

# **BYLAWS OF THE LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Amended July 15, 2009**

## **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this Committee shall be the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) and shall act as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the La Crosse/La Crescent Area and hereafter, shall be referred to as the LAPC.

## **ARTICLE II - Objective**

The objective of this Committee shall be to develop and maintain a long-range transportation plan for the La Crosse/La Crescent Area and to conduct other area-wide planning as it deems necessary. The La Crosse/La Crescent Area shall be considered to be that area which is composed of the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska in Wisconsin and La Crescent in Minnesota; the Villages of Holmen and West Salem in Wisconsin; the Towns of Campbell, Medary, Shelby, Onalaska, Barre, Greenfield, Holland, and a portion of the Town of Hamilton in Wisconsin; and the Towns of La Crescent and Dresbach in Minnesota.

## **ARTICLE III - Members**

There shall be ten (10) Voting Members including the Mayors of the Cities of La Crosse, Onalaska and La Crescent; the Presidents of the Village Boards of Holmen and West Salem; the Chairmen of the Town Boards of Campbell, Medary, Onalaska, and Shelby; and the Chairman of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors. All members shall have equal rights and privileges to vote and hold office. A Voting Member may appoint one elected official to act as a Designated Alternate, who may represent the respective community at LAPC meetings and vote in the absence of the Voting Member.

## **ARTICLE IV - Officers**

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The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. These officers shall be Voting Members and perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Committee. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two (2) years. Election of officers shall take place at the regular May meeting of the Committee in each odd calendar year. **The Chairman shall not serve successive terms in that office.**

## **ARTICLE V - Meetings**

The regular meeting of the Committee shall be held on the third Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, as needed. Special meetings can be called by the Chairman and/or shall be called upon the written request of three (3) Voting Members of the Committee. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, and, except in cases of emergency, at least three (3) days notice shall be given. Any Voting Member may have items placed on a future agenda of any regular or special meeting of the Committee. Agenda items may be added by the LAPC Executive Director relating to applicable LAPC business. Five (5) Voting Members or Designated Alternates of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI – Sub-Committees**

There shall be a Technical Advisory Committee of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee the membership of which shall be established by Resolution. Other special committees may be created as needed by resolution. Each committee may enact Bylaws which must first be approved by the LAPC.

## **ARTICLE VII – Staff**

The Staff shall serve as a resource to any LAPC member provided that the assistance requested does not materially affect the staff's ability to perform his or her regular duties. Staff may apply for grants without prior Committee approval, but no grant funds shall be expended until the Committee has approved accepting the grant.

## **ARTICLE VIII - Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Committee may adopt.

## **ARTICLE IX - Amendment of Bylaws**

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Voting Members or Designated Alternates, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

## **ARTICLE X - Weighted Voting**

Any Voting Member or Designated Alternate may call for a weighted vote on any item up for vote before the Committee. The weighted vote shall be based upon the U.S. Bureau of Census last decennial population count of each member municipality. The weighted vote shall be reviewed and amended following the release of population data for municipalities after each Decennial Census. Following is the weighted vote for each municipality based upon the 2000 Decennial Census:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
City of La Crosse	26
City of Onalaska	16
City of La Crescent	10
Village of Holmen	10
Village of West Salem	10
Town of Onalaska	8
Town of Campbell	8
Town of Shelby	8
Town of Medary	<u>4</u>
Total	100

The County Board Chairman shall cast one vote in the event of a tie vote following a call for a weighted vote.

Approved by the La Crosse Area Planning Committee on March 19, 2008 and amended on July 15, 2009.

**LA CROSSE AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

  
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Chairperson

( Revisions: February, 1972; June, 1973; March, 1975; September 1975; May, 1983; January, 1991; May, 1994; August 20, 1997, January 17, 2002, January 21, 2004, August 17, 2005, March 19, 2008, July 15, 2009)