

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
June 9, 2020

Commissioners: John Robinson-Chair, Jared Wehner (for Opall), Katie Rosenberg, Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Tim Buttke, Dave Muerette (for Wickham)

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Greg Seubert, Darryl Landeau, Brian Grefe, Eric Lindman, Megan Zielke

Others Present: Brenda Iczkowski, Tonia Westfall, Kevin Lang

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. via WEBEX.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment – The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution # R-29-20, dated April 21, 2020, because the technology necessary to afford the public the opportunity to address the County Board, or its subgroups, during public Comment is difficult to guarantee, if a large number of individuals have elected to call in.

4. Approve Minutes March 10 2020 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / FIFRICK APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2020 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Discussion: Included in the packet was an Amendment for the 2020-2023 TIP along with a couple tables explaining the amendment. Mack identified the projects and ID numbers which needed correcting.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / FIFRICK TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #3-20 ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WAUSAU METROPOLITAN AREA INCLUDING THE CORRECTED ID NUMBERS. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

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

6. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Update - Rothschild

Discussion: Mack shared with the commission that Tim Vergara contacted him and the Village of Rothschild will be delaying their Volkman Street project that runs behind the old Shopko and across the railroad tracks and into Rothschild a full budget cycle. Construction on the project will begin in July 2022 with completion in Spring/Fall 2023.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: NONE AT THIS TIME.

7. Metro Municipality Opportunities – Utility Cooperation

Discussion: Robinson shared with the group some opportunities for development with Infrastructure and Dig-Once Policies in the communities. Robinson started a discussion regarding cooperation and coordination along with areas of common interest between communities.

Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Follow Through: NONE AT THIS TIME.

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8. COVID-19 Impacts on Metro Area Transportation Programs

Discussion: Grefe shared with the commission the impact of business at the Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) since COVID-19 arrived. January-March, CWA had all-time passenger highs and then the pandemic hit causing the passenger numbers to be down by 96% or 10 or less passengers a day. To date the numbers have been slowly rising. The federal government awarded CWA with a \$3.8 million grant from the CARES ACT.

Seubert shared with the commission that Metro Ride is limited to essential travel and that no more than 10 people can ride the busses at a time. For safety measures the passengers are loading and unloading in the rear. The ridership has fallen from 2100/day to 500/ day down approximately 77%. The Metro Ride will be receiving funds from the CARES Act and will be able to spend it over multiple years.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: NONE AT THIS TIME.

9. Next Meeting – July 14, 2020

Action: THIS MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED.

Follow Through: STAFF WILL SCHEDULE THIS MEETING

10. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **ROBINSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:30 PM.**

Submitted by:

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Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

May 27, 2021