



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes of September 18, 2019 Administrative Center – Room 1107

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Poellinger (Chair), Patrick Barlow, Mike Giese, Martin Gaul (exc. at 5:15 p.m.), Linda Seidel, Tim Candahl, Terry Schaller
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Dennis Manthei, Rolly Bogert, Joe Chilsen
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Peter Fletcher, Sharon Davidson, Jackie Eastwood, Francis Schelfhout, Adam Lorentz, Ron Chamberlain, Dave Bonifas, Jim Kuehn (via phone), Terri Pavlic

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Poellinger called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2019 LAPC MEETING

MOTION by Barlow/Candahl to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee. **Motion carried unanimously** with three excused: Manthei, Bogert and Chilsen.

BUDGET AND PLANNING WORK PROGRAM WORK ACTIVITIES

Peter Fletcher, Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization discussed the Summary of Work Program Activities and Anticipated Budget (handouts were included in the agenda packets). The five main categories in the Work Program are:

- Program Support and Administration
- Long-Range Transportation Planning
- Short-Range and Multimodal Transportation Planning
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Consultant Studies Funding/Budgeted Reserves

Peter discussed the details of new activities for 2020, along with continuing and ongoing activities in each of the above categories. He also discussed in detail the anticipated 2020 budget. **MOTION** by Gaul/Schaller to approve the Summary of Work Program Activities and Anticipated Budget. **Motion carried unanimously** with three excused: Manthei, Bogert and Chilsen.

Also included in the packets was the LAPC Local Dues Calculations for 2020. Peter noted that the dues have remained the same since 2004. **MOTION** by Gaul/Candahl to raise the dues of the municipalities in the LAPC in the year 2021 by the rate of inflation of that year. **Motion carried unanimously** with three excused: Manthei, Bogert and Chilsen.

APPROVE THE 2020-2023 TIP (RESOLUTION 10-2019)

Peter Fletcher discussed several modifications that were made to the 2020-2023 TIP LAPC Draft Transportation Improvement Program. This draft copy was sent out electronically to members for their review prior to the meeting. On Page 5, the TIP amendment process was



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added and is now located within the TIP document itself. On page 19, in the Project List, Safe Routes to School Funding was extended for the next couple of years. On pages 24 & 25, under Condition and Performance Targets, a paragraph was added to address and identify changes regarding pavement and bridge conditions. On Page 25, Table 9, a Comparison of Pavement Performance, a category was added: "% change in miles". On page 37, language was added to include information regarding operation and maintenance expenses of the public federal facilities, as well as a chart explaining the operation and maintenance costs, allowing for inflation. Under the contacts for the TIPS, there were changes for WI and MN at the state level. **MOTION** by Barlow/Schaller to approve. **Motion carried unanimously** with three excused: Manthei, Bogert and Chilsen excused.

APPROVE RANKED LIST OF STP-U PROJECTS

There were 5 projects submitted to the STP-Urban Program by municipalities. County Road SN (La Crosse County in Holmen); Midwest Drive Project and funding for 6 transit vans (City of Onalaska); City Loop (West Salem); request for two diesel busses (MTU). There was \$2.6 million available in funding for projects; the total requested funding from applications received was close to \$4 million, with a shortfall of \$1.3 million. These projects were ranked by staff and went before the TAC Committee. One bus was awarded to the MTU at \$384,000; four of the Onalaska Shared Ride Transit vans were awarded funding at \$128,000 and County Road SN in Holmen was awarded \$2.124 million at a rate of 73% federal funding. **MOTION** by Gaul/Barlow to approve. **Motion carried unanimously** with three excused: Manthei, Bogert and Chilsen excused.

REVIEW/DISCUSS BYLAWS (weighted voting)

Peter Fletcher discussed the LAPC weighted voting options (based on the 2000 census), which are the current bylaws. He also discussed three different options (included in the agenda packets) – two based on population range and one based on equalized value. It was noted that weighted voting has only had to be used once since 2009; not all members of the LAPC were present at the meeting. **MOTION** by Gaul/Seidel to recommend Option A, which is an updated range based on 2010 census, based strictly on population. **MOTION** by Barlow/Giese to refer to the November meeting. **Motion carried** with one nay: Gaul; and three excused: Manthei, Bogert and Chilsen.

FIRE/EMS STUDY UPDATE AND COST OF STUDY

Included in the packets was a memo to the LAPC from Steve O'Malley regarding the special meeting of the LAPC on study of Fire/EMS service sharing among agencies, along with a draft proposal from the Wisconsin Policy Forum summarizing the activities, timeline and cost for such a study. The study is anticipated to take about 4-5 months at a cost of \$23,500. Three options to consider if it is decided to proceed with the study are:

1. The LAPC should pay for the study from local reserve funds.
2. The LAPC and County should split the cost of the study.
3. The LAPC, County should share some of the cost with a minimum amount requested by each agency or municipality.

The next meeting date of the special meeting regarding the above is September 25, 2019.



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MOTION by Candahl/Gaul that the County and LAPC split the cost of the study; **Motion carried** with three excused: Manthei, Bogert and Chilsen.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Town of Campbell has had difficulty attending these meetings due to the time of the meetings. It was clarified that the bylaws allow them to send someone from their town board, and that they do not need to name this person in advance. Staff stated they would re-draft this section of the bylaws to further clarify the issue and present it to the LAPC at their next meeting.
- Reach out to other municipalities
- Recruitment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Representation and attendance

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 20, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Candahl/Schaller to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously** with four excused: Manthei, Bogert, Chilsen and Gaul.

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic