

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – April 23, 2020

Members: John Nowaczyk, Chair, Hooshang Zeyghami, Vice-Chair, John Beatty, Amanda Tabin, Tom Mullaly, Brad Sippel

Staff: Andrew Lynch, Dave Mack

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by LYNCH at 5:34pm

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2020 MEETING

Motion/second by BEATTY/MULLALY to approve the meeting minutes from the February 27 meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. MULTIMODAL LOCAL SUPPLEMENT (MLS) FUNDING UPDATE

Provided in the packet is a list and map of MLS awarded projects. Local projects awarded were County Road A, County Road WW, Birch Street in Rothschild, and Ross Ave in Schofield. Statewide, there were no awards greater than \$1 million and some projects were funded less than the proposed 90%.

5. BIKING AND WALKING IN THE COVID-19 ERA

LYNCH compiled information about biking and walking safely during the pandemic. Of particular note was an article on proper distancing while biking. NOWACYZK noted that the Wausau Wheelers rides are not starting yet and they are working on spacing guidelines. SIPPEL noted that the River's Edge trail was very busy recently. MULLALY noted an increase in people walking in the Village of Maine. It was suggested that the committee suggest to Wausau and the Parks Department to post signs that would encourage proper distancing. Staff will explore setting up a news story to inform the public.

6. MAY IS STILL BIKE MONTH

The League of American Bicyclists is still designated May as Bike Month however they have moved their Bike To Work Week to September. The League is encouraging participation in the National Bike Challenge. Local events, like the Mayor's Ride, are likely postponed until September as well. LYNCH is considering a photo challenge. MULLALY suggested encouraging communities to compete against each other using the National Bike Challenge.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAUSAU MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER 2015 MASTER PLAN UPDATE: CHANGES TO INFRASTRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

LYNCH presented several infrastructure recommendations from the plan with proposed changes. The changes discussed were agreed upon except for the change to Schofield Ave due to right of way constraints. LYNCH agreed to check on the right of way size available in this corridor. More changes will be presented in the coming meetings from the other communities not included in this review.

8. COMMUNITY UPDATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

Village of Maine: County Road WW in Brokaw is closed from 4th to 2nd Aves because of the utility and road construction.

City of Wausau: River's Edge Plan was adopted and a Request For Proposal for engineering services to begin implementation of the plan recommendations.

Bike share bikes have been suspended during the pandemic.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

10. NEXT MEETING DATE – MAY 28, 2020

11. ADJOURN

Motion/second by MULLALY/TABIN to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Submitted by:
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