

Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Jeff Abboud, Wisconsin DOT; Mitch Batuzich, FHWA; Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County; Rick Rubenzer, City of Chippewa Falls; Jayson Smith, City of Chippewa Falls; Dave Solberg, City of Eau Claire; Dave Walter, City of Altoona
Staff Present: Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Jason Duba, WCWRPC

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Solberg.
4. Mr. Duba and Mr. Abboud led a review of Amendment #3 of the 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seeking recommendation for approval.
 - Mr. Duba described the TAP award for the trail connection between Chippewa Falls and Lake Hallie. The funding will be available in 2018, so the design will be completed then, and the construction will be completed in 2019.
 - Mr. Abboud described the two WisDOT Intelligent Transportation System highway projects, one on STH 93 at Golf Road and one on USH 12 east of Hastings Way.
 - Thirteen other WisDOT-funded projects had revised funding levels or dates. Two projects were moved beyond the year 2020 and will be included in the next TIP.

A motion to recommend TIP Amendment #3 for approval by the MPO Council was made by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Smith, and passed unanimously.

5. Ms. Schell led a review of the 2016-2020 TIP Program of Projects, seeking a recommendation of reconfirmation from the TAC to the MPO. As the TIP is redone every other year, this year needs a reconfirmation of the existing TIP. One addition is the designation of Illustrative Project funding for Chippewa Falls Shared Ride Taxi's van purchases in upcoming years. Mr. Smith moved to recommend reconfirmation of the TIP, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Ms. Schell led a discussion of the amendment to the 2016 Urban Transportation Work Program to extend the period of eligibility from December 31, 2016 to May 31, 2017 to accommodate carry-over of \$35,000 of funds. The funding carry-over became necessary for several reasons:
 - There was a carry-over from 2015 into 2016 to complete the Long Range Plan.
 - Ms. Schell was engaged in a significant amount of contract work.
 - Mr. Duba will be going on family leave at the birth of his child.

Mr. Solberg moved to recommend this carry-over, Mr. Rubenzer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ms. Schell led a review and recommendation for approval of the Urban Transportation Planning Work Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area – 2017. She gave an overview of the document, which has the same format as in past years. A review of each of the four main elements was made:
 - Short Range – Noise Study not recommended

- Long Range – Performance measures and targets will worked on
- TIP – New 2018-2022 TIP will be developed
- Administration – Update MPO Bylaws and Cooperative Agreement

Other topics discussed included the budget and planning factors. Mr. Rubenzer moved to recommend this carry-over, Mr. Walter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Other Business

- Ms. Schell gave an update of work on the Eau Claire Transit bus stop assessment which involves inventorying all 600+ bus stops using a tablet computer; more than 400 have been inventoried to date.
- Mr. Duba gave an update of the Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Writing of the plan is well underway, with existing conditions nearly complete and recommendations coming in the near future. The online survey and WikiMap will be closed at the end of September, at which point review and analysis of all public input will begin. The completion date will be early 2017.
- The TAP award for the three-county bicycle and pedestrian plan was mentioned. Members are hopeful this planning effort in Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties will be beneficial to walking and biking in our region.
- The Turnout for Transportation event sponsored by the Transportation Development Administration will be hosted simultaneously in all of Wisconsin's 72 counties the evening of September 29. The goal is to raise awareness of local transportation challenges and build support for increased transportation funding.
- WisDOT's State Freight Plan will host a public input meeting on October 5 in Eau Claire. This is one of five public meetings across the state.

9. The next TAC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 1:30 PM.

10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.