

Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, September 17th, 2014, 1:30 p.m.
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Marcus Evans, Eau Claire County; Jim Koenig, WisDOT; Rick Rubenzer, City of Chippewa Falls; Jayson Smith, City of Chippewa Falls; Bruce Stelzner, Chippewa County; Dave Walter, City of Altoona

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

Others Present: None

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the June 18th, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Stelzner, seconded by Mr. Smith.
4. Ms. Schell led a review of Amendment #4 to the 2014-2018 TIP. The main points included:
 - The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission received a \$120,000 grant to do Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans in the region. There is an additional 20% (\$30,000) local match. One project is in the MPA in Chippewa Falls.
 - Three SRTS projects lost funding because they couldn't meet the requirements of a new state law that places a sunset on all Transportation Alternatives Projects at four years from award date.
 - The River Prairie NW Trail is now funded for the year 2015. It had been funded for 2014.
 - Melby Street reconstruction from Victor to 115th is now funded for 2016. It had been funded for 2015.
 - Funding for CTH J/50th intersection was removed and transferred to CTH T reconditioning from 10th Ave to STH 29.
 - WisDOT has two safety projects – Three intersections are getting lane signal heads and two intersections are getting flashing left turn arrows.

The recommendation of Amendment #4 was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Walter.

5. Ms. Schell led a review of the 2015 Urban Transportation Work Program. Discussion points included:
 - An assumption, based on reasonable assertions, has been made that the funding for the program will remain about the same.
 - Projects for short-range planning have included suggestions from TAC members. Please inform the MPO when such projects commence.
 - Bullet point 4 on page 10 should be an *interchange* study at I-94/Cameron, rather than an *intersection* study.
 - One of the main tasks for 2015 will be updating the Long Range Plan. A schedule for doing so is on page 24.

- The possibility of public transit between Chippewa Falls and Lake Hallie should start with a meeting, perhaps facilitated by the MPO. If there is sufficient interest, a study of such transit service could then be commissioned.
- A study of the USH 53/Elm St. crossing needs development.

The recommendation of the 2015 Urban Transportation Work Program was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stelzner.

6. Other business:

- No update on the Gateway Extension was available.
- Ms. Schell informed the TAC that WisDOT is in the process of creating a policy addressing local programs issues. MPOs are giving their input, Ms. Schell included, in the areas of flexibility, transition periods, better communication, and a path to encourage dollars to stay in the appropriate program, and other such issues.

7. The next TAC meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st, 2015.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Walter.