

Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Brad Hentschel, City of Chippewa Falls; Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County; Rick Rubenzer, City of Chippewa Falls; John Genskow, City of Eau Claire; Gary Spilde, Village of Lake Hallie; Mike Spiel, Federal Highway Administration, Tom Wagener, Eau Claire Transit
Staff Present: Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Eric Anderson, WCWRPC;
Present via phone: Dena Ryan, Wisconsin DOT, NW District;

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:36 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Rubenzer and seconded by Mr. Spilde.
4. Ms. Schell presented Amendment #8 to Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2018-2022. There was brief discussion regarding the projects.

A motion to recommend the amendment for approval by the MPO was made by Mr. Wagener, seconded by Mr. Spilde, and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Anderson presented Amendment #9 to Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2018-2022. There was brief discussion regarding the performance measures and targets.

A motion to recommend the approval by the MPO was made by Mr. Genskow, seconded by Mr. Rubenzer, and passed unanimously.
6. Other Business:

Mr. Anderson handed out and discussed new MPO Council and TAC binders.

Mr. Anderson updated the TAC on the Chippewa Falls Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Chippewa Valley Bike Routes project, City of Eau Claire Safe Routes To Parks Plan, and the regional Safe Routes To School coordinator position for the Altoona, Chippewa Falls, and Eau Claire school districts.

Ms. Schell gave a review of the bike plans for Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties.

Mr. Wagener gave a review of the ECT transit center and feasibility project for automated vehicles.

Ms. Ryan updated the group on the new Transportation Secretary and administration positions/officials.

Mr. Spiel updated the group on STBG-Urban funding. Discussion occurred regarding the past year and how the allocated MPO funds were and were not distributed and spent. According to Mr. Spiel, the FHWA found that the STP-Urban funds have been, or will be, spent in the urbanized areas. He did note that WisDOT may have used or programmed some of the money for state projects, rather than local/MPO selected projects. While that might not be the way things have been done in the past, it does fall within the federal law. The federal law does also state, however, that the programming of projects is to be done in consultation with the MPO.
7. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18th, 2019.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:44 p.m.