



**Minutes of the
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Council**
Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Held at: Room 405H, Building 2, Banbury Place, 800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, WI

Members Present (4): Connie Russell – Eau Claire County (Vice-chair), Matt Biren – City of Altoona, Jason Hiess – City of Chippewa Falls, Emily Berge – City of Eau Claire

Non-Voting attendees: Deirdre Jenkins – Eau Claire County

Staff Present: Eric Anderson & Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO, Scott Allen – West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Minutes

1. Vice-Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Elect MPO Policy Council Chair and Vice-Chair for the next year. Mr. Anderson shared that Mr. Spilde, the current Chair, was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to an urgent meeting in the Village. He added that Mr. Spilde had said that he was willing to serve again as Chair if the Policy Council voted to elect him to a new term. Mr. Biren nominated Mr. Spilde to be Chair. There were no others nominated. All Policy Council members in attendance voted to retain Mr. Spilde as Chair. Ms. Berge then nominated Ms. Russell for the Vice-Chair position. There were no other nominations. All in attendance voted to retain Ms. Russell as Vice-Chair.
4. Review and Approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2025, MPO Policy Council Meeting. Mr. Biren moved to approve; Ms. Berge seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.
5. The minutes of the April 16th, 2025, MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting were reviewed.
6. Mr. Anderson presented Amendment #8 (Projects) to the Chippewa – Eau Claire MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2024-2028. He explained that the update had been received from WisDOT for their project in the MPA. There was some discussion of timing of the project (US-12 Resurfacing). Mr. Heiss moved to approve; Ms. Berge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Anderson presented the results of the public outreach efforts for the Long Range Transportation Plan update. The online survey received nearly 1,200 responses with over 2,200 comments. The three public meetings (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) had over 30 attendees who provided 56 comments. He mentioned how the broad support from MPO members had been very helpful in getting robust public participation for the outreach and thanked members of the MPO for their commitment to providing support for this cycle. Mr. Anderson discussed upcoming steps in the development of the LRTP. There was some discussion of what steps can be taken to mitigate corridors and intersections with high incidences of crashes. Staff shared that there is an upcoming meeting with WisDOT to discuss safety along Clairemont/US-12.
8. Other Business –none
9. The next meeting date was tentatively set for August 27th, 2025.
10. Adjournment – Mr. Biren moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Berge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Russell adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.