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

Meeting held virtually on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Fred Anderson – Chippewa County Highway Dept., Taylor Greenwell - City of Altoona Planning, Chris Huppert – City of Altoona Engineering, Brandon Cesafsky - City of Chippewa Falls Public Works, Brad Hentschel - City of Chippewa Falls Planning, Leah Ness – City of Eau Claire Engineering, Al Rinka – City of Eau Claire Engineering, Travis Pickering – Eau Claire County Highway Dept., Katrina Running – City of Eau Claire Transit, Mae Sommerfeld – WisDOT Northwest Region, Chris Elstran – Chippewa County Highway Depart., Eugene Gutsch – Town of Wheaton.

Staff present: Eric Anderson, and Hailee Bushman - Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Scott Allen – West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Minutes

1. Mr. Eric Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.
2. Introductions were made.
3. The minutes of September 17th, 2025, MPO TAC meeting were approved by all present following a motion by Mr. Hentschel, seconded by Mr. Cesafsky.
4. Mr. Eric Anderson presented Amendment #11 (Projects) to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan for the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO. A motion to recommend that the MPO Policy Council adopt this amendment was made by Ms. Running, seconded by Mr. Rinka, and all members present voted “Aye.”
5. Mr. Eric Anderson presented Amendment #12 (PM1 Safety Performance Measure Targets) to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan for the Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO. A motion to recommend the MPO Policy Council adopt this amendment was made by Ms. Henning, seconded by Mr. Fred Anderson, and all members present voted “Aye.”
6. Mr. Eric Anderson presented the 2026-2028 STBG-Urban Funding scoring. Mr. Eric Anderson reviewed three funding options that staff prepared as options for the TAC to review. There was discussion regarding the three submitted projects and possible funding scenarios. After discussion, the TAC recommended that both Spooner Ave. and CTH T receive the maximum 80 percent funding and CTH S not be funded. If the MPO would lose the remaining \$1.5 million, then staff would need to update the Policy Council regarding the TAC vote. A motion was made by Mr. Hentschel to recommend that be adopted by the MPO Policy Council, seconded by Mr. Rinka, and all members present voted “Aye.”
7. Ms. Sommerfeld presented on the TIP Amendment project submissions. There was no discussion.
8. Mr. Eric Anderson presented a draft of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) project. Additionally, Mr. Eric Anderson presented on a summary poster of the draft LRTP that focused on crash data and the importance of reducing crashes in each MPA member’s respective boundary. A motion to recommend that the MPO Policy Council adopt the LRTP draft was made by Mr. Rinka and seconded by Ms. Running. All members present voted “Aye.”
9. Other Business: There was no discussion under Other Business.
10. Established the next meeting date tentatively as April 15th, 2026.
11. At 2:33 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hentschel, and seconded by Mr. Cesafsky, and passed by all.