

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
March 10, 2020

Commissioners: John Robinson-Chair, George Peterson-Vice Chair, Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Wally Sparks, Robert Mielke, Randy Ffirick (for Voll), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn) Keith Rusch (for Hoenisch)

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Dave Meurett, Eric Lindman, Michael Wodalski

Others Present: Brenda Iczkowski, Jared Wehner, Melinda Osterberg

1. Call to Order

In the presence of a quorum, with the agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chair Robinson at 2:00 p.m. in the Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment – NONE

4. Approve Minutes February 11, 2020 meeting

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY THUOT / RUSCH TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 11, 2020 MINUTES TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO ITEM 6: IT WAS AGREED THAT MPO CAN AND SHOULD BE INVOLVED WITH ISSUES WHICH IMPACT THE REGION AND URBANIZED AREA (SUCH AS WATER SUPPLY, WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER) BUT, HOW INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES DETERMINE TO HANDLE OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES FOR PROVIDING SERVICES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, OR WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES, IS NOT SOMETHING FOR MPO. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

5. 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Discussion: Mack shared that in the packet is an amendment that includes four projects for Marathon County. Opportunity Inc. has applied for 5310 funding, which is federal money for seniors with mobile disabilities, to replace three vehicles. Wheels of Independence Inc., is asking for a minivan replacement that would have a rear lift. The fourth project is a loan program for Wisconsin Automotive & Truck Education Association (WATEA) who purchase vehicles and fixes the vehicles and loans the vehicles to people in need. Also included in the packet is a list of all the projects in the state.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY MIELKE / FIFRICK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2-20 ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: Staff will send the resolution to WisDOT and FHWA.

6. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Projects Approval

Discussion: Mack shared with the commission an application to the Transportation Alternative Program was received in January of 2020. Even though only 1 application was submitted, the rank order had to be completed. A letter of approval on the project was included in the packet from Mack to Meurett. The number one ranked project is the Business Campus Trail – East/West Connector – City of Wausau.

Action: **MOTION / SECOND BY THUOT / FIFRICK TO RANK THE BUSINESS CAMPUS TRAIL EAST/WEST CONNECTOR IN THE CITY OF WAUSAU FIRST. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Follow Through: NONE AT THIS TIME.

7. Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) Grant Update

Discussion: Lynch gave the results from the State Multimodal Local Supplement grant that we were awarded last Thursday. There were four projects within Marathon County that received awards. The municipalities that were awarded were:

- Village of Rothschild - Birch Street, \$400,000.
- City of Schofield/Weston - Ross Avenue, \$361,119.73.

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- Marathon County - County Highway WW, \$1,000,000.
- Town of Johnson – County Road A, \$259,653.27.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: NONE AT THIS TIME.

8. Dig Once Policy

Discussion: Osterberg shared she's been researching other jurisdictions on the Dig Once policy based on the feedback from the MPO and Marathon County's Infrastructure Committee. Included in the packet is an example from West Virginia that requires organizations wanting permits to work in the right of way and to solicit other utilities to co-locate as part of the permitting process.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: NONE AT THIS TIME.

9. Municipal Shared Services

Discussion: Robinson asked for feedback on the levels of boundaries from the last meeting discussion on municipal shared services. It was suggested to share more information on the age of systems, or services, stormwater, and transit and possibly share information with surrounding communities not part of the Wausau Area MPO. Another suggestion was to share municipal information within the Wausau Area MPO and discuss at future meetings.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: CONTINUED DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

10. Next Meeting – April 14, 2020

Action: THIS MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL SCHEDULE THIS MEETING

11. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION / SECOND BY GATES / RHODEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:55 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

Submitted by:

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Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

May 27, 2021