

**Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee**  
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 1:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Leah Ness, City of Eau Claire; Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County; Brad Hentschel, City of Chippewa Falls; Tom Wagener, Eau Claire Transit; Rick Rubenzer, City of Chippewa Falls; Diane Paoni, WisDOT; Fred Anderson, Chippewa County; Evan Gross, Federal Transit Administration; Rod Eslinger, Eau Claire County

**Staff Present:** Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Eric Anderson, WCWRPC

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1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:32 p.m.
2. Welcome and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the August 12, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Fred Anderson.
4. Mr. Eric Anderson presented Amendment #6 (three project changes) to the *Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2020-2024*. The Amendment was unanimously recommended for approval following a motion by Mr. Wagener and seconded by Mr. Hentschel.
5. Mr. Eric Anderson presented Amendment #7 (TIP Recertification) to the *Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2020-2024*. There was brief discussion regarding this item. Ms. Schell is going to put Ms. Paoni and Mr. Wagener in contact with each other regarding Eau Claire Transit needs for submitting grants. The Amendment was unanimously recommended for approval following a motion by Mr. Wagener and seconded by Ms. Ness.
6. Mr. Eric Anderson presented Amendment #8 (adoption of WisDOT adopted targets for Highway Safety Improvements) to the *Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2020-2024*. The Amendment was unanimously recommended for approval following a motion by Mr. Hentschel and seconded by Mr. Wagener.
7. Ms. Schell presented the 2021 Urban Work Program. There was discussion regarding the various sections of the document. A motion was made to recommend approval of the 2021 Urban Work Program by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Wagener. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Eric Anderson presented all draft chapters the *Long Range Transportation Plan* update.  
Per request from previous TAC meeting, Mr. Eric Anderson presented text options for City of Eau Claire Council Member Jeremy Gragert's suggestions for additions in the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. After discussion and minor edits, two of the four suggestions were added to the document.  
Mr. Anderson presented the draft Community Crash Reports. Staff will continue ahead with finishing these reports.
9. Other Business:  
Mr. Eric Anderson updated the TAC on WisDOT TAP funding and that the WCWRPC was awarded their TAP grant application to fund a Safe Routes To School Coordinator position for the Altoona, Chippewa Falls, and Eau Claire school districts and to develop plans for several other school districts in the seven-county region. Mr. Johnson informed the group that the Chippewa County/Town of Lafayette application was awarded. Ms. Ness informed the group that the City of Eau Claire application was awarded.

Mr. Wagener informed the group that Eau Claire Transit received additional funds from the Volkswagen settlement to purchase a new hybrid bus.

10. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:44 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Wagener and seconded by Mr. Hentschel.