

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Area - 2055



Appendix A
Public Involvement Opportunities

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Public involvement opportunities in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan were initiated in the winter of 2020 with Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Council meetings. Specific meeting dates and agendas for these early public involvement opportunities are available upon request from the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO. Public involvement opportunities to review and comment on the development of the draft document up to the adoption of the final plan are listed in the following chronological order:

- January 8, 2025 – TAC meeting to review LRTP update regarding schedule, public participation process, and TAC responsibilities.
- January 29, 2025 – MPO meeting to review LRTP schedule, public participation process, and TAC and Policy Council responsibilities.
- January 29, 2025 – Press release and public notices notifying public on LRTP update, online public survey, three open houses, and contact information.
- January 14, 2025 – Online public survey open until March 14.
- March 04, 06, 11, 2025 – Open houses in Altoona, Eau Claire, and Chippewa Falls
- April 16, 2025 – TAC meeting to review goals, objectives, and strategies and review public online survey results.
- May 07, 2025 – MPO meeting to review goals, objectives, and strategies and review public online survey results.
- August 13, 2025 – TAC meeting to review goals, objectives, and strategies, and data.
- August 27, 2025 – MPO meeting to review goals, objectives, and strategies, and data.
- September 17, 2025 – TAC meeting to finalize final draft of LRTP.
- October 08, 2025 – MPO meeting to finalize final draft of LRTP.
- December 1, 2025 – Memo to environmental consultation contact list and environmental justice contact list requesting their review and comment on the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan.
- December 1, 2025 – February 3, 2026 – Long Range Transportation Plan Public Review Period.
- January 14, 2026 – TAC meeting to consider any public input, recommend appropriate revisions, and recommend approval of LRTP.
- February 4, 2026 – Public Hearing and MPO meeting approve LRTP.



PRESS RELEASE

Date: January 28, 2025
Contact: Eric Anderson, MPO Director
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Opportunity to Provide Public Input on the Future of Transportation in the Chippewa-Eau Claire Urbanized Area

The Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization is updating the current MPO 2020-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

The Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is in the process of updating the area's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The development and update (every five years) of the Long Range Transportation Plan is required under the federal transportation legislation. The planning area includes the cities of Altoona, Chippewa Falls, and Eau Claire; the Village of Lake Hallie; portions of the towns of Anson, Eagle Point, Hallie, Lafayette, Tilden, and Wheaton, in Chippewa County; and Brunswick, Pleasant Valley, Seymour, Union, and Washington, in Eau Claire County.

The process for updating the LRTP is currently in the early stages. MPO staff would like to hear what area residents think about the current transportation system in the region, as well as what they would like to see in the future. There are several ways that the public can give input. There will be three public open houses and an online survey. Open houses will allow people to comment on transportation issues and opportunities. The online survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpo2025. The survey will be open until March 23rd.

The public can also comment by email: wcwRPC@wcwRPC.org, or in writing to: MPO Director, WCWRPC, 800 Wisconsin Street, Mailbox #9, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Information about the LRTP, open house times/location, survey link, and more can be found on the MPO website www.wcwRPC.org/LRTP.

All public comments will be considered as the planning process progresses. The final Long Range Transportation Plan for the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Area (2025-2050) will be completed and adopted in early 2026, at a public meeting of the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization.

For more information about the Long Range Transportation Plan update, please contact Eric Anderson, West Central Regional Planning Commission, at 715.836.2918 or at eanderson@wcwRPC.org.

Public Involvement Contact List

Contact

ADRC of Chippewa County	DNR Wildlife Biologist
ADRC of Eau Claire County	Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce
Altoona City Engineer	Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corp.
Altoona City Planner	Eau Claire Area School District
Altoona Public Library	Eau Claire City Engineer
Chippewa County Ag Educator	Eau Claire City Planner
Chippewa County CNRED	Eau Claire County Ag Educator
Chippewa County County Conservationist	Eau Claire County Dept. of Human Services
Chippewa County Dept. of Human Services	Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner
Chippewa County Economic Development Corp.	Eau Claire County Land Conservation Manager
Chippewa County Highway Commissioner	Eau Claire Transit
Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce	Hmong Mutual Assistance Association
Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District	L.E. Phillips Public Library
Chippewa Falls City Engineer	Momentum West
Chippewa Falls City Planner	School District of Altoona
Chippewa Falls Public Library	USDA Area Director
Chippewa Valley Regional Airport	UW - Eau Claire
Chippewa Valley Technical College	Village of Lake Hallie Public Works
	Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council

Environmental Consultation Contact List

Contact

WisDNR West Central Region
State Historic Preservation Officer
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
U.S. EPA, NEPA Implementation Section
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wisconsin Programs
U.S. Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, MN District
National Park Service, Midwest Region
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
Ho-Chunk Nation
Lac Corte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
Lac de Flambeau Tribe
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin



Date: December 1, 2025
To: LRTP Consultation List
From: Eric Anderson, MPO Director
Re: Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO Long Range Transportation Plan Consultation

You are receiving this memo from us regarding our update of The Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). At this part of our planning process, we would like to make you aware of the draft LRTP and invite your comment. As you may recall, the LRTP is a multimodal transportation plan for the Metropolitan Planning Area, which is updated every five years. The planning area is shown on Map 1 in the document.

Please feel free to review and send any comments you may have to me at eanderson@wcwRPC.org or call me at 715.836.2918. The link to the draft plan can be found at: www.wcwRPC.org/Chippewa-Eau-Claire-MPO

The draft document will be on the MPO Council agenda for approval on February 4, 2026. We need comments prior to January 21, 2026. Your input is valuable to the planning process.

Once again, thank you for your input on our long-range planning process. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric Anderson
Director
Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO

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MPO staff would like to hear feedback from area residents regarding the draft plan, including the plan's goals, objectives, and strategies. The draft plan and information about the process is available online at www.wcwRPC.org/chippewa-eau-claire-mpo. The public can comment by email: eanderson@wcwRPC.org, or in writing to: Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO, 800 Wisconsin Street, Mailbox #9, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

All public comments will be considered when the plan is presented to the MPO Policy Council on February 4, 2026. All comments need to be received by January 19, 2026.

For more information about the Long Range Transportation Plan, please contact Eric Anderson at 715.836.2918 or at eanderson@wcwRPC.org.

Public Notice

The Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a public hearing on the *Draft Long Range Transportation Plan for the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Area (2025-2055)*. The public hearing will be held:

Wednesday, February 4, 2026
5:30pm
West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Banbury Place
800 Wisconsin St.
Suite 405H

The Draft Long Range Transportation Plan for the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Area (2025-2055) will be considered for adoption by MPO Council at their meeting immediately following the public hearing.

The plan is multi-modal, addressing pedestrian, bicycle, transit, highway, freight trucking, and freight and passenger rail in the metropolitan planning area. The plan is required to maintain transportation funding eligibility for the urbanized area and its municipalities.

The draft document is available for review through a link on the MPO's website
www.wcwrpc.org/chippewa-eau-claire-mpo

Comments can be submitted by email to eanderson@wcwrpc.org, by mail to WCWRPC, 800 Wisconsin Street, Banbury Place, Mailbox #9, Eau Claire, WI 54703, or by phone at 715.836.2918. The deadline for comments is January 19, 2026.