

**Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee**  
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 1:30 p.m.  
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Jeff Abboud, Wisconsin DOT; 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

**Present via phone:** Diane Paoni, Wisconsin DOT

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1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Solberg, seconded by Mr. Smith, and with Ms. Paoni abstaining.
4. Ms. Schell and Mr. Abboud led a review of Amendment #4 of the 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seeking recommendation for approval.
  - Ms. Schell described the public transit operating and capital projects for Eau Claire Transit, Chippewa Falls Shared Ride Taxi, and the Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin. She also described the three-county bicycle and pedestrian plan.
  - Mr. Abboud described the WisDOT intersection study at USH 12/STH 312 and CTH EE for developments at Menards and a possible Kwik Trip.
  - Mr. Solberg described the changes to the Half Moon Lake Bridge and the Dewey Street Bridge.

A motion to recommend TIP Amendment #4 for approval by the MPO Council was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Solberg, and passed unanimously.

5. Ms. Paoni and Ms. Schell led a discussion of the proposed updated Cooperative Planning Agreement. The last update was more than 10 years ago. This is a regular part of the working relationship between the MPO, WisDOT, FHWA, and the local transit agencies. Currently, the proposal features some language that will need to be customized for our MPO. It addresses the functions of the MPO, such as the TIP and Work Program. It adds new language that comes from recent legislation, such as performance measures.
6. Other business:
  - Mr. Duba described progress on the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, including maps showing the WikiMap results, Bicycle Stress Level, and Crashes. The draft recommendations were also reviewed.
  - Ms. Schell described a proposed amendment to the MPO Bylaws that would remove the weighted voting and replace it with equal votes for all members. Mr. Solberg noted that the City of Eau Claire could be concerned by this reduction in their influence.
  - Mr. Abboud listed other WisDOT projects to note and potential projects to consider:
    - Study of USH 53 from I-94 to STH 29, focusing on the area between River Prairie Drive and the North Crossing, looking at a possible collector lane
    - The single point urban interchange (SPUI) at the interchange of USH 12 and USH 53

- Interchange of USH 53 and Golf Road, updating sidewalks and ramps
  - Lake Hallie – Traffic Impact Assessment in the area north of Walmart for three potential large developments, considering a grade-separated crossing of USH 53 at 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Transit signaling for ECT buses by Eau Claire and WisDOT
  - Look at future grade separations on I-94, USH 53, and STH 29
  - Draft functional classification maps are with counties now
7. The next TAC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at 1:30 PM.
  8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.