



CITY OF APPLETON

Date: August 21, 2024
To: Members of the Common Council
From: Mayor Jacob A. Woodford
Subject: MPO Policy Board Appointments

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has undergone a process to better align with best governance practices and federal regulations with respect to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Previously, the Commission Board served as the MPO policy board, which oversees planning initiatives and state/federal funding allocation for projects within the MPO area.

As a part of this change, the City of Appleton will have a total of four voting members on the board. The board must be made up of elected officials. After consideration of options and absent any regulatory guidance on how appointments are handled, I recommend the following:

1. Mayor
2. Council President
3. Council Vice President
4. Council-Appointed Plan Commission Representative

The rationale for these recommendations is that the mayor is a citywide elected official and has administrative oversight of city departments responsible for implementation of plans. Each of the three Common Council appointees are elected by the Council to serve in their roles. Moving forward, my recommendation would be to simply include the MPO Policy Board role as a component of the respective roles for each of these positions. This should make the process relatively seamless and ensure that our MPO representatives are recognized by their fellow alders as leaders of the Council.