Poellinger and Seidel.**

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Recorded by Terri Pavlic