TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE & TRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

Friday, January 11, 2013
Administrative Center – Room 3220
10:00 a.m.

COUNTY TCC MEMBERS PRESENT: Noreen Holmes, Keith Carlson, Jackie Eastwood.
COUNTY TCC MEMBERS EXCUSED: Peter Fletcher, Sandy Sechrest, Steve Johnson.
COUNTY TCC MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Padesky, Richard Running.
LAPC TCC MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Kader, Noreen Holmes, Keith Carlson, Dean Olson, Richard Hanley, Jackie Eastwood.
LAPC TCC MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sandy Sechrest, Dennis Manthei, Peter Fletcher, Steve Johnson, Jean Meyer.
LAPC TCC MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Padesky, Don Bina, Sandy Turner, Ashley Bermudo, Richard Running, Fred Buehler, Jim Gausman, Matt Harter, Mike Poellinger.
STAFF & GUESTS: Joanne Dierkopf, Dolores Marusarz, Jackie Eastwood.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Jackie Eastwood called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. The LAPC TCC had a quorum. The County TCC did not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION by Holmes/Carlson to approve the minutes of July 13, 2012. Motion carried unanimously; Sandy Sechrest, Dennis Manthei, Peter Fletcher, Steve Johnson, Jean Meyer excused; Tom Padesky, Don Bina, Sandy Turner, Ashley Bermudo, Richard Running, Fred Buehler, Jim Gausman, Matt Harter, Mike Poellinger absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

5310 APPLICATION.
Noreen Holmes stated that Dave Lowe, formally of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, is assisting the Aging Unit write a proposal for the 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Capital Assistance program. They are applying for funds for five ramp-equipped vans—three for the Onalaska/Holmen/West Salem Public Transit shared-ride service, one for the rural shared ride service, and one for the Aging Unit’s Minibus service. An RFP for the Minibus service provider in La Crosse will be published in September.

MOTION by Olson/Carlson to approve the 5310 application for five new ramp-equipped vans. Motion carried unanimously; Sandy Sechrest, Dennis Manthei, Peter Fletcher, Steve Johnson, Jean Meyer excused; Tom Padesky, Don Bina, Sandy Turner, Ashley Bermudo, Richard Running, Fred Buehler, Jim Gausman, Matt Harter, Mike Poellinger absent.

LAPC VISIONING TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES FOR UPDATE OF 2015 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
Jackie Eastwood began by stating that the LAPC had contracted with URS of the Twin Cities and MSA of Madison to complete a visioning process for the update of the LAPC long-range transportation plan. Part of that process is to determine a vision for transit in the region out to 2050. Jackie then described the conceptual express and local regional routes as proposed by the consultant. Discussion commenced on downtown parking, park-and-rides, express routes, and consideration and coordination with existing services. Jackie stated that the transit alternatives are just conceptual and that the details would be addressed later. A discussion of coordination with existing services will be included in the transit narrative in the Coulee Vision 2050 Plan.
MOTION by Carlson/Holmes to support the conceptual plan as presented with more detail to be addressed in the future. Motion carried unanimously; Sandy Sechrest, Dennis Manthei, Peter Fletcher, Steve Johnson, Jean Meyer excused; Tom Padesky, Don Bina, Sandy Turner, Ashley Bermudo, Richard Running, Fred Buehler, Jim Gausman, Matt Harter, Mike Poellinger absent.

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/UPDATES
SMRT—Jackie Eastwood shared an e-mail from Peter Fletcher that summarized the current status of the SMRT service. He stated that during the start-up of the service, buses were running 5-25 minutes late and ridership was poor between Viroqua and Prairie du Chien. Public input resulted in the routes and schedule being modified to accommodate better work times. Ridership has already begun to pick up and he anticipates ridership growing now that some of the bugs have been worked out of the system.

MTU—Keith Carlson announced that three new hybrid buses will be put into service this month and that the La Crescent service was expanded to add an extra hour of service in the evening.

AGING UNIT RURAL SERVICE—Noreen Holmes stated that the Aging Unit has been receiving STRAP assistance for the last five years. The STRAP has allowed her to contract for rural service in Holland, Bangor, and Rockland through 2012. She recently received word that the Aging Unit will be receiving 5311 funds to continue the rural service in 2013. She is using 85.21 funds and assistance from the municipalities to meet the 35% local share required for the 5311 (the STRAP had a 20% local match).

OTHER—No additional updates.

NEXT MEETING
Friday, March 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., pending business.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by Olson/Carlson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously; Sandy Sechrest, Dennis Manthei, Peter Fletcher, Steve Johnson, Jean Meyer excused; Tom Padesky, Don Bina, Sandy Turner, Ashley Bermudo, Richard Running, Fred Buehler, Jim Gausman, Matt Harter, Mike Poellinger absent. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Jackie Eastwood, Recorder.