



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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DATE: **MARCH 5, 2024**
FROM: **ERIN DUFFER, TRANSPORTATION PLANNER**
TO: **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **MARCH 13, 2024, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee TAC will be held on **Wednesday March 13, at 2:30 p.m.** in person in Room 1107 and as a virtual meeting. If you cannot attend in person, please use the information provided below to join the Teams meeting.

AGENDA

1. Approval of [minutes](#) of the January 10, 2024, meeting.
2. Recommendation to approve amending the [2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#).
3. Update on STP-Urban Applications and Final Allocation.
4. Safe Streets 4 All Application.
5. Update on Miovision Equipment.
6. May 2024 agenda items:
 - Mississippi River Trail (MRT)
7. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced.

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Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members: Chris Dahl, Matt Gallagher, Ken Harwood, Charlie Handy,
Jarrod Holter, Jim Krueger, Paula Silha, Joe Langeberg, Christina Peterson, Erika Shepard,
Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Lauren Koss, Voni Vegar, Bill Waller, Kurt Wayne

Non-voting Members: Jason Nordberg, Evan Gross, Matthew Sorensen, Joshua Pearson, Francis Schelfhout



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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, January 10, 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Members Present/On Call: Voting: Stephanie Sward for Matt Gallagher, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Paula Silha, Kurt Wayne, Joe Langeberg, Erika Shepherd, Loren Schwier, Chris Dahl, Jim Krueger, Ian Turner, and Bill Waller. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT; Matthew Sorenson, WisDOT.

Members Excused: Andrea Trane, Ken Harwood, Voni Vegar, Christina Peterson. **Guests and Staff:** Bob Gollnik, Erin Duffer, Kathleen Stewart, and Jenna Dinkel.

Bob Gollnik called the meeting at 2:32pm.

1) Approval of minutes of the November 8, 2023, Meeting:

Charlie Handy motioned to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023, meeting; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Erin Duffer provided an overview of the items being amended:

- Addition of three (3) new City of La Crosse projects to the TIP List:
 - Various Highways Pedestrian Traffic Signal Rehab (243-23-032),
 - Losey Boulevard/Main Street Intersection, Left Turn Lanes/Monotubes (243-23-033), and
 - Losey Boulevard, Mormon Coulee Road to Ward Avenue Reconstruction (243-23-034).
- Addition of one (1) new La Crosse County Project to the TIP List: CTH M, Town of Barre-Town of Bangor, B-32-0239 & B-32-14 Bridge Replacements (243-23-035).
- Addition of one (1) transit project: One (1) High Roof Rear Entry Transit Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties (243-24-012).
- Addition of one (1) State of Wisconsin project: USH 53, La Crosse – Galesville (Sand Lake Rd Interchange NB Offramp), Signal & Left Turn Lane, Design under TIP #243-222-19, Construction Anticipated in 2029 (Advanceable to 2027) (243-24-013).
- Changes to funding and state project ID to one (1) State of Wisconsin system preservation project (243-22-018) and two (2) transit projects (243-22-013 and 243-23-018).

Erin Duffer read into the record one public comments received on this proposed amendment:

1. By Cathy Van Maren on December 21, 2023, at 3:26pm:

“Will the Losey redo from MC Rd to Ward Ave have a protected bike lane? How can we invoke Complete Streets on this project? The whole Losey needs to include safe(r) bike infrastructure. It has been completely ignored and there is no parallel uninterrupted street plus schools along the way.”

Joe Langeberg motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program; Stephanie Sward seconded. All were in favor.

3) STP-Urban Applications Review and Ranking:

Bob Gollnik shared that he and Erin Duffer reviewed the applications submitted against the STP-U Program Project Prioritization Criteria to provide their staff recommendation to choose to fund projects for the federal

amount within the \$1,379,646 allocation to the LAPC planning area. The projects that scored the highest for staff and recommended to be approved were the City of La Crosse's application for a reconstruction project on Green Bay Street from 9th St S to 14th St S and the City of Onalaska application to purchase transit vans. Both of which could be funded at the full 80% federal share.

