

Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, April 17, 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; Gary Spilde, Village of Lake Hallie; Brian Kelley, Chippewa County; Tom Wagener, Eau Claire Transit; Dena Ryan, WisDOT
Staff Present: Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Eric Anderson, WCWRPC
Present via phone: None

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion Mr. Hentschel and seconded by Mr. Rubenzer.
4. Ms. Schell presented Amendment #10 to Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2018-2022. Ms. Schell and Ms. Ryan reviewed the projects. There was brief discussion regarding the projects. An Eau Claire Transit amendment was added to Amendment #10. This amendment included acquiring three new hybrid buses from the federal Volkswagen legal settlement.

A motion to recommend Amendment #10 for approval by the MPO was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Spilde, and passed unanimously.
5. Ms. Schell updated the group on the 2020-2024 TIP process. Communities in the MPA will need to review current projects and submit proposed STBG-Urban projects. There was discussion regarding State funds to MPOs and the process to review the funds.
6. Other Business:

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 an update regarding the county bike plans for Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties.

Mr. Johnson gave an update regarding the County Highway T corridor work.

Ms. Schell gave an update regarding passenger rail between Eau Claire and the Twin Cities.

Mr. Wagener gave a review of the Eau Claire transit center and an ongoing study regarding the feasibility project for automated vehicles.
7. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 14th, 2019.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m. following a motion from Mr. Rubenzer and seconded by Mr. Spilde.