



# La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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## Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, August 14, 2019

**Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee** held on Wednesday, Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administration Center, 212 6<sup>th</sup> St N, La Crosse, WI.

**Members Present:** Loren Schwier, Bill Waller, Becky Lakowske for Ginny Loehr, Kurt Wayne, Chris Dahl, Jim Kuehn (ph), Bob Fisher, Adam Lorentz, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter. **Members Excused:** Francis Schelfhout, Ron Chamberlain, Bobbi Retzlaff, Ginny Loehr. **Others Present:** Michael Erickson, Steve Flottmeyer. **Staff Present:** Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:30 pm. Introductions were done.

**1) Approval of the Minutes of the March 13, 2019 TAC Meeting:**

*Jarrod Holter motioned to approve the minutes for March 13, 2019; Charlie Handy seconded. All were in favor.*

**2) Welcome to Peter Fletcher as the new Director of the LAPC:**

Peter Fletcher welcomed everyone to the meeting and then commenced to provide some personal background on his education and past planning positions. He came to the LAPC from the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission. He then went on to highlight some of his goals for the LAPC.

**3) Recommendation to Approve Amending the 2019-2020 Planning Work Program:**

Peter Fletcher referred to a document that summarized the reasons for the amendment. In response to a question by Kurt Wayne, Jackie Eastwood stated that she had corresponded with MnDOT regarding their funding and that no adjustments needed to be made. The budget changes occur only on the Wisconsin shares. Jim Kuehn stated that the money would be offered to the transportation management areas (TMAs) because they contribute a portion of their revenues to the smaller MPOs.

*Jarrod Holter motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2019-2020 Planning Work Program; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.*

**4) Recommendation to Approve Amending the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program:**

Peter Fletcher highlighted the changes in the 2019-2022 TIP stating that the changes are illustrated in red and that the amendment was triggered because of two projects that were obligated a significant amount of federal funding. Jackie Eastwood added that the TIP sheets presented included the grouped projects list that she failed to include in their mailout. The full list has been on the website. She added that we are still in the 15-day public comment period and that the last opportunity for comment will occur at the Policy Board meeting on August 21.

*Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program; Adam Lorentz seconded. All were in favor.*

**5) Surface Transportation Program-Urban:**

Michael Erickson from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation provided some handouts that listed the 2020-2025 program allocations and provided examples of how local projects have affected

funding and scheduling. He stated that the application materials are on the WisDOT website and that the applications needed to be turned into the MPO by the end of August.

**6) Local Studies Program:**

Peter Fletcher stated that the LAPC would have about \$92,550 available for local studies, but staff would like up to \$73,500 reserved toward the LAPC share of aerial photography and for employment data both of which will be used to update the travel model. Mr. Fletcher directed a question to Jim Kuehn regarding eligibility to which Mr. Kuehn responded that the photography would be an eligible activity, but we need to prorate the County portion.

**7) September agenda items:**

- Recommend approval of the 2020 work program activities and budget—not the full work program
- Rank STP-U projects
- Recommend approval of the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

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

The next TAC meeting will occur on September 11.

*Charlie Handy motioned to adjourn at 3:20 pm; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.*