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Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting held virtually via Zoom January 11, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Rick Rubenzer – City of Chippewa Falls, Brad Hentschel – City of Chippewa Falls, Leah Ness – City of Eau Claire Engineering, Travis Pickering – Eau Claire County Highway Department (logged into the meeting after agenda item #5 was voted on), Tina Deetz – Eau Claire Transit, Evan Gross – FTA, Wes Vleck – Town of Brunswick (logged into the meeting after agenda item #5 was voted on), Jennifer Meyer – Town of Union, Janelle Henning – Town of Washington, Jim Kuehn – WisDOT, Dena Ryan – WisDOT NW Region

Staff present: Eric Anderson – Director Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO, Michael Mills - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO

Minutes

1. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order a 1:31 pm.
2. Welcome and introductions.
3. The minutes of September 14th, 2022, MPO TAC meeting were **approved by all present** following a motion by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Ms. Meyer.
4. Mr. Anderson presented the proposed Amendment #8 (Projects) to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 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. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Deetz, **all members present voted “Aye”**.
5. Mr. Anderson presented the proposed Amendment #9 (Performance Measures) to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026. A motion to recommend this amendment be adopted by the Policy Council was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Rubenzer. Ms. Deetz asked for the 2021 measures for comparison – Mr. Anderson presented those. Afterwards, **all members present voted “Aye”**.
6. Mr. Anderson presented the 2022 Summary Report for the MPO.
7. Mr. Anderson led a discussion of the MPO Safety Report that were distributed at the September 14th TAC meeting. Ms. Ness mentioned that signal timing improvements had been implemented at the intersection of Hasting Way and Brackett Ave – in early results, these adjustments seem to have been effective in reducing the number of crashes at that location. Mr. Rubenzer shared that the Crash Report had been helpful for the City of Chippewa Falls. Ms. Ryan discussed the ongoing discussions about improving safety along the Highway 12/Clairemont corridor. These included plans to improve the infrastructure at Otter Road, the site of a crash in 2022 which resulted in a pedestrian fatality. She also mentioned a planned signalization study at the US 12/ Menomonie St. intersection. Ms. Ness stated that a Traffic Impact Study had been completed in the planning for the Sonnentag/County Materials Complex. She shared that there are no improvements to the intersection planned as part of the Menomonie St. reconstruction planned for 2023. Mr. Anderson asked if, as part of planning to improve transportation safety in the MPA, if the TAC would be interested in considering working on a “VisionZero” plan. The members asked for staff to provide more information at a future meeting.

8. Other Business - none
9. The next TAC meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2023.
10. Mr. Rubenzer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Henning. **All voted "Aye"**. The meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm.