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Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization

Held as a virtual meeting over Zoom Wednesday, January 12, 2022 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Fred Anderson – Chippewa County, Dave Walter – City of Altoona, Brad Hentschel – City of Chippewa Falls, Rick Rubenzer – City of Chippewa Falls, Tom Wagener – Eau Claire Transit, Mary Forlenza – Federal Highway Administration, Evan Gross – Federal Transit Administration, Janelle Henning – Town of Washington, Diane Paoni – Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Dena Ryan – Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Derek Schaad – Village of Lake Hallie, Betsy Henck – Eau Claire County ADRC

Staff present: Eric Anderson – Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization, Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization, Hailee Bushman – West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Safe Routes to School coordinator

Minutes

1. Mr. E. Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.
2. Welcome and introductions
3. The minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Wagener, seconded by Mr. Walter.
4. Mr. E. Anderson presented Amendment #1 (Projects) to Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026. The amendment was unanimously recommended for approval following a motion by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Rubenzer.
5. Mr. E. Anderson presented Amendment #2 (Transit Asset Management Targets) to Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026. The amendment was unanimously recommended for approval after a motion by Mr. Hentschel, seconded by Ms. Henning.
6. Mr. E. Anderson presented the STBG-Urban Funding Reallocation proposal. He explained that the City of Eau Claire had decided to move forward with the improvements to Jeffers Road that had previously been awarded STBG funding without using the STBG funds due to a timing issue. He further explained that the only approved projects available to reallocate funds to are the “Fairfax Street – Spooner to Hastings Way” and “CTH-T – USH 12 to Chippewa County Line” projects. If each of those projects were to be reallocated to the 80% funding maximum, there would remain \$117,126 in unallocated STBG that would roll forward to the next funding round. The reallocation plan was unanimously recommended for approval after a motion by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Wagener.
7. Current Project Updates – Mr. E. Anderson presented updates on various projects being worked on by the MPO staff.
8. Other Business – Mr. E. Anderson shared that MPO staff had been contacted by and is in ongoing conversation with WisDOT regarding possible active mobility improvements to the intersection of Highway 12 (Clairemont) and Otter Road. A recent crash at the intersection resulted in a pedestrian fatality.
9. The next meeting date was set for April 13, 2022.
10. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Henning, seconded by Mr. Walter, and approved by all at 2:05 pm.

Includes the Cities of Altoona, Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, the Village of Lake Hallie, and the Townships of Anson, Brunswick, Eagle Point, Hallie, Lafayette, Pleasant Valley, Seymour, Tilden, Union, Washington, and Wheaton