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Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization

Held as a virtual meeting over Zoom Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Fred Anderson – Chippewa County Highway Department, Dave Walter – City of Altoona Engineering, Rick Rubenzer – City of Chippewa Falls, Brad Hentschel – City of Chippewa Falls, Dave Solberg – City of Eau Claire Engineering, Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County Highway Department, Tom Wagener – Eau Claire Transit, Wes Vleck – Town of Brunswick, Dan Hanson – Town of Pleasant Valley, Jennifer Meyer – Town of Union, Janelle Henning – Town of Washington, Derek Schaad – Village of Lake Hallie, Diane Paoni – WisDOT, Travis Pickering – Eau Claire Highway Department

Staff present: Eric Anderson – Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO, Chris Straight – West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC)

Minutes

1. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order a 1:32 pm.
2. Welcome and introductions.
3. The minutes of June 29th, 2022, TAC meeting were approved by all following a motion by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Walter.
4. Mr. Straight presented a report on Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area Plan & the MPO's Water Quality Management Role including the historic role the MPO TAC (this body) has played as the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Area Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee (WQMTAC). He also discussed the recent request made by the WCWRPC to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for funding to update the Urban Sewer Service Plan.

There was discussion related to the role of the MPO and how Sewer Service Area Plans work. Mr. Vleck asked about the timing of the update request. Mr. Straight explained that funding has previously been requested from DNR, but it has been denied.
5. Mr. Eric Anderson discussed having the TAC recommend to the Policy Council that they reaffirm the appointment of the MPO TAC as the Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee for the Urban Area. A motion was made by Mr. Solberg to make this recommendation to the Policy Council, seconded by Mr. Rubenzer, and all members voted "Aye".
6. Mr. Eric Anderson presented the proposed Amendment #5 (Projects) to Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026. After a motion to recommend this amendment be adopted by the Policy Council was made by Ms. Henning, seconded by Mr. Walter, all members voted "Aye".
7. Mr. Eric Anderson and Mr. Rothrock presented project ranking and possible funding scenarios for the five projects received from WisDOT for funding consideration in the second round of transportation funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law bill. Various funding percentages were presented. A discussion followed among members and staff regarding the possible non-viability of projects if they are funded at less than 80%. A motion was made by Mr. Wagener to recommend to the Policy Council that the top three ranked project receive funding at 80% and the remainder be granted to the fourth ranked project, if allowed by program rules. An amendment was proposed by Ms. Meyer to allocate any remaining funds after the top three projects were funded be reserved to offset project overages in the top three projects, if program rules allow. This amendment passed unanimously. The amended motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Eric Anderson presented updates on current MPO projects and encouraged members to submit projects for the 2023 Urban Work Program.

9. Other business – none
10. The next TAC meeting was set for September 14, 2022. This meeting will be held in-person in the Eau Claire room to accommodate a potentially large attendance due to possible consideration of the City of Eau Claire's request to amend the Sewer Service Area.
11. Mr. Rubenzer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Henning. All voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.