TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE / TRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL

Friday, March 13, 2015
Administrative Center – Room 3220
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Kader, Peter Fletcher, Noreen Holmes, Dean Olson, Va Thao, Krista Heinz, Keith Lee, Walter Baltz for Dennis Manthei.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mayor Tim Kabat, Steve Johnson, Sandy Sechrest, April Harmon, Dennis Manthei, Jackie Eastwood.


STAFF & GUESTS: Jill Billings, Amy Peterson, Noreen Holmes for Jackie Eastwood.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Audrey Kader called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION by Holmes/Fletcher to approve the minutes of November 14, 2014. Motion carried unanimously; Mayor Tim Kabat, Steve Johnson, Sandy Sechrest, April Harmon, Dennis Manthei, Jackie Eastwood excused; Roland Bogert, Francis Schelfhout, Don Bina, Richard Running, Will Ward, Kristopher Sheehan, Shaun Morrell, Sandy Turner, Fred Buehler, Mayor Mike Poellinger absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

TRANSIT PLAN SERVICE CONCEPTS
Because Jackie Eastwood was unable to attend, this agenda item is forwarded to the next meeting in May.

LA CROSSE TRANSPORTATION VISION
Amy Peterson provided an overview of a four-day visioning process conducted by Toole Group to determine what the community wants the City of La Crosse transportation system to look like in the future. Ms. Peterson estimated over 400 people in total participated in the public meetings and topic-specific input sessions. The consultant recommendations emphasized roundabouts, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, shared spaces, and transit. The final document and presentation materials are on the City’s website, grandrivergreatcity.com.

UPDATE ON RTA LEGISLATION
Jill Billings stated that there is no support in the legislature if a regional transit authority requires an additional tax.

UPDATE ON VAN ACQUISITION FOR THE RURAL SHARED RIDE
Noreen Holmes stated that the vans have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in May.

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/UPDATES
SMRT—Peter Fletcher reported that the total annual ridership went up 39% from 2013 to 2014. He then went on to summarize the results of a survey of S.M.R.T. riders. In summary, most trips are work or school-related and most riders ride 3-or-more days per week.

MTU—Keith Lee reported that MTU ridership for 2014 is expected to be flat or slightly higher than it was in 2013; that La Crescent purchased a new bus, which is leased back to MTU for its Route 10 service; and that MTU is developing options for 10-minute service for students.
OHWSPT—No one available to report.

AGING UNIT RURAL SERVICE—Already reported.

OTHER—Audrey Kader encouraged members to attend the public meetings for the Coulee Region Transportation Study. Information is located on the WisDOT website.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by Baltz/Olson to adjourn at 11:06 am. Motion carried unanimously; Mayor Tim Kabat, Steve Johnson, Sandy Sechrest, April Harmon, Dennis Manthei, Jackie Eastwood excused; Roland Bogert, Francis Schelfhout, Don Bina, Richard Running, Will Ward, Kristopher Sheehan, Shaun Morrell, Sandy Turner, Fred Buehler, Mayor Mike Poellinger absent.

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