

Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Jeff Abboud, Wisconsin DOT; Mitch Batuzich, FHWA; Josh Clements, City of Altoona; Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County; Brian Kelley, Chippewa County; Dwight McComb, FHWA; Jayson Smith, City of Chippewa Falls; Dave Solberg, City of Eau Claire
Staff Present: Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Jason Duba, WCWRPC
Present via conference call: Diane Paoni, Wisconsin DOT

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Abboud, seconded by Mr. Johnson; Mr. Clements abstained.
4. Ms. Schell and Mr. Abboud led a review of Amendment #2 of the 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seeking recommendation for approval.
 - Ms. Schell discussed the two transit capital projects. This included purchase of one 35-foot heavy duty transit bus for Eau Claire Transit and two ADA, side-load minivans for Chippewa Falls Shared Ride Taxi.
 - Mr. Abboud described the two WisDOT Intelligent Transportation System highway projects, one on STH 93 and one on USH 53. He also mentioned the seven railroad crossing safety projects around the metropolitan area.
 - Additionally, Chippewa County is giving up their funding for a project at the intersection of CTH Q/CTH S. The funds will be transferred to the City of Eau Claire for a project on Short Street.

A motion to recommend TIP Amendment #2 for approval by the MPO Council was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kelley, and passed unanimously.

5. Mr. Duba led an update on the bicycle and pedestrian plan development for the Metropolitan Planning Area. He described the work he has been doing so far: working with an Advisory Team representing local governments, state agencies, and advocacy groups; developing the plan's Vision, Goals, and Objectives; and working on existing conditions. Discussion took place regarding how to best identify recommended routes and infrastructure improvements.
6. Ms. Schell led a discussion on input for the 2017 Urban Transportation Planning Work Program. A number of past ideas were mentioned as examples. Several new ideas were generated, including helping with a study of potential crossing(s) of I-94 and an Eau Claire County study of safety at urban-rural interface locations.
7. Other Business
 - Ms. Schell gave an update of work on the Eau Claire Transit bus stop assessment which currently involves inventorying all 500+ bus stops using a tablet computer.
 - Ms. Schell gave an update on the Gateway Drive extension project. The funding source for the bridge is still undetermined. It had initially been anticipated that the WisDOT 84.11 funding source could pay for the bridge. Upon further review, though, that funding is only for high cost (> \$5 million) and long (> 475 feet) bridges. It may be better for funding for this bridge to come through the MPO's competitive STP-Urban program over several cycles.

- The draft of the Town of Washington official map will be presented tonight by Chris Straight, WCWRPC Planner.
8. The next TAC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 at 1:30 PM.
 9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.