

**Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee**  
of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 1:30 p.m.  
WCWRPC offices, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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**Members Present:** Jeff Abboud, Wisconsin DOT; Marcus Evans, Eau Claire County; Robbie Krejci, Chippewa County; Dwight McComb, FHWA; Rick Rubenzer, City of Chippewa Falls; Jayson Smith, City of Chippewa Falls; Dave Walter, City of Altoona  
**Staff Present:** Ann Schell, WCWRPC; Jason Duba, WCWRPC  
**Others Present:** None

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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 17, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Abboud.
4. Ms. Schell and Mr. Abboud led a review and recommendation of Amendment #5 to the 2014-2018 TIP. The main points included:
  - Transit: Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin – Regional Mobility Management and Regional Volunteer Driver/Voucher Program (Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities)
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian: Regional Safe Routes to School planning program includes one plan in MPA – Chippewa Falls (TAP)
  - Highway
    - Bridge maintenance on I-94, STH 29, and USH 53; some work is in MPA, some work is outside; presented costs do not reflect that division (STP-U)
    - Traffic mitigation on USH 53 (STP-U)
    - Mr. Abboud asked and Mr. McComb concurred that these two prior activities are maintenance and do not need to be included in the TIP (STP-U)
    - Operational study of USH 53 (STP-U)
    - Installation of traffic signals on STH 312 – North Crossing/Riverview Intersection (HSIP)

The recommendation of Amendment #5 was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Walter.

5. Ms. Schell led a review and recommendation of an amendment to the 2014 Urban Transportation Work Program. This was a transfer of \$20,000 from the Short Range Planning category to the Long Range Transportation Plan category to accommodate increased work on the long range plan update.

The recommendation of the 2014 Urban Transportation Work Program amendment was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Rubenzer.

6. Mr. Duba and Ms. Schell led a review and discussion DRAFT Long Range Transportation Plan Update chapters 1-5 (and some maps)
  - Draft Chapter 1 – Introduction

- Context map – show area of economic influence; show MPA within state
  - Survey – share it with focus groups, the public at large?; how should we use results?; would it be online only?; length?
  - Public meetings – focus the meeting; go to another group’s meeting; dovetail with the City of Eau Claire comp plan
  - Draft Chapter 2 – Socio-economic Characteristics
  - Chapter 3 – Land Use
  - Draft Chapter 4 – The Chippewa-Eau Claire Transportation System
    - Traffic control measures – additions, revisions provided about locations with traffic control measures
    - Bicycle facilities – additions to recommended bike facilities provided
    - Remove reference to Wisconsin Statute 66.615, change to 66.0907
    - Freight destinations – suggestions about locations to add, remove from 2003 list
  - Chapter 5 – Transportation System Deficiencies
    - Study of USH 53 issues to be completed, including potential future capacity and/or safety issues caused by interchange hopping
    - Suggestions of potentially deficient locations to study/be aware of: State/Lowes Creek, Golf/Gateway
    - Gap in bike trail in Lake Hallie at 40<sup>th</sup>, new application will be submitted
7. Other business:
- Update on Gateway extension project: Ms. Schell explained the MPO will work with the City of Altoona to do a general environmental scan
    - Mr. Abboud expressed that Wisconsin DOT may be able to help if an official mapping can be done once the corridor is selected after looking at two corridors.
  - 2016-2020 TIP process upcoming: Ms. Schell explained that work will begin soon for the new TIP and that members should be thinking about STP-Urban projects.
8. The next TAC meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.