

Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Jeff Abboud, Wisconsin DOT; Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County; Brian Kelley, Chippewa County; Jim Kuehn, Wisconsin DOT; Dwight McComb, FHWA; Rick Rubenzer, City of Chippewa Falls; Jayson Smith, City of Chippewa Falls; Dave Solberg, City of Eau Claire; Dave Walter, City of Altoona

Staff Present: Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Jason Duba, WCWRPC

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Smith.
4. Ms. Schell led a review of draft *Long Range Transportation Plan for Chippewa-Eau Metropolitan Planning Area – 2045*, seeking recommendation for approval.
 - Mr. McComb brought up the need to address the gap between expenses and revenues as laid out in Chapter 10. After some discussion, it was agreed that the MPO staff would write some narrative explanation of this discrepancy and how projects/programs would be prioritized if none of the noted alternative revenue sources were available.

A motion to recommend the Long Range Transportation Plan for approval was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and passed unanimously.

5. Ms. Schell led a discussion of the recommendation for MPO ranking of Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects within the urbanized area. Ms. Schell explained the separation of the six projects into infrastructure and planning projects. For the infrastructure projects, the MPO's STP-Urban ranking criteria were used. Discussion of various aspects of the projects took place. Ultimately, the TAC concurred with the MPO staff ranking as follows:
 - Infrastructure
 1. Bike trail connection between Chippewa Falls and Lake Hallie
 2. Chippewa Falls Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects
 3. Eau Claire Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects
 4. Eau Claire Downtown Riverwalk
 - Planning
 1. Three-county bike plan
 2. Regional Safe Routes to School planning – Eau Claire, Altoona, Cadott
6. Mr. Abboud led a discussion of the functional classification update following up on the meeting that TAC members attended on February 8. Some minor changes were suggested.
7. Other Business
 - Mr. Abboud led a discussion of ADA compliance on sidewalks during construction
 - This is essential from the perspective of FHWA and the Department of Justice
 - It is not an accommodation, it is a civil right
8. The next TAC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 13.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.