

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

*Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
Suite 401, Banbury Place,
800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin*

Members Present: Jack Blackburn, City of Altoona; Jim Dunning, Eau Claire County; Greg Hoffman, City of Chippewa Falls; Gary Spilde, Village of Lake Hallie; Henry Shakal, Chippewa County, Chair

Staff Present: Ann Z. Schell, WCWRPC

Others Present: Jeff Abboud, WisDOT, NW Region;

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 affiliation.
3. The minutes of the December 9, 2015 MPO meeting were unanimously approved as presented following a motion by Mr. Hoffman and second by Mr. Blackburn.
4. The minutes of the January 13, 2016 TAC meeting were presented for information and accepted.
5. Ms. Schell led a review of Chapter X – Financial Plan for the Implementation of the Long Range Transportation Plan. She explained the challenges and methodology used to meet the federal requirement to financially constrain recommendations for the 30-year horizon of the long range plan. There was some discussion of the projected cost inflation used in the plan. The dropping cost of oil was considered and comment was made regarding the actual effect on construction costs. The draft chapter was accepted the Council.
6. Ms. Schell led a discussion updating members on the draft Long Range Transportation Plan update. She noted that it is still in draft form, that staff had incorporated comments from the last public information meeting, and that she was currently proof reading the document. The final draft will include the appendices, table of contents, and cover page.

Mr. Hoffman moved to release the draft Long Range Plan for public review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunning, and passed unanimously.
7. There was no other business discussed.
8. The next meeting was set for March 2, 2016, when the Long Range Plan will come to the Council for approval.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.