



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Municipal Transit Utility Board

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Thursday, May 17, 2018

4:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kabat at 4:03 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Tim Kabat, Steven C. Johnson, Charles Marx, Ralph Geary, Gary Padesky, Chad Hawkins

**Excused:** 3 - Joel Chilsen, Mike Poellinger, Paul Reeck

#### Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Geary, second by Padesky to approve minutes of January 30, 2018.**  
**All in favor; motion carried.**

#### Agenda Items: (No downloads)

##### [18-0713](#)

#### Low or No Emission Grant program

*Keith Lee spoke about the Grant Program. He talked about grants that are now possible for municipalities like La Crosse. He talked about the feasibility implementation for La Crosse and that the grants can be used toward the purchase of electric busses, charging stations, and and batteries. Lee stated that other Wisconsin municipalities already have or are starting to add electric busses to their fleet. Safety issues were also discussed as far as how they relate to passengers with visual/hearing impairments and how safe the vehicles may be in an accident.*

**Motion by Padesky, second by Johnson to direct staff to pursue grant program and to look at options for how the State/Local share works. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Kabat, Johnson, Marx, Geary, Padesky, Hawkins

**Excused:** 3 - Reeck, Chilsen, Poellinger

##### [18-0714](#)

#### Automatic Vehicle Location System RFP

*Keith Lee spoke on the variety of functions of the AVL System. The system will allow users to track the busses on the route, check the schedules for the week, and be alerted when there are delays, detours, or accidents. The system can also be used so staff can track useage and on-time performance, information which is held for years. It was discussed that this would be a great tool for transparency, customer service, and*

*accountability.*

**Motion by Padesky, second by Johnson to direct staff to move forward with implementation of the AVL System and report back to the Board with results from proposals. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Kabat, Johnson, Marx, Geary, Padesky, Hawkins

**Excused:** 3 - Reeck, Chilsen, Poellinger

#### 18-0715

#### Circulator Route Update

*Jackie Eastwood and Jim Krueger (Interim Transit Manager) shared with the Board a new plan for the Circulator Route. The change would add service along West Avenue and add stops at grocery stores to address the issues of the Powell Pogue Hamilton food dessert area. Stops would also be near Gunderson and the Main Branch Library. It was discussed that the City partner with the businesses along the route to help promote it. It was also discussed to have a media event when the route is put into place.*

**MOtion by Padesky, second by Marx to instruct staff to implment changes to Circulator Route based on what was proposed and to finalize and put in place by September. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Kabat, Johnson, Marx, Geary, Padesky, Hawkins

**Excused:** 3 - Reeck, Chilsen, Poellinger

#### 18-0717

#### 2018 Ridership Update

*Jim Krueger went over the change in ridership numbers since last year.*

**No action taken.**

### Adjournment

**Motion by Padesky, second by Johnson to adjourn at 4:43 p.m.**