

**Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee**  
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Wednesday, March 26, 2014 1:30 p.m.  
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Jeff Abboud, WisDOT-NW Region; Matt Decur, City of Chippewa Falls; David Solberg, City of Eau Claire; Bruce Stelzner, Chippewa County; Dave Walter, City of Altoona

**Staff Present:** Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Chris Straight, WCWRPC

**Others Present:** None

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1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the January 24, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Stelzner, seconded by Mr. Abboud.
4. Ms. Schell introduced Amendment #2 to the 2014-2018 TIP. She noted that it included a number of projects, starting with two transit project for ongoing mobility manager and volunteer driver/voucher programs offered by the Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin (CILWW). There are also two bicycle/pedestrian projects, including the transfer of TAP (formerly Transportation Enhancement) funds from the Eastern Loop Trail project to the River Prairie NW Trail project; and a City of Eau Claire SRTS project, originally awarded in 2007. Both, Mr. Walter and Mr. Solberg, discussed some concern with advancing these projects within the available funding window. Mr. Abboud described the three WisDOT projects listed, which include some resurfacing and other work on a piece of I-94, between USH 12/STH 29 and STH 312, maintenance on the USH 53/STH 29 interchange, and signal and gate installation at the UP Railroad crossing of Kane Road. There are also five local bridge projects included in the amendment. A motion to recommend approval of Amendment #2 was made by Mr. Stelzner, and seconded by Mr. Walter. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Straight reviewed the staff report responding to the City of Altoona request for a Type IV amendment to the Chippewa Falls/Eau Claire Sewer Service Area Plan for 2025. It was requested that the Sewer Service Plan map be updated eliminating the Environmentally Sensitive Area of slopes greater than 20% from Lots 13, 14, 17-24, and 36-41, approximately 1.1 acres, in the Club View Estates development to allow the construction of town homes. Mr. Straight explained that the site conditions would allow for stormwater for most of the property to be managed through infiltration without discharge to any streams or rivers; that the existing topography at the site is not all natural, but rather results from the construction of the Spooner Avenue bridge across USH 53 and the USH 53 bypass; that the proposed use is consistent with the City of Altoona's Comprehensive Plan; and that the requested amendment meets all relevant review criteria for a Type IV amendment.

A motion was made by Mr. Solberg to recommend approval of the Type IV amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stelzner, and passed unanimously.

6. The TAC reviewed the three goals and related objectives from the current Long Range Plan. The third goal will be reworded to relate a more joint coordination between transportation and land use plans and policies, rather than one leading the other. Most of the objectives were deemed to be relevant, some with minor rewording. Two or three objective will be added to address increases in freight movement and resulting safety concerns, and bicycle and pedestrian safety. Ms. Schell said she will make the changes, as discussed and pass them back through the TAC at a future meeting.

In response to a question from Mr. Stelzner concerning the status of the Long Range Plan update, Ms. Schell noted that the introductory and existing conditions chapters of the plan have been updated and will be coming to the TAC at the next couple of meetings. Then we would get into the analysis of system deficiencies, examine alternatives to address those, and formulate recommendations. The LRP needs to be adopted by the end of 2015, but she noted that we are probably looking at finishing it up a few months sooner than that.

7. Under other business, Ms. Schell asked Mr. Walter if there was anything new on the Gateway extension or Hillcrest development. He said that there was not.

Ms. Schell added that the delay in hiring for the Transportation Planner position, due to a shortfall in the RPC budget, has resulted in the loss of the top candidate. She noted that she will be readvertising the position, with anticipation of a July 1<sup>st</sup> hiring date. In the meantime, existing RPC staff is assisting with projects listed in the 2014 work program. She also informed the TAC that Lynn Nelson will be moving into the RPC Director position, effective April 21<sup>st</sup>.

There was no additional other business.

8. The next TAC meeting had been scheduled for April 9, 2014, but because that is now the date for the MPO meeting following this TAC meeting, a later date is appropriate. The TAC set a tentative date of June 18, 2014 for the next meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.