

# CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



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## **Minutes of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Council Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m. - Virtual Meeting over Zoom**

**Members Present (3):** Gary Spilde - Village of Lake Hallie (Chair), Jim Dunning – Eau Claire County (Vice-chair), Terry Weld – City of Eau Claire

**Members without representation present (13):** City of Altoona, City of Chippewa Falls, Town of Brunswick, Town of Eagle Point, Town of Hallie, Town of Lafayette, Town of Pleasant Valley, Town of Seymour, Town of Tilden, Town of Union, Town of Washington, Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County

**Staff Present:** Eric Anderson - Director, Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO; Edwin Rothrock, Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO

### **Minutes**

1. Chairman Spilde called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. Welcome and introductions
3. The minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dunning, seconded by Mr. Weld and passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were presented and accepted as information.
5. Mr. Anderson presented the proposal for project funding under the Carbon Reduction Program of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law as recommended by the MPO Technical Advisory Committee, Option #3 of the three presented scenarios – “The top two ranked projects receive 80% funding. The third and fourth ranked projects receive 65% funding. The fifth ranked project would receive 50.5% funding. The last ranked project receives zero funding.” The fifth ranked project, the purchase of four electric vehicles and four charging stations, was submitted by the City of Altoona. As recommended, Altoona needed to confirm that the city would proceed with the purchase if it were to be funded under this grant program at 50.5% instead of the 80% originally requested.

Mr. Weld asked if the City of Altoona had confirmed its commitment at the lower funding level. Mr. Anderson stated that two representatives of Altoona had contacted him and confirmed the City’s commitment to proceed despite the higher local match that would be required.

Mr. Dunning asked if whether the question of whether the electric vehicle charging stations included in a recommended project for Eau Claire County could be used for private vehicle charging under Wisconsin law. Mr. Rothrock said that question had not been resolved and that the scoring of that project had not included any carbon reduction that might result from those activities.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Rothrock detailed selected data within the proposals that resulted in higher rankings among the proposed projects. They also stated that it was not clear at this point whether the Wisconsin Department of Transportation would follow the recommendation of the MPO when the grants were awarded.

A motion was made by Mr. Weld to approve the recommendation of funding Option #3. This was seconded by Mr. Dunning and approved by all.

6. Other Business – None was presented
7. Establish next meeting date (tentatively August 24, 2022)
8. After a motion by Mr. Dunning, seconded by Mr. Weld, members all voted to adjourn the meeting. Chair Spilde did so at 5:44 p.m.