



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



Community Advisory Group Meeting #8 & Technical Advisory Group Meeting #8

September 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 (TAG only)
- **SEH:** Nate Day, Jeremy Tomesh, Marty Falk, Sarah Morrison

CAG Member Attendance

| Contact Name | Organization | Time Attended |
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| Andrew Londre | La Crosse Neighborhood Revitalization Commission | Not Present |
| Brian Rude | Dairyland Power | Not Present |
| Charley Weeth | Livable Neighborhoods, Inc. | 5:30-7:00 p.m. |
| Chuck Lee | Friends of the Marsh | Not Present |
| Dave Clements | La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau | Not Present |
| Georgia Christensen | Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration | 5:30-7:00 p.m. |
| Glen Jenkins | Coulee Partners for Sustainability | Not Present |
| Hans Zietlow | Kwik Trip | Not Present |
| Jacob Sciammas | Grandview Emerson Neighborhood Association | Not Present |
| 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 | Not Present |
| 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 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. |
| Vickie Unferth | Washburn Neighborhood Association | 5:30-7:00 p.m. |
| Warren Loveland | Mississippi Valley Conservancy | Not Present |

MINUTES

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 | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| Amy Peterson | City of La Crosse Planning | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| 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 | Not Present |
| Matt Gallager | City of La Crosse Transportation Engineering | Not Present |
| Jarrold Holter | City of Onalaska Engineering | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| Brea Grace | City of Onalaska Land Use and Development | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| 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 | Not Present |
| 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 | Not Present |
| Ron Chamberlain | La Crosse County Highway Dept. | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| Charlie Handy | La Crosse County Planning | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| Carolyn Dvorak | LAPC Bike/Ped Advisory Committee | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| Audrey Kader | LAPC Transit Coordinating Council | Not Present |
| Jackie Eastwood | LAPC Transportation Planning | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| Dave Bonifas (for Peter Fletcher) | Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission | 3:00-4:30 p.m |
| Kerrie Hauser | US Army Corps of Engineers | Not Present |
| Dean Olson | Village of Holmen Public Works | Not Present |
| Karen Kalvelage | WDNR - SW Region | Not Present |
| Peter Fletcher | MRRPC | Not Present |
| Joe Langeberg | La Crosse County | Not Present |

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. Presentation

- a. Nate Day and Marty Falk summarized the focus group meetings.
- b. WisDOT staff presented on the current status of the study's strategy development.

IV. Review and discuss input form

- a. No feedback on the input form was obtained

V. **Wrap up and questions**

- a. The final part of the meetings was reserved for questions and discussion.

Topics discussed included:

- i. **Role of local officials:** One advisory group member mentioned the importance of including WisDOT project staff at local transportation meetings to promote regional coordination.
- ii. **Feedback on the presentation:** It was stated that information needs to be presented slower and the study team needs to be clear that the only goal isn't improving level of service. It was also stated that a legend for the colors on the objective screening charts would be beneficial.
- iii. **The study process:** The PEL schedule was reviewed. WisDOT staff clarified where this process fits in the long term timeline with the NEPA process and construction.
- iv. **Level of detail in analysis:** Discussion took place about how much level of detail should be included in strategy analysis and how much needed to be conducted in the NEPA process.