

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

*Wednesday, May 5, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
Suite 401, Banbury Place,
800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin*

Members Present: Jason Bergeron, Chippewa County; Jim Dunning, Eau Claire County; Greg Hoffman, City of Chippewa Falls, elected Chair; Kerry Kincaid, City of Eau Claire, outgoing Vice-Chair; Doug Kranig, Town of Seymour; Sharon McIlquham, Town of Lafayette, elected Vice-Chair

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

Others Present: Jeff Abboud, WisDOT, NW Region

1. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Kincaid at approximately 7:30 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made, with each member stating his or her name and affiliation and briefly describing his or her career.
3. The minutes of the March 2, 2016 MPO meeting were unanimously approved as presented, following a motion by Mr. Hoffman and second by Mr. Dunning.
4. The minutes of the April 13, 2016 TAC meeting were presented for information and accepted.
5. Nominations and elections were held for the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Kranig moved that Mr. Hoffman be elected Chair and Ms. McIlquham be elected Vice-Chair. Mr. Dunning seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Ms. Schell led a discussion of Resolution No. 16-02: Amendment Number One (1) to the Transportation Improvement Program for the Chippewa-Eau Claire Urbanized Area (2016-2020). She described the federal requirements for the TIP and how the MPO meets those requirements. Ms. Schell described the transit projects, and Mr. Abboud described the highway projects. Mr. Dunning moved to approve the resolution, Ms. Kincaid seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Ms. Schell led a discussion of revisions to the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Plan (PPP). The revisions are minor and are made to help local transit agencies – Eau Claire Transit and Chippewa Falls Shared Ride Taxi – comply with FTA requirements. The changes make explicit the practice of local transit agencies using this PPP to meet their public participation requirements and to exhibit their programs of projects through the TIP. Ms. Kincaid moved to approve these revisions, Mr. Kranig seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Abboud described the revisions to the Functional Classification system for the Metropolitan Planning Area. In order to receive federal funding, roads must be on the functionally classified system. He explained how the TAC had worked on these revisions at several meetings, making over 60 changes in the process, including a change near the potential Gateway Drive Extension. Mr. Kranig moved to approval the Functional Classification system as shown in the draft form, Mr. Hoffman seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
9. Other Business
 - Ms. Schell gave an update on the Eau Claire Transit Center Site Selection Study, describing the planning process and the results of the study. The City of Eau Claire will hold a public

meeting on Monday and then consider the plan for acceptance on Tuesday, likely followed with an issuance of an RFP for several recommended sites.

- Ms. Schell gave an update on the Gateway Extension study, describing how the Local Bridge Program, under §84.11, that was originally conceived of as a funding source is actually only for 'high cost' bridges, costing at least \$5 million and 475 feet or more in length. As this bridge would likely not be eligible, an alternative funding source, namely the MPO's STP-Urban funds, could be used. Those funds are all designated through 2020, and would require several years of the MPO's allocation and creative scheduling with WisDOT local programs staff. While the §84.11 program would have required two-thirds of the project be funded with local funds, with the remaining third funded through the State budget, the STP-Urban program would be between twenty percent and fifty percent locally funded, with as much as 80 percent federal funding. Additionally, an environmental scan was included in the report.
- Mr. Duba gave an update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Metropolitan Planning Area, describing the initial work completed so far, the purpose of the plan, and the involvement of the Advisory Team. A suggestion was made to keep in mind how this report will be directed to local government leaders and how they can make use of it.

10. The next meeting of the MPO Council will be **Wednesday, August 31**, not August 24 as previously noted.

11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.