Charlie Handy motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve staff recommendation to fund the City of La Crosse's application for the Green Bay Street project and the City of Onalaska's application for transit vans at the full 80% federal share; Jarrod Holter seconded. All were in favor.

4) Update on FHWA Final Rule on National Performance Management Measures for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Measures:

Erin Duffer shared that in early December of 2023, FHWA published a final rule establishing a GHG performance measure in addition to the other existing National Performance Management Measures. These other measures include safety, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, environmental sustainability, reduced project delivery delays, and transit asset management. Erin explained that targets for the GHG measures will be a declining target for reducing tailpipe CO² emission on the interstate and non-interstate NHS. The state DOTs will first set their targets and then the MPOs.

5) Discuss Miovision Equipment Purchase and Application:

Bob Gollnik shared that LAPC is discussing purchasing the traffic counter product, Miovision. This tool would be owned by LAPC and available for dues-paying member communities to conduct various traffic studies, including bicycle and pedestrian counts, at a lower cost.

6) Update on Medary Comprehensive Plan:

Bob Gollnik shared that LAPC is helping the Town of Medary with the update of their Comprehensive Plan. Previously, LAPC allocated local funds to update and complete town comprehensive plans. These funds will be used to contract with Abbey Nicewander to help draft the plan, along with support from La Crosse County staff.

7) March 2024 agenda items:

TIP Document amendment.

8) Other business; adjourn; next meeting to be announced:

Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 3:12pm; Joe Langeberg seconded. All were in favor.

2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Project List

March 20, 2024				2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Project List																Source of Funds		
Project Number	State ID Number	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Project Type	Exp. Type	2024 (x\$1000)				2025 (x\$1000)				2026 (x\$1000)				2027 (x\$1000)				Source of Funds
						Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	WI	MN	Local / Other	Total	Fed	
MINNESOTA PROJECTS																						
2024																						
243-09-015	TRF-3780-24, 25, 26, 27	City of La Crescent	SECT 5307: City of La Crescent Transit Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																	
					OA	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3	
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3			304.3	390.7	86.3	
243-23-026	236-080-004	City of La Crescent	**CRP** City of La Crescent: Lease 1 Electric Vehicle to Replace Police Cruiser	Other	PE																	
					OA																	CRP
					CAPT	12.0			3.0	15.0												
					TOTAL	12.0			3.0	15.0												
WISCONSIN TRANSIT PROJECTS																						
2024																						
2025																						
2026																						
2027																						
243-03-037		La Crosse County	MiniBus, Volunteer Driver	Transit	PE																	
					OA		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6		5307
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6		293.8		58.8	352.6		5307
243-03-039		City of LaCrosse	MTU Operating Assistance	Transit	PE	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3
					OA																	
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3		1,818.0	5,777.7	2,715.4	1,244.3
243-23-012		City of LaCrosse	Two (2) Hybrid Replacement Buses	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	
					CAPT				Continued													5339
					TOTAL				Continued													5339
243-24-012		City of La Crosse	MTU AVL (automatic vehicle location) System	Transit	PE																	
					OA				80.8	403.0												
					CAPT	323.1																
					TOTAL	323.1			80.8	403.0												
243-23-013		City of La Crosse	Two (2) Clean Diesel Buses, City of La Crosse, Public Transportation, Obligation Anticipated in 2023	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5339
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL																	
243-23-027		CouleeCap	Vehicle Loans, Operating Assistance (WETAP), Crawford, La Crosse, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5307
					CAPT																	85.24
					TOTAL																	
243-22-013		Vernon County	Mobility Management, Volunteer Driver Program and Vernon County Mini Bus. Serves locations in La Crosse Area	Transit	PE																	
					OA	28.8			15.5	44.3												5310
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL	28.8			15.5	44.3												
243-22-014		Vernon Area Rehabilitation Center	One (1) medium-large bus replacement vehicle.	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5310
					CAPT				Continued													
					TOTAL				Continued													
243-22-015		Aptiv, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load, Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5310
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL																	
243-23-017		Aptiv, Inc.	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load, Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse, Monroe, Jackson, and Walworth Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5310
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL																	
243-22-016		Monroe County	One (1) Bariatric Van, Side-load, Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5310
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL																	
243-23-018		Center for Independent Living	Call Center, Mobility Management and Operating Assistance. Serves La Crosse County and 41 Other Wisconsin Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA	410.3			410.3	820.6												5310
					CAPT	126.7			31.7	158.3												
					TOTAL	536.9			441.9	978.9												
243-23-019		Tri-State Ambulance	One (1) Rear-Entry Minivan, Vehicle Replacement. Serves Vernon and La Crosse Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5310
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL																	
243-23-028	5311523-26a	La Crosse County	Lease - Replacement <30' Buses	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5311
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL																	
243-24-014		Monroe County	One (1) High Roof Rear Entry Transit Vehicle Replacement. Serves La Crosse and Monroe Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5310
					CAPT	57.1			24.5	81.6												
					TOTAL	57.1			24.5	81.6												
243-23-014		City of Onalaska	Four (4) Transit Vans, City of Onalaska, OHWS Public Transit, Obligation Anticipated in 2023	Transit	PE																	
					OA																	5339
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL																	
243-13-013		La Crosse County	Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit (SMRT) La Crosse, Crawford, Monroe, and Vernon Counties	Transit	PE																	
					OA	250.4			43.3	293.8												5311
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL	250.4			43.3	293.8												
243-03-043	11.12.15 11.83.02	City of Onalaska	Onalaska / Holmen / West Salem Public Transit. Operating Assistance	Transit	PE																	
					OA	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6
					CAPT																	
					TOTAL	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6		221.6	812.2	405.0	185.6

