Minutes of the
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization

Wednesday, February 05, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
Suite 401, Banbury Place,
800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Gregory Hoffman-Chair, City of Chippewa Falls; Jim Dunning, Eau Claire County; James Mickelson, Chippewa County; Terry Weld, City of Eau Claire; Jeff Bechard, Town of Union; Matt Spiel, Federal Highway Administration

Members Present (by phone): None

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hoffman at 5:30 p.m.

2. Welcomes and introductions were made.

3. The minutes of the October, 2019 MPO meeting were unanimously approved as presented, following a motion by Mr. Mickelson and a second by Mr. Dunning.

4. The minutes of the January 15, 2020 TAC meeting were accepted as information.

5. Mr. Anderson presented Resolution No. 20-01: Adoption of Amendment #1 to the Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2020-2024. There was brief discussion regarding the amendment. Mr. Hoffman requested that staff look and make sure the local dollar amounts were accurate for the transit projects. A motion to adopt the resolution for approval by the MPO was made by Mr. Dunning, seconded by Mr. Bechard, and passed unanimously.

6. Mr. Anderson presented an update to the Long Range Transportation Plan. This included discussion on TAC and Policy Council duties and a proposed timeline of activities. There was brief discussion regarding the update.

7. Ms. Schell presented Resolution No. 20-02: Adoption of the Title VI Plan including the Public Participation Plan and Language Assistance Plan. There was discussion regarding the plans, specifically the changes in the required demographic data. A motion to adopt the resolution for approval by the MPO was made by Mr. Mickelson, seconded by Mr. Dunning, and passed unanimously.

8. Mr. Spiel gave a presentation about MPO Policy Council duties and visioning for the Long Range Transportation Plan, performance measures, and alternative fuel corridors in and around the Eau Claire urbanized area. There was extended discussion regarding the presentation. This consisted mostly of goals, objectives, and policies; aspirational and realistic performance targets, and the structure and responsibilities of Policy Council, the public, and MPO staff.

9. Other Business:
Mr. Anderson updated the MPO Council on the Chippewa Falls Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, City of Eau Claire Safe Routes To Parks Plan, and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications. There was brief discussion for all three items. Mr. Spiel highly commended the two plans as among the best he has seen working with MPOs and requested that the plans be presented at the WisDOT April MPO Director meeting and he would distribute them to appropriate FHWA co-workers.
10. The next meeting of the MPO Council was tentatively rescheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the WCWRPC office in Banbury Place.

11. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Weld, second by Mr. Mickelson, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 p.m.