

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 7:30 p.m.  
Suite 401, Banbury Place,  
800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Jeff Bechard, Town of Union; Jim Dunning, Eau Claire County; Greg Hoffman (Chair), City of Chippewa Falls; Eric Larsen (for Kerry Kincaid), City of Eau Claire  
**Staff Present:** Ann Z. Schell, WCWRPC; Jason Duba, WCWRPC  
**Others Present:** Jeff Abboud, WisDOT, NW Region

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1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hoffman 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 October 12, 2016 MPO meeting were unanimously approved as presented, following a motion by Mr. Dunning and second by Mr. Hoffman.
4. The minutes of the January 18, 2017 TAC meeting were presented for information and accepted.
5. Mr. Duba and Mr. Abboud led a review and discussion of **Resolution No. 17-01: Amendment Number Four (4) to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Chippewa-Eau Claire Urbanized Area (2016-2020)**, seeking approval by the Council.
  - Mr. Duba described the public transit operating and capital projects for Eau Claire Transit, Chippewa Falls Shared Ride Taxi, and the Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin. He described the three-county bicycle and pedestrian plan. He also described the funding changes to the Half Moon Lake Bridge, the Dewey Street Bridge, and Bartlett Avenue.
  - Mr. Abboud described the WisDOT intersection study at USH 12/STH 312 and CTH EE for developments at Menards and a possible Kwik Trip.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 17-01: TIP Amendment #4 was made by Mr. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Bechard, and passed unanimously.
6. Ms. Schell led a discussion of amending the MPO bylaws. The proposed amendment to the MPO bylaws would remove the weighted voting and replace it with equal votes for all members. It was observed that weighted voting had not actually been used and deemed that it was not in the spirit of the MPO and thinking of what's best for the metropolitan area. Mr. Dunning moved to approve the changes to the bylaws, Mr. Larsen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Ms. Schell reviewed the proposed update to the Cooperative Planning Agreement. The last update was more than 10 years ago. This is a regular part of the working relationship between the MPO, WisDOT, FHWA, and the local transit agencies. It addresses the functions of the MPO, such as the TIP and Work Program. It adds new language that comes from recent federal legislation, such as performance measures. Mr. Larsen moved to approve the updated Cooperative Planning Agreement, Mr. Hoffman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. In Other Business, Mr. Duba gave an update on the status of the Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, stating that he hopes to conclude it by March.
9. The next meeting of the MPO Council is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.