TABLE 11: STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FOR ROLLING STOCK FOR LA CROSSE MUNICIPAL TRANSIT UTILITY (MTU) AND ONALASKA SHARED RIDE (OSR), 2020

Vehicle Type	ULB ¹ (years)	2022 TAM ² Target	Wisconsin		MTU		OSR	
			# Vehicles	>ULB	# Vehicles	>ULB	# Vehicles	>ULB
Bus	12	44.00%	158	58.22%	20	20.00%	0	0.00%
Cutaway	7	47.00%	536	54.29%	1	100.00%	0	0.00%
Minivan	4	27.00%	488	47.95%	0	0.00%	13	38.46%

¹Useful life benchmark.

²Wisconsin Department of Transportation Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan October 2019 to 2022, updated October 2021.

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

The targets developed through coordination between LAPC staff and the transit agencies, La Crosse Municipal Transit Utility (MTU) and Onalaska Shared Ride (DriftLink) are reported in Table 12.

The LAPC, having approved these targets at its March 20, 2024, meeting, hereby, commits to planning and programming projects that will support our transit agencies in meeting their targets.

TABLE 12: PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY SAFETY PLAN MEASURES AND TARGETS, 2024

Measure	La Crosse MTU		Onalaska Shared Ride (DriftLink)
	Fixed-Route Target	Paratransit Target	Shared-Ride Target
Total number of reportable fatalities	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rate of reportable fatalities per 100K VRM	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total number of reportable injuries	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rate of reportable injuries per 100K VRM	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total number of reportable safety events	2.0	1.0	1.0
Rate of reportable safety events per 100K VRM	0.23	0.80	0.1
Average distance between major mechanical failures	8,913.8	8,899.6	322,848.9

How the TIP Supports State and Transit Agency Targets

The TIP must include to the maximum extent practicable a description of the anticipated effect of the TIP toward achieving the performance targets and linking the area investment priorities to those targets [23 CFR 450.326(d)].

A total of 86 projects are programmed in this TIP. Twenty (20) of the projects are transit capital and/or operations projects; nine (9) are HSIP projects and five (5) are rail safety; seven (7) are TAP projects, which could be considered safety projects as they will provide safe options for bicycle and pedestrian