

**MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**July 14, 2020**

**Commissioners:** John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice-Chair, Gaylene Rhoden (for Opall), Katie Rosenberg, Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Tim Buttke, Dave Muerette (for Wickham), Mark Thuot (for Hoehn)

**TAC Members:** Rebecca Frisch, Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, Greg Seubert, Darryl Landeau, Eric Lindman, Dave Eckmann, Michael Wodalski, Brad Lenz, Gary Olson

**Others Present:** Brenda Iczkowski, Jared Wehner

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 June 9, 2020 meeting

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / ROSENBERG APPROVE THE JUNE 9, 2020 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

5. Status and Future Direction of the Citizens Transit Advisory Committee

**Discussion:** Robinson gave a brief status report about the Citizen's Transit Advisory Committee (CTAC). The Committee has not meet since last fall because of the lack of committee leadership, the membership deteriorated and identifying new members has been difficult. Robinson discussed the idea of conducting a metro wide transit needs assessment to coincide with a County wide Elderly and Disabled needs assessment being done by the North Central WI Regional Planning Commission. Also discussed was a needs survey to be administered by the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce regarding transit needs from the business community.

**Action: MOTION / SECOND BY BUTTKE / ROSENBERG TO ADVANCE THE STUDY AND DEVELOP A SCOPE OF STUDY WITH APPROPRIATE TIMELINE AT THE AUGUST MEETING. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.**

**Follow Through:** Staff will develop a scope of study with a timeline for the next meeting.

6. Update on Federal Invest and moving Forward Acts

**Discussion:** Lynch shared that the FAST Act will expire the end of September 2020. A couple of weeks ago, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$500 billion Invest in America Act as part of the \$1.5 Trillion Moving Forward Act. Discussion regarding the Acts took place and the meeting packet includes the links to access the bill and other points of interest.

**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. Discussion regarding cooperation and coordination along with areas of common interest between communities was held. Robinson spoke with Osterberg and doesn't have any new information at this time but is interested with working with the municipalities more.

**Action: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

**Follow Through:** NONE AT THIS TIME.

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8. Options for Public Engagement- Public Participation Plan

Discussion: Mack shared that in the packet is a table showing the Wausau MPO Public Outreach Activities and Techniques from the Public Participation Plan created in 2014. Staff is now updating the plan to be completed by October. Mack stated a draft will be presented at next month's meeting and any ideas for new techniques to engage the public were welcomed.

Action: **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

Follow Through: DRAFT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST MEETING.

9. Next Meeting – August 11, 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, **MOTION / SECOND BY ROSENBERG / RHODEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:57 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSSENT.**

Submitted by:

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