



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, July 15, 2020

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. by conference call.

**Members on Call:** Kurt Wayne, Adam Lorentz, Francis Schelfhout, Bob Gollnik, Joe Langeberg for Ron Chamberlain, Jim Kuehn, Anna Pierce, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Rolly Bogert. **Staff:** Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Jackie Eastwood did a rollcall of attendees as noted from introductions as people called in.

**1) Approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2020 TAC meeting:**

*Adam Lorentz motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.*

**2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program:**

Peter Fletcher summarized the changes to the TIP project list, stating that the TIP included four new projects and several modifications to project scope, scheduling, and funding. Francis Schelfhout clarified one of the new projects saying that the 3<sup>rd</sup> St/4<sup>th</sup> St project was separated into two projects.

*Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2020-2023 TIP as discussed; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.*

**3) Update on the City of La Crosse Safe Routes to School Plan – 2019 Local Studies Project:**

Peter Fletcher provided an update on the status of the SRTS study stating that the Policy Board approved at its May meeting the city of La Crosse request for an extension. The WisDOT and FHWA granted the extension to December 31, 2020.

**4) Beyond Coulee Vision 2040 – MTP update and information:**

Peter Fletcher provided a brief presentation on each of the MTP chapters. He stated that five chapters, four appendices, and the environmental inventory are on the LAPC website. Our committee members and interested parties are notified of new and updated information—status and dates for which are noted with each document. Drafts of the remaining chapters are expected to be available on the website before the end of July. The official 30-day public comment period will be initiated on August 17 for a September 16 approval.

**5) LAPC minority representation form (Title VI) - self reporting:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the minority representation form was sent out to all committee members for voluntary self-reporting. The data are required for the update of our Title VI plan, which will be approved in September. As soon as we can update this table, we can send the plan to our agency partners for review. The rest of the plan is done.

**6) Other updates and information items:**

Peter Fletcher stated that we've been working on the 2021 budget and will continue to make local studies funds available but we will not support any overruns as we have done in the past. Local dues will be reduced by 25 percent to help reduce the financial burden on our member communities.

Francis Schelfhout announced that the statewide TAP committee met on July 8 to rank applications and recommend projects for funding. The ranking was sent to the Secretary of Transportation for approval. WisDOT anticipates the award announcement in late August/early September.

Charlie Handy stated that La Crosse County will be updating its comprehensive plan and that he will be coordinating with Mr. Fletcher as he presents to the towns. With the city of La Crosse and other communities updating their comprehensive plans, he sees lots of potential for public input and data gathering over the next couple of years.

**7) September 2020 agenda items:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the Policy Board will at the September meeting take up approving the:

- 2021-2024 TIP
- Metropolitan transportation plan, *Beyond Coulee Vision 2040*
- Title VI/ADA Plan

**8) Other Business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:**

*Kurt Wayne motioned to adjourn at 1:30 pm; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.*