

**Minutes of the
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Suite 401, Banbury Place
800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Henry Shakal, Chippewa County (vice chair); Jim Dunning, Eau Claire County

Others Present: Jeff Abboud, WisDOT, NW Region

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Shakal at approximately 7:30 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made, with each member stating his or her name and representation.
3. The minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by Mr. Dunning, seconded by Mr. Shakal. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.
4. The minutes of the January 21, 2015 TAC meeting were discussed and accepted.
5. Ms. Schell described **Resolution No. 15-01: Amendment to the 2014 Unified Work Program for the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO**. This was a transfer of \$20,000 from the Short Range Planning category to the Long Range Transportation Plan category to accommodate increased work on the long range plan update. Resolution No. 15-01 was unanimously approved following the motion of Mr. Shakal and the second of Mr. Dunning.
6. Ms. Schell described **Resolution No. 15-02: Amendment Number Five (5) to the Transportation Improvement for the Chippewa-Eau Claire Urbanized Area (2014-2018)**. The main points included:
 - Transit: Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin – Regional Mobility Management and Regional Volunteer Driver/Voucher Program (Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities)
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian: Regional Safe Routes to School planning program includes one plan in MPA – Chippewa Falls (TAP)
 - Highway
 - Bridge maintenance on I-94, STH 29, and USH 53; deck sealcoating, increases coefficient of friction; some work is in MPA, some work is outside; presented costs do not reflect that division (STP-U)
 - Traffic mitigation on USH 53 – State Patrol overtime at construction site (STP-U)
 - Operational study of USH 53 – focus on River Prairie Dr. and 312, looking at interchange hopping and possible capacity expansion (STP-U)
 - Installation of traffic signals on STH 312 – North Crossing/Riverview Intersection (HSIP)Resolution No. 15-02 was unanimously approved following the motion of Mr. Shakal and the second of Mr. Dunning.
7. A progress report on the Long Range Transportation Plan update process was initiated by Ms. Schell and Mr. Duba and included discussion with the members present.
 - Existing conditions are nearly complete; waiting on some freight data from WisDOT

- WisDOT is still working on the travel demand model for the metropolitan area
 - A survey has been prepared and will be shared; public meetings need to be planned and scheduled
 - It would be beneficial to have more communication and collaboration between planning staffs and planning documents at the various government levels in the area, i.e., county and municipality; invite planners to sit on TAC
8. Other Business
 - Ms. Schell discussed that the MPO will soon be working with the City of Altoona on an overview study of the Gateway Drive Extension
 - Access to a potential landfill/composting site off USH 12 was discussed; a potential widening of the segment in question may occur in the future
 9. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
 10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.