

CHIPPEWA-EAU CLAIRE

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

Held as a virtual meeting over Zoom Wednesday, June 29, 2022 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Dave Walter – City of Altoona, Brad Hentschel – City of Chippewa Falls, Rick Rubenzer – City of Chippewa Falls, Leah Ness – City of Eau Claire, Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County, Travis Pickering – Eau Claire County, Karl Buck – Federal Highway Administration, Dena Ryan – WisDOT, Derek Schaad – Village of Lake Hallie

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

Minutes

1. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order a 1:32 pm.
2. Welcome and introductions. Mr. Johnson introduced the new Eau Claire County engineer Travis Pickering.
3. The minutes of May 25th, 2022, TAC meeting were approved by all following a motion by Mr. Rubenzer, seconded by Mr. Walter.
4. Mr. Anderson presented Amendment #4 (Projects) to the Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urbanized Area, 2022-2026. This amendment adds the projects within the MPA recently selected for funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill to the TIP. This allows them to be added to the STIP, a requirement before the funding can be awarded. The amendment was supported by all attendees and recommended to the MPO Policy council for approval following a motion by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Rubenzer.
5. Other Business –
 - Mr. Johnson brought up the recent notification from WisDOT that the funding for projects selected for grants under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Carbon Reduction had been delayed until the 2023 fiscal year due to the plan which was passed by the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance not providing WisDOT with the authority to expend those funds. He raised concerns that the grant funding may not be available prior to the completion of the new Eau Claire County Highway Maintenance Facility for which it was intended. The resolution of these concerns will depend upon the timing of the funding authorization and the timing of the project completion.
 - Ms. Ness let the attendees know that the City of Eau Claire intends to request an amendment to the Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan. The amendment will be for a "land-swap" exchanging an area currently within the SSA to be removed and the area the City of Eau Claire recently approved for annexation be added to the SSA.
6. The next meeting date was tentatively set for August 10, 2022.
7. Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.