



**Coulee Region Transportation Study**  
 “Innovative Solutions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
 Planning and Environment Linkages  
 WisDOT Project ID 1630-08-00  
 La Crosse County, WI



## **Community Advisory Group Meeting #11 & Technical Advisory Group Meeting #11**

December 3, 2015  
 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Myrick Park Center  
 789 Myrick Park Drive  
 La Crosse, WI 54601

### **Attendees:**

- **WisDOT:** Andrew Winga, Angela Adams, Steve Vetsch, Steve Flottmeyer, Francis Shelfhout
- **SEH:** Darren Fortney, Jeremy Tomesh, Marty Falk, Nate Day

### **CAG Member Attendance**

Contact Name	Organization	Time Attended
Andrew Londre	La Crosse Neighborhood Revitalization Commission	Not Present
Brian Rude	Dairyland Power	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Charley Weeth	Livable Neighborhoods, Inc.	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Chuck Lee	Friends of the Marsh	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Dave Clements	La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau	Not Present
Georgia Christensen	Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration	Not Present
Glen Jenkins	Coulee Partners for Sustainability	Not Present
Hans Zietlow	Kwik Trip	Not Present
Jacob Sciammas	Grandview Emerson Neighborhood Association	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Jeffrey Polenz	Trane	Not Present
Joe Kruse	Mayo Clinic Health System-Franciscan Healthcare	Not Present
Cindy Hood	Coulee Region United Soccer Club	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Jonella Rademacher		Not Present
Kurt Schroeder	7 Rivers Region Outdoor Recreation Alliance	Not Present
Lynn Paddy	Wal-Mart	Not Present
Maureen Kinney	La Crosse River Marsh Coalition	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Laura Olson (for Michael Richards)	Gundersen Health System	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Nicholas Padesky	Central High School (student)	Not Present
Patrick Wilson	Sierra Club - Coulee Region Group	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Rebecca Conn	UWL Student Association	Not Present
Shawn McAlister	Onalaska Area Business Association	Not Present
Sonya Ganther	Viterbo University	Not Present
Steve Johnson	State Board for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Not Present
Trish Grathen	Lower North Side and Depot Neighbors Assoc.	Not Present
Vickie Markussen	La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce	Not Present
Vickie Unferth	Washburn Neighborhood Association	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Warren Loveland	Mississippi Valley Conservancy	Not Present

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## TAG Member Attendance

Contact Name	Organization	Time Attended
Randy Turtenwald	City of La Crosse Engineering	3:00-4:30 p.m
Jason Gilman	City of La Crosse Planning	Not Present
Amy Peterson	City of La Crosse Planning	Not Present
Ronald Tischer	City of La Crosse Police Dept.	Not Present
Dale Hexom	City of La Crosse Public Works	Not Present
Brandon Shea	City of La Crosse Streets & Highways	Not Present
James Kruegar	City of La Crosse Transit Utility	3:00-4:30 p.m
Matt Gallager	City of La Crosse Transportation Engineering	Not Present
Jarrod Holter	City of Onalaska Engineering	3:00-4:30 p.m
Brea Grace	City of Onalaska Land Use and Development	Not Present
Danny McDonald	City of Onalaska Streets and Stormwater	Not Present
Scott Halbrucker	City of West Salem Public Works	Not Present
Bethany Bacher-Gresock	Federal Highway Administration	Not Present
Tom Faella	LAPC	3:00-4:30 p.m
Kermit King	La Crosse Area School District	3:00-4:30 p.m
Steve O'Malley	La Crosse County Administrative Center	Not Present
Keith Butler	La Crosse County EMS	Not Present
Paula Silha	La Crosse County Health Department	3:00-4:30 p.m
Ron Chamberlain	La Crosse County Highway Dept.	Not Present
Charlie Handy	La Crosse County Planning	Not Present
Carolyn Dvorak	LAPC Bike/Ped Advisory Committee	Not Present
Audrey Kader	LAPC Transit Coordinating Council	3:00-4:30 p.m
Jackie Eastwood	LAPC Transportation Planning	3:00-4:30 p.m
Peter Fletcher	Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission	Not Present
Kerrie Hauser	US Army Corps of Engineers	Not Present
Dean Olson	Village of Holmen Public Works	3:00-4:30 p.m
Karen Kalvelage	WDNR - SW Region	Not Present
Peter Fletcher	MRRPC	Not Present
Joe Langeberg	La Crosse County	Not Present

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## I. Welcome

## II. Local check in

Andy Winga asked the members if they have heard anything about the study from the community. No comments were made.

## III. Discussion

- a. The bulk of the meeting included discussion about the study process along with a PowerPoint presentation. Topics discussed include:
  - i. A summary of the overall study, final strategy packages, and what the study has accomplished. The presentation accompanied this part of the discussion.
  - ii. Details of the Final Report including the purpose, process of putting it together, and timeline for completion.
  - iii. An overview of next steps with the public.
  - iv. An overview of next steps internally with WisDOT.

## IV. Thanks to the members of the CAG and TAG

- a. WisDOT staff personally thanked members of the CAG and TAG for their participation on the study.

## V. Wrap up and questions

- a. The final part of the meetings was reserved for questions, comments and discussion. Topics discussed included:
  - i. One comment received supported the PEL process, noting that it made the study feel like less of an “us and them” study and more of an “us all together” study.
  - ii. There were several questions about the level of involvement between WisDOT and the City of La Crosse. WisDOT provided a summary of the meetings they have had with the City and there was follow-up discussion by the group.
  - iii. One comment was made stating that French Island needs to be included to a greater extent in the study, pointing out that many people that live there are not aware of the strategy packages, especially the E2 Package, but many of these people would likely support this strategy.
  - iv. One member asked why a strategy package combining E2 and A1 was never considered. WisDOT responded by explaining that no one had brought this option forward to be evaluated previously in the study.
  - v. A question was asked about how the PEL process was started in the first place. WisDOT described how members of the community signed a number of resolutions stating a desire for WisDOT to spend already enumerated dollars on a transportation study for the region.
  - vi. There was discussion on whether or not the Coulee Region Transportation Study had achieved consensus and whether or not continued communication and coordination on future projects might do this.