



MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
March 9, 2021

Commissioners: John Robinson – Chair, George Peterson – Vice-chair, Wehner (for Opall), Katie Rosenberg, Randy Fifrick (for Voll), Jeff Gates (for Jacobson), Dave Meurett (for Wickham), Mark Maloney, Tim Buttke,

TAC Members: Dave Mack, Andrew Lynch, James Kuehn, Darryl Landeau, Keith Rusch, Michael Wodalski

Others Present: Brenda Iczkowski, Jared Wehner, John Happli, Mike Wendt, William Harris

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. at 210 River Drive, Wausau and virtually via WebEx.

2. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

3. Public Comment – NONE.

4. Approve Minutes February 8, 2021 meeting

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY ROSENBERG / BUTTKE TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

5. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Discussion: Mack indicated the packet included a TIP Amendment regarding some ADA compliant components for Business 51 and State Highway 52 in Wausau/Schofield area that would add-in ADA compliant curb cuts and crosswalks. The plans will start in 2021 with a construction start year of 2027. Meurett informed the commission that this is one of three stand-alone projects in the area with the other two being in Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids areas. WisDOT is addressing noncompliant curb ramps state wide.

Action: MOTION / SECOND BY WEHNER / RUSCH TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2-21 ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE, NO DISSENT.

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

6. Wisconsin Governor's 2021-2023 Budget Initiatives

Discussion: Included in the packet was the summary reports from the Wisconsin Counties Association and the League of Municipalities on the 2021-2023 budget proposals from Wisconsin's Governor Evers. Staff highlighted some of the items that may influence local communities:

- Increase in state aid
- Shared revenue
- General transportation aids
- Levy limits increase
- Increase in broadband
- Requirements for Comprehensive Plans
- Restoration of Collective Bargaining
- Prevailing wages requiring municipalities to pay
- Restore ability of municipalities to use eminent domain for bicycle pedestrian
- Introduction of the multi-modal supplement plan

Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.

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Follow Through: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

7. How do we have a dialog to discuss business needs associated with transportation services in the Metro Area

Discussion: Robinson briefly refreshed the commission on the last meetings discussion with the Waukesha County Board Chair, Paul Decker and David Steele, on their approach for transportation needs and services in the Waukesha area. Chair Robinson asked for a direction the commission should take regarding transportation services in the area and what that would look like. The discussion was mainly about trying to identify the needs of the community and look for options in providing transportation services. The creation of a set of goals was also discussed. Chair Robinson mentioned the use of the Chamber of Commerce and MCDEVCO to help formulate the community discussion.

Action: NONE AT THIS TIME.

Follow Through: Chair Robinson will meet with the Chamber of Commerce and MCDEVCO to discuss this issue further at the commission's direction.

8. Next Meeting – April 13, 2021

9. Adjourn

Action: There being no further business to come before the members, **MOTION/SECOND BY WEHNER/ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 2:50PM.**

Submitted by:

Dave Mack, MPO Director

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning

DM: BI

April 7, 2021