

Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Robbie Krejci, Chippewa County; Rick Rubenzer, City of Chippewa Falls; Jayson Smith, City of Chippewa Falls; David Solberg, City of Eau Claire; Dave Walter, City of Altoona

Staff Present: Ann Schell, WCWRPC

Others Present: None

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Krejci.
4. Ms. Schell introduced Amendment #3 to the 2014-2018 TIP. She noted that it included a number of projects, starting with two transit projects. The first is a hybrid transit bus for ECT, to replace an aging bus in the fleet. The second is the final year of the CILWW's Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative grant. There was some discussion involving the inclusion of other transit projects in the TIP. Ms. Schell clarified that she had checked with Bureau of Transit staff at WisDOT, specifically to get everything that could be amended into the TIP at this time. She reviewed the remaining projects, including engineering for the maintenance of a number of bridges along USH 53, between I-94 and 40th Avenue; engineering and right-of-way for the maintenance on the USH 53 bridge over CN's railroad tracks, with construction in 2017; engineering for the replacement of the Lowes Creek Bridge on I-94; and right-of-way acquisition for the Water Street Bridge replacement project, scheduled for replacement in 2015.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend approval of Amendment #3, seconded by Mr. Walter. The motion passed without opposition.

5. Ms. Schell mentioned that she would be developing the 2015 work program, soon, and is looking for projects to be considered for the 2015 work program. Suggestions made include:
 - Arterial study for Galloway with jug handle at Hastings and an overpass of the railroad;
 - Transit study for the urbanized area to address the need to serve V. Lake Hallie.
 - Completion of the official mapping in Altoona
 - Connection of the Chippewa River bike trail, with possible underpass of railroad, south of 40th Ave.
 - CTH T corridor study (Eau Claire and Chippewa cos.)
6. Mr. Walter noted that the City of Altoona had retained the services of Brian Amundson to determine the direction to take in implementing the Otter Creek crossing and Gateway extension project.

Ms. Schell told the TAC members that an Assistant Transportation Planner had been hired. Mr. Jason Duba, currently an employee of Illinois DOT, will be starting on July 14th. She feels that it was a very good selection and Jason seems to be pretty excited, too.

7. The next TAC meeting has been tentatively scheduled for August 13th, 2014.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.