

**Minutes of the
Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Council**
Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Gillette Room, 4th Floor, Banbury Place, 800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Members Present: Gary Spilde (Chair), Jim Dunning (Vice-chair), Eau Claire County; Mark Brennan, Zoe Roberts, Eau Claire County; Terry Weld, City of Eau Claire

Staff Present: Eric Anderson, WCWRPC; Edwin Rothrock, WCWRPC

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Spilde at 5:32 p.m.
2. Welcomes and introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the October 06, 2021, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Weld, seconded by Mr. Dunning and passed unanimously.
4. The minutes of the January 12, 2022, MPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting were accepted as information.
5. Mr. Anderson presented the proposed Amendment #1 to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Eau Claire Urban Area. This amendment includes the addition or modification of eight highway projects and five transit projects. After a brief explanation of the projects included in the amendment, a motion for a resolution to approve the amendment was by Mr. Dunning, seconded by Mr. Weld, and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Anderson presented the proposed Amendment #2 to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for the Eau Claire Urban Area. This amendment changes the upper target for vehicles in service which have exceed their "useful life" from 48 percent to 51 percent. This change brings the service into agreement with the State of Wisconsin Transit Asset Management plan. A motion for a resolution to adopt the amendment by the MPO was made by Mr. Brennan, was seconded by Ms. Roberts, and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Anderson presented updates on several projects in which the MPO is currently engaged.
8. Other Business: The recently released Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Request for Proposals for projects to be funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) was discussed. The goal for the first round of funding being dedicated to "shovel-ready" projects was discussed and the suitability of various projects within the MPA was discussed. The types of projects that might be considered under future rounds of funding were also discussed. Mr. Rothrock will forward to the council members guidance issued by the federal government regarding the BIL funding programs. Also, Mr. Anderson briefed the Council on an ongoing conversation the MPO staff is having with WisDOT regarding improving pedestrian safety at the intersection of Highway 12 (Clairemont) and Otter Road, the site of a recent pedestrian fatality. He advised that staff had expanded the discussion to the issues along the entire stretch of the highway through the MPA and how he had shared the concerns of elected officials, professional staff at the various jurisdictions, as well as the feedback from the public gathered through several projects in which the MPO has recently been engage.
9. The next meeting of the MPO Council was scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
10. Mr. Spilde adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.