

# CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



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### **Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Held as a virtual meeting over Zoom Wednesday, May 25, 2022 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Tina Nelson - City of Altoona, Dave Walter – City of Altoona, Brad Hentschel – City of Chippewa Falls, Bill McElroy – City of Chippewa Falls, Rick Rubenzer – City of Chippewa Falls, Leah Ness – City of Eau Claire, Karl Buck – Federal Highway Administration, Dena Ryan – WisDOT, Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County, Derek Schaad – Village of Lake Hallie, Rick Bowe – Town of Eagle Point,

Staff present: Eric Anderson – Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO

#### **Minutes**

1. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order a 1:32 pm
2. Welcome and introductions
3. The minutes of April 27, 2022, TAC meeting were approved by all following a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Ness.
4. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Rothrock presented scoring and ranking for the six grant applications for projects located in the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPA for funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Carbon Reduction program. Per WisDOT, the amount of funding for the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO for the program is \$281,000. That amount was used to build the funding scenarios.

A funding option spreadsheet, which was completed by MPO staff, was presented to the TAC. The spreadsheet showed funding options based on available funding and requested federal funding for each project. The three funding options included:

1. The top four ranked projects receive 80% funding. The bottom two ranked projects receive no funding. There is approximately \$80,000 left remaining.
2. The top two ranked projects receive 80% funding. The third, fourth, and fifth ranked projects receive 50% funding. The last ranked project receives zero funding. There is approximately \$26,000 left remaining.
3. The top two ranked projects receive 80% funding. The third and fourth ranked projects receive 65% funding. The fifth ranked project would receive 50.5% funding. The last ranked project receives zero funding. There is \$0 left remaining.

There was discussion regarding if Altoona would be able to pay for more than 20 percent of their project costs. After discussion, the motion to recommend to the MPO Policy Council was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rubenzer, and approved by all.

The motion stated:

*The TAC recommends that, if Altoona is willing to provide local matching funds for 49.5% of their vehicle replacement project, that alternative #3 be approved by the Policy Council. If Altoona is unwilling to provide that level of local match, they will withdraw their project, and the funds will be allocated according to Alternate #1, except that the balance of funding available will be allocated to the Eau Claire County proposal to purchase an electric telehandler at 80%.*

5. Other Business – Mr. Johnson inquired if anyone is planning on submitting a new TAP application. Mr. Anderson stated that the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission amended their seven-county Safe Routes To School application to request for a start time of 2022, instead of 2023. No other communities were submitting a TAP application.
6. Establish next meeting date - tentatively set for August 10, 2022
7. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm. Motion made by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Walter, and approved by all.