

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – February 27, 2020

Members: John Nowaczyk, Chair, Mark Thout, John Beatty, Christopher Schock, Amanda Tabin, Tom Mullaly
Staff: Andrew Lynch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson NOWACZYK at 5:30pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2020 MEETING

Motion/second by MULLALY/BEATTY to approve the meeting minutes from the January 23 meeting.
Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. MULTIMODAL LOCAL SUPPLEMENT (MLS) FUNDING UPDATE

No update at this time. LYNCH expected WisDOT to have announced awards by now.

5. NEW AND UPDATED AREA PLANS AND PROJECTS: MERRILL TO WAUSAU TRAIL, WAUSAU RIVER AREA PLANS, RIB MTN STATE PARK PLAN, TOWN OF RIB MTN

LYNCH informed the group of plans that are new to the area since 2015 and could influence the plan update. These include:

Merrill to Wausau Trail: plans by the Merrill River District Development Foundation (RDDF) to complete a trail between Merrill and Wausau via Brokaw. The trail would utilize a WPS owned right of way that runs alongside the rail line between the three cities.

Wausau River Area: This includes the South Riverfront plans and the Towers Area.

Recommendations include improved access to the RE trail and reutilizing the area along the river. SCHOCK shared that the Towers Area plan recommended improved access along several points between 1st St and the Trail. In 2020, the Grant St access will be completed.

Rib Mtn: Part of the revision to the State Park Master Plan is the recommendation of an off-road trail around the base of the park. This would connect from Robin Lane on the north side, go west around the mountain and end somewhere near South Mountain Elementary. There would be multiple connections to nearby roads along the path as access allows. The Town has provided written support to changes in the Master Plan and support of CWOCC.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAUSAU MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN 2015 MASTER PLAN UPDATE: PROJECT LIST UPDATE AND GOAL EVALUATION

The committee reviewed the current goals in the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and felt the only changes should focus on Goal #3 to provide a push for the highest quality infrastructure. LYNCH noted the projects from the Priority Network list that had been completed since 2015. NOWACZYK suggested the whole list of projects be examined for any upgrades to the recommendations that would reflect current best practices. He suggested upgrading the 7th St in Wausau corridor from a bike lane to a multi-use path and encouraged the other members to think big.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Schofield: RFP for Trail is done and contractor has been selected. Currently in design phase.

Rib Mountain: Trillium Trail is out for bid. Bids are opened March 12.

Aspirus: Looking to do a Bike to School Day event, possibly a bike rodeo.

Wausau: Grant St access improvement to River's Edge Trail is in 2020.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 26, 2020

10. ADJOURN

Motion/second by BEATTY/MULLALY to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Submitted by:
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