

CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE

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

Meeting held virtually using Zoom, Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Taylor Greenwell – City of Altoona Planning, Brandon Cesafsky – City of Chippewa Falls Public Works, Brad Hentschel – City of Chippewa Falls Planning, Leah Ness – City of Eau Claire Engineering, Betsy Henck - Eau Claire Count ADRC, Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County Highway Department, Rod Eslinger – Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Ty Fadness – Eau Claire Transit, Karl Buck – Federal Highway Administration, Wesly Vleck - Town of Brunswick, Jennifer Meyer - Town of Union, Janelle Henning – Town of Washington

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

Minutes

1. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.
2. Introductions were made.
3. The minutes of August 9, 2023, MPO TAC meeting were approved by all present following a motion by Mr. Henschel, seconded by Ms. Ness.
4. Mr. Anderson presented the final draft of the 2024 Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO Urban Work Program. After a motion to recommend this program be adopted by the MPO Policy Council was made by Mr. Greenwell, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all members present voted “Aye.”
5. Mr. Anderson presented a final draft of the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan for the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO. After a motion to recommend this plan be adopted by the MPO Policy Council was made by Ms. Ness, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all members present voted “Aye.”
6. Mr. Anderson presented the final draft of the Title VI Plan and Public Participation Plan for the MPO. Mr. Johnson asked if the plans need to be followed by the County. Mr. Anderson said he believes the County has its own Plans. A motion to recommend approval of the plans to the MPO Policy Council was made by Mr. Henschel, seconded by Mr. Johnson, all members present voted “Aye.”
7. Mr. Anderson presented the final draft of the map of the Adjusted Urban Area for the Chippewa -Eau Claire urban area. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Rothrock discussed the changed definitions used to define what an Urban Area is for the 2020 Census data and where the largest impact of those changes is located east of Lake Wissota. Mr. Anderson discussed that this map was based on discussions with the cities, village, counties in the proposed area and WisDOT. After a motion to recommend this map be adopted by the MPO Policy Council was made by Mr. Fadness, seconded by Mr. Cesafsky, all members present voted “Aye.”
8. Other Business –
 - a) Mr. Anderson briefly reviewed ongoing and upcoming MPO staff projects.
 - b) Ms. Ness asked about the status and schedule for updating the Sewer Service Area Plan. Mr. Anderson said he was not sure about the current plans, but would check with WCWRPC planner Chris Straight and report back with the information.
9. Establish next tentative meeting date as January 10, 2024.
10. At 2:04 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hentschel, seconded by Mr. Vleck, and passed by all.

Includes the Cities of Altoona, Chippewa Falls, and Eau Claire, the Village of Lake Hallie, and the Towns of Anson, Brunswick, Eagle Point, Hallie, Lafayette, Pleasant Valley, Seymour, Tilden, Union, Washington, and Wheaton