



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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DATE: **MARCH 1, 2023**
FROM: **PETER FLETCHER, DIRECTOR**
TO: **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **MARCH 8, 2023 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee TAC will be held on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 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 11, 2023 Meeting.**
- 2. Recommendation to approve amending the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program**
- 3. Recommendation to approve City of La Crescent Carbon Reduction Program application**
- 4. MPO Urbanized Area update**
- 5. Other updates and information items.**
- 6. May 2023 agenda items:**
 - 2023-2026 TIP Amendment
- 7. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced.**

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Technical Advisory Committee

Voting Members: Chris Dahl, Bob Fisher, Matt Gallager, Bob Gollnik, Charlie Handy, Jarrod Holter, Jim Krueger, Paula Silha, Joe Langeberg, Christina Peterson, Anna Pierce, Loren Schwier, Andrea Trane, Ian Turner, Vonni Vegar, Bill Waller, Kurt Wayne

Non-voting Members: Karl Buck, Evan Gross, James Kuehn, Bobbi Retzlaff, Francis Schelfhout



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Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, January 11, 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in room 1107 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center and by Microsoft Teams.

Members Present/On Call: Voting: Kurt Wayne, Stephanie Sward for Matt Gallager, Jarrod Holter, Bob Gollnik, Joe Langeberg, Bill Waller, Loren Schwier, Jim Krueger, Chris Dahl, Paula Silha. Non-voting: Francis Schelfhout, WisDOT. **Guests and Staff:** Jim Kuehn, Matthew Sorensen, Joe Klein, Peter Fletcher, Jackie Eastwood.

Peter Fletcher called the meeting at 2:30 pm.

1) Approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2022 TAC meeting:

Jim Krueger motioned to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting; Stephanie Sward seconded. All were in favor.

After approval of the minutes, Peter Fletcher asked Jim Kuehn to introduce Matthew Sorensen, the new MPO liaison. Jim stated that he will be replaced on the TAC by Matthew who joined them in December. Matthew was not yet on the call but will introduce himself when he's available.

2) Recommendation to approve amending the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program:

Peter Fletcher summarized the changes to the TIP tables and TIP document, which includes adding new and amending existing projects and incorporating approved performance targets into the document. He stated that no comments came in during the comment period.

Paula Silha referred to the West Salem SRTS project and asked who the contact was there and who the contacts are in Holland and Holmen also. She wants to ensure that those communities are aware of the County's SRTS program and the support they provide.

Jarrod Holter motioned to recommend to the Policy Board to approve amending the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented; Joe Langeberg seconded. All were in favor.

3) Update on the WisDOT and MnDOT Carbon Reduction Programs:

Peter Fletcher updated the committee on the WisDOT and MnDOT processes for their respective CRPs. He stated that the LAPC had been allocated \$261,000 for 2022 and that several applications had been submitted, but the program has been put on hold until it is approved by the State Joint Finance Committee. Once that occurs, the 2022 funding can move forward. The 2023 allocation is expected to be the same as 2022.

The MnDOT program was rolled out a couple of months ago. Because so little of the LAPC urbanized area is in Minnesota, the CRP allocation is only \$12,000 and it must be utilized in the Minnesota portion of the urbanized area. The City of La Crescent is the only eligible applicant. The City is looking to use the \$12,000 as a local match to VW funds for which they are applying for EV chargers. Minnesota is allowing a stack-up of funds up to three years which would amount to \$36,000 for 2024-2026.

The CRP has a wide range of eligible activities.

4) Other updates and information items:

Peter Fletcher stated that the population and area numbers are out for the 2020 urbanized areas. Our area dropped in population and area likely because of the changes in defining criteria. The boundaries have not been released yet but we suspect ours has changed.

Peter Fletcher stated that the Port Statistical Area, which includes 11 counties on both sides of the Mississippi River, was approved in December. This means the region will be a federally recognized port and provide better opportunities for funding.

Peter Fletcher stated that the County posted the position for an MPO Transportation Planner who will work with Jackie Eastwood through 2023 and take over her position when she retires at the end of the year. We hope to have the new person by March.

5) January 2023 agenda items:

Peter Fletcher stated that the next meeting will occur in March and will include an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP.

Matthew Sorensen introduced himself as the new WisDOT MPO liaison and shared his previous experiences with other agencies and WisDOT.

6) Other Business; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

The next meeting will be held virtually and in person on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Jim Krueger motioned to adjourn at 2:52 pm; Kurt Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

TO: Peter Fletcher Executive Director LAPC
FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: February 22nd, 2023
RE: Carbon Reduction Program Narrative - EV

The City of La Crescent proposes to replace a current police cruiser using Carbon Reduction Program funds. The City is proposing to replace a current police cruiser with a fully electric powered police cruiser. The existing police cruiser is used approximately 365 days a year and travels on average 50 miles per day with a gas mileage of 17 mpg, thereby utilizing 1,060 gallons of gas a year. The vehicle is used for patrol at all hours of the day. Gas savings do not consider idle time that will be saved. Utilizing the La Crescent fleet study, completed by Sawatch Labs, replacing the existing police cruiser with a fully electric powered police cruiser would result in a 93% GHG emission reduction.

The city will install electric vehicle charging infrastructure at City Hall for charging the electric vehicle. This charging infrastructure will be funded using city funds. The city will use the \$12,000 CRP allocation and match that with \$2,400 from city funds for 2023. The city intends on using future CRP funds (2024-2026) for similar purposes.

The vehicle will be purchased via a lease as soon as the project funding agreement is approved. The city intends to purchase the vehicle at the end of the lease term. Usage of this proposed electric vehicle would provide the City data to demonstrate how future electric vehicle purchases would benefit the city.

Applications

To apply for funding, please submit a project application to Peter Fletcher, Director La Crosse Area Planning Committee pfletcher@lacrossecounty.org [AP1] no later than Thursday, January 5, 2023. [AP2]

The project application should include:

1. A description of the proposed project in detail including project location and what will be constructed or planned (maps are helpful). See [CRP Eligible Projects](#) for what's eligible.
2. Approximate carbon reduction the project will have. Use [CMAQ Emissions Calculator Tools](#) to calculate the estimated carbon reduction for the project.
3. Total project cost
4. Total amount of CRP funds requested (maximum of 80% of the project total)
5. Total amount and source of local funds committed to the project (minimum of 20% of project total)
6. Total amount and source of additional federal funds obligated to the project already, if applicable.
7. Identify the jurisdiction responsible for completing the project and receiving the CRP funds as partial reimbursement.
8. Identify the timeline for the project to be let and anticipated completion date.
9. Identify if and to what degree the project impacts disadvantage communities per Justice40 using the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#).
10. Identify how the project meets the regional priorities related to carbon reduction
 - o [Regional priority document](#) [AP3]
11. Identify how the project meets Minnesota carbon reduction priorities
 - o [2022 Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan \(SMTP\)](#)
 - o [Minnesota Climate Action Framework](#)
 - o [Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation report](#)