

CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



800 Wisconsin Street, Mail Box 9
Eau Claire, WI 54703
715.836.2918 wcvrpo.org

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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

Members Present (8): Gary Spilde - Village of Lake Hallie (Chair), Jim Dunning – Eau Claire County (Vice-chair), Dean Mueller – Chippewa County, Wes Vleck – Town of Brunswick, Mark Brennan – Town of Lafayette, Jennifer Meyer – Town of Union, Mike Peterson – Town of Washington, Brett Geboy – Eau Claire County (non-voting)

Members without representation present (9): City of Altoona, City of Chippewa Falls, City of Eau Claire, Town of Eagle Point, Town of Hallie, Town of Pleasant Valley, Town of Seymour, Town of Tilden, Town of Wheaton

Staff Present: Eric Anderson - Director, Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO; Edwin Rothrock, Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO, Chris Straight – West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Minutes

1. Chairman Spilde called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Welcome and introductions
3. The minutes of the July 13th, 2022, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dunning, seconded by Mr. Mueller and passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the August 10th, 2022, meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) were presented and accepted as information.
5. Mr. Straight presented a review of the Chippewa Falls - Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area (SSA), the Sewer Service Area Plan, and the MPO's Water Quality Management role. After the presentation, there was a question-and-answer session to help clarify the geographic extent of the SSA, some of the details of the SSA amendment process, the advisory nature of the MPO's actions in the amendment process, and the differences between the MPO's transportation and water quality processes.
6. Mr. Anderson requested that the Policy Council reaffirm the MPO's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) be reaffirmed as the MPO's Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee (WQMTAC). He explained that The TTAC has acted as the WQMTAC for at least 15 years, but it would be best to have the MPO Policy Council be on record as having recently considered and affirmed this decision. A motion to Reaffirm the TTAC as the WQMTAC was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Meyer and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Anderson presented Amendment #5 (Projects) to the Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026 for adoption. A motion to adoption Amendment #5 was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Mueller and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Anderson presented the scoring and ranking of projects for funding under the second round 2 of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law STP-Urban. There was some discussion of the various funding scenarios considered by the TAC and the reasons that scenario #2 was recommended. Scenario #2 provided for 80% of the projects' funding for the top three ranked projects: CTH-OO from Chippewa County, County Line Road from the City of Eau Claire, and East Hamilton Avenue from the City of Eau Claire and Town of Washington. A motion to approve granting the funds as specified in Scenario #2 was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Meyer, and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Anderson presented some background on the MPO's Annual Work Program and led a brief discussion of the 2023 Work Program being developed.

10. Other Business – None was presented
11. Mr. Anderson presented a proposal to set the next meeting date for September 28th. There was a discussion among the members and staff about holding the public meeting for the City of Eau Claire's application to amend the Sewer Service Area to swap approximately 219 acres out of the SSA and add ~219 acres of an area recently annexed into the City from the Town of Washington as part of the next Policy Council meeting. The possible size of the public attendance due to the high level of interest in the application was discussed and staff will explore options for larger meeting space to accommodate the anticipated meeting size. Arrangements for the speakers interested in the Policy Council's consideration of the SSA Amendment Application were discussed. Members decided to allow 5 minutes to speak for each of the impacted jurisdictions and to require each member of the public desiring to speak to fill out a card to reserve a speaking slot and each will be allotted 2 minutes each to speak. Some technology considerations were also discussed.
8. After a motion by Ms. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Vleck, members all voted to adjourn the meeting. Chair Spilde did so at 7:10 p.m.