

CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE

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**Minutes of the
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Council**
Wednesday, January 29th, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Held at: Room 405H, Building 2, Banbury Place, 800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, WI

Members Present (8): Gary Spilde - Village of Lake Hallie (Chair), Connie Russell – Eau Claire County (Vice-chair), Matt Biren – City of Altoona, Emily Berge – City of Eau Claire, Rod Eslinger – Town of Hallie, Jessica Janssen – Town of Tilden, Sarah Peleschak – Town of Union, Alice Droski – Town of Wheaton

Non-Voting attendees: Deirdre Jenkins – Eau Claire County, Nate Peleschak – Town of Union, Aaron White – City of Eau Claire Community Development Director

Staff Present: Eric Anderson & Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO

Minutes

1. Chairman Spilde called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and Approval of the minutes of the October 9th, 2024, MPO Policy Council Meeting. Mr. Eslinger moved to approve; Mr. Biren seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the January 8th, 2025, MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting were reviewed.
5. Mr. Anderson presented Amendment #6 (Projects) to the Chippewa – Eau Claire MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2024-2028. He explained that the majority of the updates had been received from WisDOT for their projects in the MPA. There was some discussion of progress on the McKinley Road project as well as some brief comments on other projects. Ms. Janssen moved to approve, Ms. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Anderson presented Amendment #7 (P1 Safety Targets – Performance Measures) to the Chippewa – Eau Claire MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2024-2028. He explained that this was the regular adoption of the State of Wisconsin’s statewide goals for reducing traffic injuries and fatalities. There was some discussion inquiring about the State’s methodology for setting those targets. Mr. Anderson will follow up with State staff and come back to the Policy Council with an answer. Mr. Eslinger moved to approve, Mr. Biren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Anderson discussed the upcoming public outreach efforts for the Long Range Transportation Plan update. There is an online survey ready and there are three public meetings scheduled: at the Altoona Fish House March 4th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, at the Eau Claire Library March 6th from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm, and at the Chippewa Falls Library March 11th from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. He mentioned how the broad support from MPO members had been very helpful in getting extensive public participation for the last update and stated that members of the TAC had committed to providing similar support for this cycle. There was general agreement that members would be supportive once again with specific suggestions for channels to promote the MPO’s efforts.
8. Mr. Anderson covered progress on the Chippewa Valley Bike Map. He distributed a map showing which routes were signed and shared that members of the TAC had said that the signage would be completed by the end of 2025, at which point broader promotion of the map would be started.
9. Mr. Anderson presented the 2024 MPO Annual Summary Report.

10. Other Business – There was a discussion of abilities of the MPO to conduct traffic studies using the MioVison Scout Plus equipment. A sample of data collected for the City of Eau Claire over the holiday season at the intersection of Prill and Gateway Drive was shown. The location of the equipment, which was currently deployed in a resident requested study near an elementary school, was shown.
11. The next meeting date was tentatively set for May 7th, 2025.
12. Adjournment – Ms. Russell moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Eslinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Spilde adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.