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Minutes of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Council

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Held at: Room 405H, Building 2, Banbury Place, 800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, WI

Members Present (5): Gary Spilde - Village of Lake Hallie (Chair), Jim Dunning – Eau Claire County (Vice-chair), Dean Mueller – Chippewa County, Matt Biren – City of Altoona, Rod Eslinger – Town of Halle

Members without representation present (12): City of Chippewa Falls, City of Eau Claire, Town of Anson, Town of Brunswick, Town of Eagle Point, Town of Lafayette, Town of Pleasant Valley, Town of Seymour, Town of Tilden, Town of Union, Town of Washington, Town of Wheaton

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 May 3, 2023 MPO Policy Council meeting and Public Hearing. Mr. Biren moved to approve; Mr. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the August 9th, 2023 MPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting were reviewed.
5. Mr. Anderson presented the proposed Amendment #13 (projects) to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment would add projects funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill and approved by the MPO Policy Council at the May 3rd meeting. The Amendment would also add six new WisDOT projects to the TIP. Mr. Dunning moved to approve the Amendment; Mr. Muller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Anderson presented the draft of the 2024 Urban Work Program. He stated that the final version will be brought to the MPO Policy Council for approval at the next meeting.
7. Other business
 - a. Mr. Anderson discussed the current status of the Urban Area Boundary update required based on the 2020 census data. A draft of the Boundary is being reviewed by WisDOT.
 - b. Mr. Anderson noted that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has returned a decision on the request by the City of Eau Claire to amend the Sewer Service Area to add the "Orchard Hills" area to the Sewer Service Area. The DNR approved the amendment.
 - c. Mr. Anderson informed the Council that Michael Mills will be leaving the RPC/MPO at the end of the month to explore opportunities in the western US. Mr. Anderson highlighted some of the many valuable contributions Mr. Mills has made to the MPO in his more than two years with the organization.
8. The next meeting date was tentatively set for October 4th, 2023.
9. Adjournment – Mr. Eslinger moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Muller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Spilde adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.